

The God Who Sees

Gen 16:1-16

Intro:

- ▶ **A world on the Eve of Destruction...**
 - ▶ War, Economic collapse, Fear, Moral corruption...
 - ▶ Just the beginning of a world without God
 - ▶ Is God still in control of our everyday life?
- ▶ **Situations out of our control... what to do?**
 - ▶ This is a question many need an answer for.
 - ▶ Do we blame others?
 - ▶ Do we seek other “gods”?
 - ▶ Do we allow despair to take our Hope in Him?



I. A Maid under Authority (vv 1-6)

- ▶ **An Egyptian slave name Hagar**
 - ▶ Servant to Sarai (no name change yet)
 - ▶ Sarai craved a child of promise, and thought God slow...
 - ▶ So, she decided to help God thru a cultural custom
 - ▶ The world NEVER has God's Plan in view
 - ▶ Impatience for His will can collapse our faith and trust
- ▶ **Hagar had no control over all this!**
 - ▶ Her servant status compelled her to allow this
 - ▶ Sin of immorality lead to sins of malice, spite and hate
 - ▶ **NOTE:** in the end Sarai turns on her own suggestion!



II. A Maid in Distress (vv 7-9)

- ▶ **The angel of the Lord found her (Is this Jesus?)**
 - ▶ When we flee into our “wilderness”, God knows!
 - ▶ He sees the brokenness of our Hearts & Spirits
 - ▶ She had been mistreated by “godly people”
 - ▶ She had also committed sins of her own!
 - ▶ Before we can receive from God we must face Him!
- ▶ **Return to your mistress? submit?? (9)**
 - ▶ How could God put her back under bondage?
 - ▶ Obedience precedes blessings & promises



III. A Maid in Blessing (10-16)

- ▶ **If she will obey and wait (what A & S failed in!)**
 - ▶ Multiplied seed, a blessing to Abram! (Arabs & Turks)
 - ▶ A special name with promise – Ishmael (God hears)
 - ▶ God had heard her need and would continue to
 - ▶ A head-strong, wild nature – at odds with others
 - ▶ Not what every parent hopes for in children...
- ▶ **Hagar calls upon the God who sees (*El Roi*)**
 - ▶ This is a personal focus responding to God's acts
 - ▶ Do we learn from this situation of pain?
 - ▶ Are we able to learn the lesson and the promise?



Connections:

- ▶ There are many things in our lives not in our control
- ▶ Hurts and pain may come even from “godly” people
- ▶ There are no shortcuts to success – Faith and Patience!
- ▶ Compromise has been the death of many dreams...
- ▶ When we think we forgotten, **GOD SEES US!**
- ▶ Job, David, Esther all learned this lesson...
- ▶ We are never out of His sight or His heart...
- ▶ Submission and obedience even in hard situations...
- ▶ God sees you... do you see HIM?

