

20211024 YOU WILL BE A BLESSING PART 4

REVELATION (Genesis 12:10-20)

WHEN I FOLLOW GOD'S VISION...

1. GOD'S BLESSING BEGINS WITH TESTING ME WITH A DIFFICULT PROBLEM IN LIFE.

¹⁰ Now there was **a famine in the land**, and **Abram went down to Egypt to live there for a while** because **the famine was severe**.

Isaiah 48:10

10 See, I have refined you, though not as silver; I have tested you in the furnace of affliction.

Psalms 119:71

71 It was good for me to be afflicted so that I might learn your decrees.

2 Corinthians 4:17

17 For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.

2. MY OWN INGENUITY IS IN THE WAY.

11 As he was about to enter Egypt, he said to his wife Sarai, "I know what a beautiful woman you are.

12 When the Egyptians see you, they will say, 'This is his wife.' Then they will kill me but will let you live.

13 Say you are my sister, **so that I will be treated well for your sake and my life will be spared because of you.**"

Proverbs 3:5

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;

Psalms 146:3

3 Do not put your trust in princes, in human beings, who cannot save.

3. EVEN THE WAYS OF THE WORLD WITH A GOOD INTENTION CAN KEEP ME FROM FULFILLING GOD'S WILL.

14 When Abram came to Egypt, the Egyptians saw that Sarai was a very beautiful woman.

15 And when Pharaoh's officials saw her, they praised her to Pharaoh, and she was taken into his palace.

16 He treated Abram well for her sake, and Abram acquired sheep and cattle, male and female donkeys, male and female servants, and camels.

Proverbs 14:12

12 There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death.

4. GOD TAKES THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MY LIFE WHEN I TRUST HIM.

17 But the Lord inflicted serious diseases on Pharaoh and his household **because of Abram's wife Sarai**.

Proverbs 3:6

6 in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

5. EVEN THE WORLD IS USED TO HAVE ME OBEY GOD'S CALLING.

18 So Pharaoh summoned Abram. "What have you done to me?" he said. "Why didn't you tell me she was your wife?"

19 Why did you say, 'She is my sister,' so that I took her to be my wife? Now then, here is your wife. Take her and go!"

20 Then Pharaoh gave orders about Abram to his men, and they sent him on his way, with his wife and everything he had.