

## **GENESIS 16:1-13**

### **THE STORY OF HAGAR**

1 Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. But she had an Egyptian maidservant named Hagar; 2 so she said to Abram, "The LORD has kept me from having children. Go, sleep with my maidservant; perhaps I can build a family through her." Abram agreed to what Sarai said.

3 So after Abram had been living in Canaan ten years, Sarai his wife took her Egyptian maidservant Hagar and gave her to her husband to be his wife. 4 He slept with Hagar, and she conceived. When she knew she was pregnant, she began to despise her mistress.

5 Then Sarai said to Abram, "You are responsible for the wrong I am suffering. I put my servant in your arms, and now that she knows she is pregnant, she despises me. May the LORD judge between you and me."

6 "Your servant is in your hands," Abram said. "Do with her whatever you think best." Then Sarai mistreated Hagar; so she fled from her.

7 The angel of the LORD found Hagar near a spring in the desert; it was the spring that is beside the road to Shur.

8 And he said, "Hagar, servant of Sarai, where have you come from, and where are you going?" "I'm running away from my mistress Sarai," she answered.

9 Then the angel of the LORD told her, "Go back to your mistress and submit to her."

10 The angel added, "I will so increase your descendants that they will be too numerous to count."

11 The angel of the LORD also said to her: "You are now with child and you will have a son. You shall name him Ishmael, for the LORD has heard of your misery.

12 He will be a wild donkey of a man; his hand will be against everyone and everyone's hand against him, and he will live in hostility toward all his brothers."

13 She gave this name to the LORD who spoke to her: "You are the God who sees me," for she said, "I have now seen the One who sees me."

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# God Who Sees Me



## **HEBREWS 4:12-13**

12 For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. 13 Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

## God's personal visit

GE.16:7 – "The angel of the LORD found Hagar near a spring in the desert..."

- ✓ The LORD CARES about us when no one else does.
- ✓ The LORD COMES to us where no one else is.
- ✓ The LORD COMFORTS us when no one else can.

## God's piercing vision

GE.16:13 – "She gave this name to the LORD... You are the God who sees me."

- ✓ The LORD SEES the PAINFUL PAST.
- ✓ The LORD SEES the FRIGHTENING FUTURE.
- ✓ The LORD SEES the NEEDY NOW.

*God SEES the secret STRESSES – SORROWS – SCARES – STRUGGLES – SINS.*

## God's powerful voice

GE.16:8 – "Hagar...Where have you come from, and where are you going?"

- ✓ The LORD SPEAKS to us by NAME.
- ✓ The LORD SPEAKS to us in our NEED.

### **ACTION POINTS:**

1. TRUST God with your FRAILTIES—He brings HEALING.
2. TRUST God with your FUTURE—He brings HELP.  
*There MAY be great PLEASURES and PROGRESS ahead!  
There MAY be greater PROBLEMS and PAIN ahead!  
There WILL be God's PRESENCE and POWER ahead!  
There WILL be God's PLAN and PURPOSES ahead!*
3. TRUST God with your FINALITY—He brings HOPE beyond HERE.