



Genesis 20

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- ❖ **God goes where He wants to go...to _____.** — “(3a)...But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night,....”
- ❖ **God says what He wants to say...the _____.** — “(3b)...and said to him, ‘Indeed you are a dead man because of the woman whom you have taken, for she is a man’s wife.’...”
- ❖ **God does what He wants to do...His _____.** — “(6b)...For I also withheld you from sinning against Me; therefore I did not let you touch her....”
- ❖ **God demands what He wants to demand..._____.** — “(7a)...Now therefore, restore the man’s wife;...”
- ❖ **God punishes what He wants to punish..._____.** — “(7c)...But if you do not restore her, know that you shall surely die, you and all who are yours... (18)...the LORD had closed up all the wombs of the house of Abimelech....”
- ❖ **God saves who He wants to save..._____ & IRRELIGIOUS.** — “(7b) ...for he is a prophet, and he will pray for you and you shall live...”
- ❖ **God rewards how He wants to reward.**

- **God sometimes rewards with MATERIAL blessings.** — “(14)...Then Abimelech took sheep, oxen, and male and female servants, and gave them to Abraham; and he restored Sarah his wife to him. 15 And Abimelech said, ‘See, my land is before you; dwell where it pleases you....’”
- **God sometimes rewards with RELATIONAL blessings.** — “(16)...Then to Sarah he said, ‘Behold, I have given your brother a thousand pieces of silver; indeed this vindicates you before all who are with you and before everybody.’...”
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