

Part 12 – Sins of the Father

The Life of Abraham Series

Genesis 19:30-38

- **This Morning we are going to continue in our Life of Abraham series**
 - **Looking at this subject...Sins of the Father**
 - **Our two “fathers” are Abraham and Lot**
 - **I believe I have lived life long enough to recognize some things**
 - One is that I know God is patient
 - God is just
 - I now understand that sometimes we don't reap right away
 - I almost always know when my crops come in
 - I know I can pray for mercy and grace
 - I want to look at a couple verses to remind us of our two “fathers” poor choice that I believe we can deduce led to our subject matter today
 - **Genesis 12:10** And there was a famine in the land: and Abram went down into Egypt to sojourn there; for the famine was grievous in the land.

- **Genesis 13:10** And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered every where, before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, even as the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, as thou comest unto Zoar.

11 Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other.

12 Abram dwelled in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain, and pitched his tent toward Sodom.

- **God has some powerful principles we MUST see and accept as we go forward**

Exodus 20:3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:

5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;

6 And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.

Galatians 6:7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

Genesis 19:30 And Lot went up out of Zoar, and dwelt in the mountain, and his two daughters with him; for he feared to dwell in Zoar: and he dwelt in a cave, he and his two daughters.

31 And the firstborn said unto the younger, "Our father is old, and there is not a man in the earth to come in unto us after the manner of all the earth:

32 Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father."

33 And they made their father drink wine that night: and the firstborn went in and lay with her father; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose.

34 And it came to pass on the morrow, that the firstborn said unto the younger, "Behold, I lay yesternight with my father: let us make him drink wine this night also; and go thou in, and lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father."

35 And they made their father drink wine that night also: and the younger arose and lay with him; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose.

36 Thus were both the daughters of Lot with child by their father.

37 And the firstborn bare a son and called his name Moab: the same is the father of the Moabites unto this day.

38 And the younger, she also bare a son and called his name Benammi: the same is the father of the children of Ammon unto this day.

- How sad that this was a good idea to these young women.
 - There is no question in my mind as to why they felt this was the right thing to do.
 - Lot had raised them in the city so wicked;
 - God wiped it off the face of the earth...
 - many believe that the Dead Sea is the former location of Sodom and Gomorrah...
 - God DESTROYED them.
 - So, this wicked idea to have intercourse with their father was just what they knew.
- Satan is so effective at getting us, God's children to lay down our convictions and standards to "get along" with society...
 - We will allow the culture to wear us down
 - Or we will simply desire culture over Christ
 - Sadly, the former leads to the latter
- I know this,
 - what I gave up for culture caused my kids to embrace that culture

- What I chose to enjoy rather than Christ is now just first nature to my kids
- I also know that choices I made even before I had children is too often played out right before me in their lives...
- It is heartbreaking to watch my children and grandchildren pay for my sins...but God's Word is true!
- Our Choices have inevitable ends that only God knows
- Wouldn't we be wise to just trust Him and follow Him?
- Now we will look at Abraham and a choice he had to live out

Genesis 21:1 And the LORD visited Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did unto Sarah as he had spoken.

2 For Sarah conceived, and bare Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him.

3 And Abraham called the name of his son that was born unto him, whom Sarah bare to him, Isaac.

- God kept His Word (shocker right)
 - Abraham & Sarah had the Son of Promise and named him Isaac

Genesis 21:8 And the child grew and was weaned: and Abraham made a great feast the same day that Isaac was weaned.

9 And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, which she had born unto Abraham, mocking.

10 Wherefore she said unto Abraham, "Cast out this bondwoman and her son: for the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son, even with Isaac."

11 And the thing was **very grievous** in Abraham's sight because of **his son**.

- Remember, Sarah asked Abraham and Hagar to do this...
 - **Genesis 16:2** And Sarai said unto Abram, Behold now, the LORD hath restrained me from bearing: I pray thee, go in unto my maid; it may be that I may obtain children by her. And **Abram hearkened** to the voice of Sarai.
- Ishmael was NOT the product of promise
 - Ishmael was the product of impatience
 - Abraham and Sarah made a conscious choice to move God's plan along
 - This wasn't God's leading, but their choice to step outside of God's leading
- Sarah is now demanding her choice to be removed as if it never happened

Genesis 21:12 And God said unto Abraham, "Let it not be grievous in thy sight because of the lad, and because of thy bondwoman; in all that Sarah hath said unto thee, hearken unto her voice; for in Isaac shall thy seed be called."

- God...the Merciful Creator, told Abraham to listen to Sarah...
 - God was for Abraham kicking out Hagar and Ishmael
 - This doesn't seem merciful, at least not to Hagar and Ishmael...or to Abraham
- So, why is God doing this?
- Buckle up...this gets too cool!
- Jesus is the Son of Promise...Adam is not
 - We are descendants of Adam
 - **Romans 5:12** Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and **so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:**
- Sarah wanted her mistake taken away...Enter Jesus!
 - **Romans 5:8** But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
 - **9** Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.
- So, let's look at Abraham and Sarah's choice's result
 - Ishmael was a product of a wrong choice
 - When we choose to follow our feelings and fears rather than faith the Bible calls that sin
 - **James 4:15** For that ye *ought* to say, **If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.**
 - **16** But now ye rejoice in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil.
 - **17** Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth *it* not, to **him it is sin.**
 - If Ishmael was old enough to mock Isaac,

- he was old enough to understand that his father kicked him out of the only home he knew.
- Everything had been his up until this **new son** came.
- Now, he felt abandoned and left off to die.
 - No wonder the descendants of Ishmael have always been at war with the sons of Isaac.
 - This war will rage on until the Prince of Peace ends it.
- When we accept Christ as our Savior, our flesh is like Ishmael.
 - We have received the Son of Promise, Jesus Christ
 - He then comes to stay with us...He is Emmanuel!
 - Life was all about what the flesh wanted, and it was always catered to
 - until this New Son Jesus took up residence in our home.
 - Our Creator has chosen Him over us and has left us abandoned and wants us to die.
 - This seems so unfair, from our fleshly perspective,
 - however, from God's perspective, we were born in sin.
 - We were not the promise of God, Jesus is.
 - We don't deserve what Jesus does, nor can we do what Jesus did.
 - But here is what is amazing!
 - God told Abraham that He would still bless Ishmael, simply because he was Abraham's son.
 - God will bless our flesh as long as it lives in subjection to His Son.

- He makes our lives great before others so that He gets the glory!
 - NO, my flesh will never see the inheritance my Soul will, but it never was going to.
- Do you know why there is and always has been unrest in the Middle East?
 - Why there has always been wars and fightings surrounding this little nation of Israel
 - Why it seems the whole world has tried to rule this little sliver of land, yet has never succeeded?
- Do you know why it is that after you accept Christ as your Savior that you seem to never have rest from sin?
 - Why there always seems to be a war inside you fighting everyday whether you will do right or wrong?
 - Why it seems the world is against you, but you know victory is still the option?
- Do you see the pattern?
- Do you see what God is trying to show you?
- Do you want to know how Victory is achieved?
- Your Ishmael has to go...your flesh has to come into subjection to the Word and Spirit of God
 - **Romans 6:1** What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?
 - 2** God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?
 - 3** Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also *in the likeness* of *his* resurrection:

6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with *him*, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

7 For he that is dead is freed from sin.