

Meeting with God

Part 9

The meeting with Hagar

Genesis 16:1-15 NIV

Hagar and Ishmael

1 Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. But she had an Egyptian slave named Hagar; 2 so she said to Abram, "The Lord has kept me from having children. Go, sleep with my slave; 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 slave Hagar and gave her to her husband to be his wife. 4 He slept with Hagar, and she conceived.

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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 slave in your arms, and now that she knows she is pregnant, she despises me. May the Lord judge between you and me.”

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

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the desert; it was the spring that is beside the road to
Shur. 8 And he said, “Hagar, slave of Sarai, where
have you come from, and where are you going?”
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answered.
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your mistress and submit to her.” 10 The angel added,
“I will increase your descendants so much that they
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11 The angel of the Lord also said to her:

"You are now pregnant
and you will give birth to 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."

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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.” 14 That is why the well was called Beer Lahai Roi; it is still there, between Kadesh and Bered.

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God’s Presence
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Learning to trust God

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Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
6 in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight.

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The Presence of God

It’s crucial for us to cultivate an awareness of God’s presence in our lives. Whether we are enjoying a beautiful sunrise or facing tough challenges, He is close by, waiting to meet us within those experiences.

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When we think about meeting God, it often starts with a calling. God invites each of us into a relationship, and it's up to us to respond. Feeling that tug on our heartstrings means He is ready for us to draw nearer. Through His love and grace, we're assured of His welcoming spirit, pushing us to spend more time in His presence, letting us know that we are desired and cherished.

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The Presence of God

Feeling God's presence is a vital aspect of our spiritual journey. This presence isn't just about searching for Him in grand places; He meets us in the ordinary and the daily. When we consciously invite Him into every moment, we begin to recognize that He is with us.

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