



Grace Assembly Of God

Chapter-By-Chapter Bible Reading Devotional

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| Scripture: | Genesis 16 | Title: | Our God Hears and Sees |
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| Summary of Chapter: | Genesis 16 speaks of how the Lord heard the despair of an Egyptian maidservant and watched her run away from her cruel mistress and the pain of life. The chapter then closed with Hagar acknowledging God seeing and hearing what she had gone through. | | |
| Key Verses (NLT): | | How does it speak to me? | |
| <p>7 The angel of the Lord found Hagar beside a spring of water in the wilderness, along the road to Shur.</p> <p>11 And the angel also said, "You are now pregnant and will give birth to a son. You are to name him Ishmael (which means 'God hears'), for the Lord has heard your cry of distress.</p> <p>13 Thereafter, Hagar used another name to refer to the Lord, who had spoken to her. She said, "You are the God who sees me." She also said, "Have I truly seen the One who sees me?"</p> | | <p>Like Hagar, the Lord always finds me. Very often than not, it is when I allow the scripture and His presence to refresh me, I know He is God who hears, sees and knows exactly where I am. Be it in my spiritual health, my thoughts or my emotions I know He knows all that I am going through. God's watching and hearing speak volume about His empathy for His people. This particular chapter made me reflect about God's love for me. He is concerned when I am affected, sad, lonely, helpless. The Bible tells us how cherished we are by God and how much He loves us. The depth of which He would send His Son to die on the cross for us. When I realize that God understands me and that God is for me, I once again embrace that eternal hope I have in Christ Jesus, press on and be ready to face tomorrow.</p> <p>Let's find comfort in knowing that our God hears and sees what we are going through.</p> | |
| APPLICATION QUESTIONS: | | | |
| Adult: | From the range of 1-10 (with 10 being the closest), how near do you feel God is to you today? Is there an ungodly belief which you have been living with? Would you today, renounce that and pray to receive the truth of His love and care for you today? | | |
| Youth: | Have you ever felt the same emotions which Hagar went through? Fear, loneliness, bitterness, feeling unloved? What did you do about them? What do you think God will say about these | | |
| Child: | If you could imagine Hagar praying? How do you think her prayer to God would sound like when she was being ill-treated by Sarai? Have you ever felt like Hagar? What do you think God will tell you when He hears you pray like Hagar? | | |
| P R A Y E R : | | | |
| Praying Scripture: | Dear Lord, we thank You for always being the One who takes the initiative, looking out for us and seeking us out when we may not even know where the path ahead of us leads to. We thank You that whenever You find us, You will re-direct and set Your purpose in our hearts. That redirection and purpose is where we find the hope we need in You. Help us to understand You are never against us but are always for us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen. | | |
| Thanksgiving Prayer: | I/We thank you for _____ (e.g. delicious food they ate, places they went, prayer that is answered, etc) | | |
| Intercessory Prayer: | I/We want to pray for _____ (e.g. healing of sickness, family members, work or study, leaders, nation, etc) | | |
| Salvation Prayer: | I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones _____ (can add one name per day). In Jesus Name I/we pray. Amen. | | |