



Genesis 16

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Knowing God Sermon 06 – God Looks & Listen

Are you looking & listening to your culture?

- ❖ **Your culture may tempt you to _____ God.** — “(2)...the Lord has restrained me from bearing children...”
- ❖ **Your culture may tempt you to _____ God.** — “(2)...Please, go in to my maid; perhaps I shall obtain children by her...”
- ❖ **Your culture may tempt you to _____ others.** — “(5)...My wrong be upon you!...When she saw that she had conceived, I became despised in her eyes...”
- ❖ **You culture may tempt you to _____ others.** — “(6)...Sarai dealt harshly with her...”

Are you looking & listening to your family?

- ❖ **Your family may tempt you to _____.** — “(2)...So Sarai said to Abram,...” Please, go in to my maid; perhaps I shall obtain children by her.” And Abram heeded the voice of Sarai...”
- ❖ **Your family may tempt you to _____ yourself.** — “(5)...Then Sarai said to Abram “My wrong be upon you!...”
- ❖ **Your family may tempt you to _____ sin.** — “(6)...So Abram said to Sarai, “Indeed your maid is in your hand; do to her as you please...”

Are you looking & listening to authorities?

- ❖ **Your worldly authorities may _____ you.** — “(5)...and when she [Hagar] saw that she [Hagar] had conceived, I [Sarai] became despised in her [Hagar’s] eyes...”
- ❖ **Your worldly authorities may _____ you.** — “(6)...And when Sarai dealt harshly with her...”
- ❖ **Your worldly authorities may _____ you.** — “(6)...she [Hagar] fled from her presence...”

God is looking & listening to you.

- ❖ **God _____ you where you are.** — “(7)...Now the Angel of the LORD found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, by the spring on the way to Shur...”
- ❖ **God _____ you where you should be.** — “(9)...The Angel of the LORD said to her, ‘Return to your mistress, and submit yourself under her hand’...”
- ❖ **God _____ you when you go where He guides.** — “(10)...Then the Angel of the LORD said to her, ‘I will multiply your descendants exceedingly...’”
- ❖ **God _____ honestly about the reality of life.** — “(12)...He shall be a wild man; His hand shall be against every man, and every man’s hand against him...”



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Are you looking & listening to your CULTURE?

- ❖ Your culture may tempt you to BLAME God. — “(2)...the Lord has restrained me from bearing children...”
- ❖ Your culture may tempt you to CONTRADICT God. — “(2)...Please, go in to my maid; perhaps I shall obtain children by her...”
- ❖ Your culture may tempt you to BLAME others. — “(5)...My wrong be upon you!... When she saw that she had conceived, I became despised in her eyes...”
- ❖ Your culture may tempt you to ATTACK others. — “(6)...Sarai dealt harshly with her...”

Are you looking & listening to your FAMILY?

- ❖ Your family may tempt you to SIN. — “(2)...So Sarai said to Abram,...”Please, go in to my maid; perhaps I shall obtain children by her.” And Abram heeded the voice of Sarai...”
- ❖ Your family may tempt you to BLAME yourself. — “(5)...Then Sarai said to Abram “My wrong be upon you!...”
- ❖ Your family may tempt you to OVERLOOK sin. — “(6)...So Abram said to Sarai, “Indeed your maid is in your hand; do to her as you please...”

Are you looking & listening to AUTHORITIES?

- ❖ Your worldly authorities may ACCUSE you. — “(5)...and when she [Hagar] saw that she [Hagar] had conceived, I [Sarai] became despised in her [Hagar’s] eyes...”
- ❖ Your worldly authorities may ABUSE you. — “(6)...And when Sarai dealt harshly with her...”
- ❖ Your worldly authorities may SCARE you. — “(6)...she [Hagar] fled from her presence...”

GOD is looking & listening to YOU.

- ❖ God SEES you where you are. — “(7)...Now the Angel of the LORD found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, by the spring on the way to Shur...”
- ❖ God GUIDES you where you should be. — “(9)...The Angel of the LORD said to her, ‘Return to your mistress, and submit yourself under her hand’...”
- ❖ God BLESSES you when you go where He guides. — “(10)...Then the Angel of the LORD said to her, ‘I will multiply your descendants exceedingly...’”
- ❖ God SPEAKS honestly about the reality of life. — “(12)...He shall be a wild man; His hand shall be against every man, and every man’s hand against him...”