

Marriage Series 2009, (#3)
“DISENCHANTMENT”

Today’s lesson deals with a spiritual mature married couple actively engaged in the plan of God. Two spiritual mature believers who believed the word of God was inerrant and infallible truth. Yet these two believers became DISENCHANTED with God regarding the fulfillment of a specific promise of God to them.

This married couple isn’t struggling with “can God do it?” They are struggling with **“why isn’t God doing it?”**

We will examine our lesson text by the following four homiletical points regarding Abraham and Sarah’s DISENCHANTMENT with God (Gen.16:1-2).

- Barren No children.
- Blame The Lord has kept me from having children.
- Bad decision Go, sleep with my maidservant.
- Beguiled I can build a family through her.

Doctrinal principle: False assumptions lead to false interpretations lead to false expectations lead to false applications. [What does the word of God say about it? Then faith-rest it! (Rom.4:19-21)]

**This lesson will study four aspects of Abraham and Sarah’s DISENCHANTMENT
With God regarding a specific promise.**

1. God gave them the promise of the messianic male heir while Sarah was declared barren (Gal.3:16). At the time, Abraham was 75 and Sarah was 66 (Gen.12:4).

- Gen.11:30 Sarah was barren.
- Gen.12:1 God’s promise of descendants given to them.

Abraham doesn’t know it but he still has 100 MORE years of life (Gen.25:7) [175yrs] (Eccl.3:1-2).

It was God’s promise and His set of circumstances and ability that will bring it too past. It was not up to Abraham or Sarah to fulfill it. It was up to them to believe that God was able and willing to fulfill it.

After some 10 years of waiting, they became **disenchanted with God** and the fulfillment of His promise: “And Abram said, ‘Since Thou has given no offspring to me.’” (Gen.15:3a)

- The issue is not waiting **but how** we wait: “My soul waits in silence for God only, for **my hope** is from Him.” (Ps.62:5)
- Waiting on the fulfillment of a promise of God means waiting on God. “Set your mind on the things above, **not on** the things that are on the earth.”
- (Col.3:2) How should we wait? What does the Bible say?

2. This spiritually mature couple is struggling with what they perceive to be conflicting circumstances of life with the promise of God.

They are struggling with human viewpoint thinking about age, mystical biological clock, and running out of options in order to receive this promise of God.

It is at this point that they switch their source for making decisions from:

- Waiting on the promise of the Word (NMDV)
- To fixing the problem of the world (OMCD) (Eph.4:22-24).

“Which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit of God, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words.” (1 Cor.2:13)

They concluded falsely that they would be better off to take matters into their hands and fix their problem.

Isn't it interesting how our vocabulary changes once we call it a problem rather than a promise?

And the switch came after a great victory of God's grace! (Gen.14-15)

Whenever we take matters into our hands rather than leave it in the hands of God, we are walking by (OMCD) “sight” rather than by (NMDV) “faith” (2 Cor.5:7; Rom.12:2).

We cannot fulfill the promises of God by energy of flesh (OSN) or sight (OMCD)!

“**As** you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, **so** walk in Him, having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in **your faith**, just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude.” (Col.2:6-7)

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