

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

THE LIFE OF ABRAHAM – HERE WE GO AGAIN – SIN

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Just Men

There are numerous instances in the Bible of men who were close to God, loved by God, and used mightily by God. These same men were flawed because they were still 100 percent men who had not escaped their human impulses to sin. As Christians, we have the almighty Spirit of the living God within us to help us, yet we are still stalked by sin and struggle with temptation. We strive for perfection, to be like Christ but we will never obtain perfection ourselves in this mortal flesh. Our perfection is in the person Christ Jesus our Lord. We do not achieve but receive by grace through faith. In the old Testament.

I. Men Like Moses

with anger issues, in Exodus 2:11 12 murdered an Egyptian, and later saw several flare ups of temper in the wilderness that caused him to wander for 40 years and never being able to enter the promised land.

II. Men Like Samson,

who with all his strength was repeatedly defeated by his sexual desires in Judges 14:2 and then another woman whom he fell asleep in her lap that later caused his demise.

III. Men like King David,

a man after God's own heart (Acts 13:22) collected women as if they were butterflies. His life was ruined by a sex scandal and

murder in 2 Samuel 11 and unfortunately passed on this desire for women to his son, Solomon. In 1 Kings 11:9, 10 gathered to himself many wives and concubines that led the King and the kingdom into idolatry.

IV. Men Like Ministers

How many pastors have been kicked out of churches because of sin by 'rock throwing' sinful people who would be totally embarrassed if their sins were known. We elevate in our minds these men to unobtainable heights and when the fall, we let them crash and burn instead of lovingly support them to restoration in their journey with God.

V. Men Like Abraham

Gen 20:1 And Abraham journeyed from there to the South, and dwelt between Kadesh and Shur, and stayed in Gerar.

Gen 20:2 Now Abraham said of Sarah his wife, "She is my sister." And Abimelech king of Gerar sent and took Sarah.

Gen 20:3 But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night, and said to him, "Indeed you are a dead man because of the woman whom you have taken, for she is a man's wife."

Gen 20:4 But Abimelech had not come near her; and he said, "Lord, will You slay a righteous nation also?"

Gen 20:5 Did he not say to me, 'She is my sister'? And she, even she herself said, 'He is my brother.' In the integrity of my heart and innocence of my hands I have done this."

Gen 20:6 And God said to him in a dream, "Yes, I know that you did this in the integrity of your heart. For I also withheld you from sinning against Me; therefore I did not let you touch her."

Gen 20:7 Now therefore, restore the man's wife; for he is a prophet, and he will pray for you and you shall live. But if you do not restore her, know that you shall surely die, you and all who are yours."

Gen 20:8 So Abimelech rose early in the morning, called all his servants, and told all these things in their hearing; and the men were very much afraid.

First of all Sarah was very beautiful even at sixty five she was turning heads and causing Abraham to worry about being killed so that other men might have her and now, at 90 years old she is still a good looking woman!

The embers of fire from the two destroyed cities is still glowing as Abraham picked up the stakes to his tent and moved to Gerar. You would think by now he would have learned his lessons from the past and certainly be warned by what he just witnessed. However, Abraham is human and he tells a half lie once again.