



By Faith

Genesis 12-25

Genesis 12:7-9

The LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring, I will give this land.” So he built an altar there to the LORD who had appeared to him. ⁸ From there he moved on to the hill country east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. He built an altar to the LORD there, and he called on the name of the LORD. ⁹ Then Abram journeyed by stages to the Negev.

Genesis 12:10

There was a famine in the land, so Abram went down to Egypt to stay there for a while because the famine in the land was severe.

MAIN IDEA

In Genesis 12:10-20 we'll see the faithlessness of man, characterized by dread and deception, contrasted against the steadfast faithfulness of God, characterized by provision and protection.

Genesis 12:11-13

When he was about to enter Egypt, he said to his wife, Sarai, “Look, I know what a beautiful woman you are. ¹² When the Egyptians see you, they will say, ‘This is his wife.’ They will kill me but let you live. ¹³ Please say you’re my sister so it will go well for me because of you, and my life will be spared on your account.”

What tempts you to lack faith in God and try to take matters in your own hand? Is it something that frightens you or entices you? Is it the lure of controlling your own circumstances by your own logic?

Genesis 20:12-13

She really is my sister, the daughter of my father though not the daughter of my mother, and she became my wife. ¹³ So when God had me wander from my father's house, I said to her: Show your loyalty to me wherever we go and say about me, 'He's my brother.' "

Genesis 12:14-15

When Abram entered Egypt, the Egyptians saw that the woman was very beautiful. ¹⁵ Pharaoh's officials saw her and praised her to Pharaoh, so the woman was taken to Pharaoh's household.

Hebrews 4:13

No creature is hidden from him, but all things are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give an account.

Genesis 12:15-16

Pharaoh's officials saw her and praised her to Pharaoh, so the woman was taken to Pharaoh's household. ¹⁶ He treated Abram well because of her, and Abram acquired flocks and herds, male and female donkeys, male and female slaves, and camels.

Genesis 12:17-20

But the LORD struck Pharaoh and his household with severe plagues because of Abram's wife, Sarai. ¹⁸ So Pharaoh sent for Abram and said, "What have you done to me? Why didn't you tell me she was your wife? ¹⁹ Why did you say, 'She's my sister,' so that I took her as my wife? Now, here is your wife. Take her and go!" ²⁰ Then Pharaoh gave his men orders about him, and they sent him away with his wife and all he had.

Ephesians 3:20

Now to him who is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us...

Exodus 12:31-32

Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron during the night and said, “Get out immediately from among my people, both you and the Israelites, and go, worship the LORD as you have said. ³² Take even your flocks and your herds as you asked and leave, and also bless me.”

Malachi 3:6

Because I, the LORD, have not changed, you
descendants of Jacob have not been destroyed.

2 Timothy 2:13

If we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself.