

## STUDY EIGHTEEN

# GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES

## Genesis 20 & 21

### Introduction

This study consists of four short stories. Abraham again comes very close to losing the opportunity to have a son because of his fear. God is faithful and makes sure that Abraham's son is born just as he has promised. It has taken a long time for the promise to be fulfilled and Abraham has not always acted faithfully to see it fulfilled but God is gracious.

### Questions For Discussion

1. a) Why did Abraham not tell the whole truth about his relationship with Sarah (20:1-2, 11-13)?

b) Whom was he concerned about?

c) Why did God speak to Abimelech in a dream (20:3-7)?

d) Why was it so important to God that Isaac be born just as he had promised?

2.a) In what way is Isaac's birth similar to Jesus birth (21:1-7)?  
(See also Gen. 18:14 & Lk. 1:26-38)

b) How was Abraham enabled to become a father? (See Heb. 11:11-12)

3.a) Why did Abraham send Hagar and Ishmael away?

b) Why was Ishmael mocking Isaac?

4.a) What did Abimelech discover about Abraham (21:22)?

b) How can we show our society today that God is with us? (See Mt. 5:13-14)

5.a) Did Abraham show respect to Abimelech?

b) How can we show respect to unbelievers?

6. What is the main difference between Abraham and Abimelech (21:32-33)?

7. What can we learn about God from these stories (20:3, & 17-18, 21:1-2, 6, 12, 17, 19, 22 & 33)?

### **For Further Thought And Action**

Meditate on the ways that God has been gracious to you.

### **Memory Verse**

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations. The Lord is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made.

Psalm 145:13