

The Blessing of God's Mercy
Genesis 20:1-18, Pew Bible p. 14
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I. The Mercy of Revelation (V. 1-7)

- A. God is merciful to reveal the penalty of sin.
 - 1. Without God, we are ignorant.
 - 2. Without God, we are indifferent.

- B. God is merciful to reveal the way to reconciliation.
 - 1. Without God, we have no peace.
 - 2. Without God, we have no life.

II. The Mercy of Restoration (V. 8-18)

- A. God is merciful to restore us to right living.
 - 1. Without God, we cannot have justice.
 - 2. Without God, we cannot have prosperity.

- B. God is merciful to forgive us of wrong living.
 - 1. Without God, we cannot be repentant.
 - 2. Without God, we cannot be justified.

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Discussion Questions

1. Read Genesis 20:1-18.
2. What about Abraham's life shows a lack of faith?
 - a. How does our lack of faith in God cause us to sin?
 - b. What are you tempted to do when you struggle to believe in God's promises?
3. What do you think would have happened if God had not reveal Himself to Abimelech in verse 3?
 - a. What does that say about God's care for Abimelech?
4. What about Abimelech's innocence did God validate in verse 6?
 - a. Does God know everyone's heart and intentions?
 - b. How has God's knowledge of your heart in tough situations been a blessing to you?
5. What does Abimelech's immediate repentance say about His heart?
 - a. What does that say about the proper response to God revealing Himself to you?
6. In the end, assuming Abimelech knew little about the God of Abraham beforehand, what did Abimelech learn about God through this bad situation?
 - a. Can we reveal God to people even when we mess up? How?
7. Pray for our church members to praise God's great mercy in revealing Himself to people in unusual ways. Come to the church prayer meeting this Wednesday from 6:00-6:30 pm in the Worship Center lobby (Prayer Meeting is cancelled this week due to Awana Awards Night).