

## **The Well of Covenant**

*[The Well of the One who lives and sees me]*

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\* **She [Hagar]**

Meaning: "flight" [action of fleeing – attempting to escape]

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Meaning: "the existing One" - the proper name of the one true God

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**Note:**

The Bible tells us that Hagar gave this name to the Lord [The existing God – The One True God] – The one WHO SPOKE TO HER

**She called it** - “You are the God who sees me”

**Hagar said:** “I have NOW SEEN the ONE who sees me”

**That is why the WELL was called:**

\* **Beer Lahai Roi:** yx [Chay] [adj.]

Living, alive - green (of vegetation) - flowing, fresh (of water) - lively, active (of man) – life - sustenance, maintenance - revival, renewal – community – to live, whether literally or figuratively; causatively, to revive:--keep (leave, make) alive, X certainly, give (promise) life, (let, suffer to) live, nourish up, preserve (alive), quicken, recover, repair, restore (to life), revive

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- \* Hagar was in flight at this time – she had submitted to Sarai’s request
- \* Sarai the wife of Abram gave Hagar [Egyptian maid] to Abram as his secondary wife for the purpose to conceive a promised son from God
- \* Sarai’s womb barren at that time so she used this as an argument with Abram that he should marry his maid servant.

When a child was conceived Sari gets angry, jealous and comes against Hagar and so Hagar takes to flight because Sarai was dealing with Hagar hardly – so Hagar simply leaves [Genesis 16: 6]

### Genesis 16: 7

“And the angel of the Lord found her [Hagar] by a fountain of water in the wilderness, by the fountain in the way to Shur”

- \* **Shur: “Wall”**
- \* Simply the Lord [Jehovah – The one Existing God] found Hagar [in her flight] by a fountain of water in the wilderness on her way to Shur [Wall]

**God found her on her way to a Wall  
We must understand that if we run we will hit a wall**

God Told Hagar at that place

### Genesis 16: 9

“...Return to thy mistress [Sarai], and submit thyself under hand”

- \* This seed is still Abrams seed – it is a seed that he desired.
- \* Now his name is called **Ishmael** “**God will hear**”
- \* Ishmael will have the character of a wild man; rude and bold, fearing no man – untamed, un-tractable [uncontrollable], living at large, impatient.
- \* He will have a turbulent spirit

3.

**When an Ishmael is conceived it will be birthed and must be dealt with**

Hagar [Flight] was fleeing from Sarai and was found by the angel of the Lord in the wilderness by a well on her way the Shur [Wall] on her way back to Egypt [flesh].

She was told to go back and serve Sarai and birth Ishmael [God will hear] She called that well of meeting *The Well of the One who lives and sees me*

It sat between Kadesh [Holy] and Bered [Hail – literally a storm]

**By the leading of the Lord I am going to address the subject :**

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### **Proverbs 16:2**

**“All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes, But the LORD weighs the spirits”**

\* How quick we are to question the motives of others, yet we are so slow to question our own!

\* When others harm us, we may assume the worst of intentions.

\* When we are guilty, we often excuse our offenses, concluding that others are far too sensitive!

**Regardless of how we monitor our motives, God weighs them in His scales of righteousness.**

\* It is futile to try to deceive God with our pious justifications, for He sees our hearts.

**1. Is it possible to do the right thing for the wrong reason?**

\* Of course!

\* You can attend worship services with a heart that is far from worshipful

**Isaiah 1:10–17 [Message]**

“[10] Listen to my Message, you Sodom-schooled leaders.  
Receive God's revelation, you Gomorrah-schooled people.

[11-12] "Why this frenzy of sacrifices?" *God's* asking.

"Don't you think I've had my fill of burnt sacrifices, rams and plump grain-fed calves?

Don't you think I've had my fill of blood from bulls, lambs, and goats?

When you come before me, whoever gave you the idea of acting like this, Running here and there, doing this and that— all this sheer commotion in the place provided for worship?

[13-17] "Quit your worship charades. I can't stand your trivial religious games: Monthly conferences, weekly Sabbaths, special meetings— meetings, meetings, meetings—I can't stand one more!

Meetings for this, meetings for that. I hate them!

You've worn me out!

I'm sick of your religion, religion, religion, while you go right on sinning.

When you put on your next prayer-performance, I'll be looking the other way.

No matter how long or loud or often you pray, I'll not be listening”

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**2. Can you show concern for the poor and yet have a heart that is opposed to God?**

\* Judas did

**John 12:4–8** [Message] “ 4-6 Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples, even then getting ready to betray him, said, "Why wasn't this oil sold and the money given to the poor? It would have easily brought three hundred silver pieces." He said this not because he cared two cents about the poor but because he was a thief. He was in charge of their common funds, but also embezzled them.

7-8 Jesus said, "Let her alone. She's anticipating and honoring the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you. You don't always have me."

5.

Can you show concern for the poor and yet have a heart that is opposed to God? The answer is yes.

**3. Could you make bold statements of love for Christ and actually be aiding the work of Satan?**

\* Peter did

Matthew 16:21–23 [Message]

“21-22 Then Jesus made it clear to his disciples that it was now necessary for him to go to Jerusalem, submit to an ordeal of suffering at the hands of the religious leaders, be killed, and then on the third day be raised up alive. Peter took him in hand, protesting, "Impossible, Master! That can never be!"

23 But Jesus didn't swerve. "Peter, get out of my way. Satan, get lost. You have no idea how God works"

[KJ]

“ 22 Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee.

23 But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men”

Could you make bold statements of love for Christ and actually be aiding the work of Satan? The answer is yes.

**4. Could you offer sacrifices to God and be in total disobedience to Him? King Saul did.**

1 Samuel 13:8–9 [KJ]

“8 And he tarried seven days, according to the set time that Samuel had appointed: but Samuel came not to Gilgal; and the people were scattered from him.

9 And Saul said, Bring hither a burnt offering to me, and peace offerings. And he offered the burnt offering”

\* A King doing a Priests duties

**6.**

**[Message]**

“8 He waited seven days, the time set by Samuel. Samuel failed to show up at Gilgal, and the soldiers were slipping away, right and left.

9-10 So Saul took charge: "Bring me the burnt offering and the peace offerings!" He went ahead and sacrificed the burnt offering. No sooner had he done it than Samuel showed up! Saul greeted him.

11-12 Samuel said, "What on earth are you doing?" Saul answered, "When I saw I was losing my army from under me, and that you hadn't come when you said you would, and that the Philistines were poised at Micmash, I said, 'The Philistines are about to come down on me in Gilgal, and I haven't yet come before God asking for his help.' So I took things into my own hands, and sacrificed the burnt offering."

13-14 "That was a fool thing to do," Samuel said to Saul. "If you had kept the appointment that your God commanded, by now God would have set a firm and lasting foundation under your kingly rule over Israel. As it is, your kingly rule is already falling to pieces. God is out looking for your replacement right now. This time he'll do the choosing. When he finds him, he'll appoint him leader of his people. And all because you didn't keep your appointment with God!"

**5. Could you pray with the wrong motives?**

\* James said you can

**James 4:3**

“Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts”

Can you pray with the wrong motives? The answer is yes.

**Many things cause us to do what we do.**

\* We can be motivated by good things, such as love for God, compassion, generosity, and faith

\* Or our actions can come from unhealthy motives such as pride, insecurity, ambition, lust, greed, guilt, anger, fear, and hurt.

7.

**It is even possible to do the best things based on the worst motives**

### Genesis 16: 2

“Sarai said unto Abram, Behold NOW, the Lord hath restrained me from bearing: I pray thee, go in unto my maid; it may be that I may obtain children by her. And Abram hearkened to the voice of Sarai”

- \* Take time to look past your actions to what lies behind them.
- \* Ask God to show you what He sees when He examines your motives.
- \* Abram was listening to the voice of Sarai instead of the Lord
- \* The Word of the Lord is true and will come to pass in His time

### Psalm 119:105 [KJ]

“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path”

#### \* **Word**

Speech, word, speaking, saying, utterance, word, words, business, occupation, acts, matter, case, something, manner (by extension) – extension meaning – to stretch out – taking the same line of argument further – an application of an existing system or activity to a new area

#### \* **Lamp**: Light, Candle, Illumination

#### \* **Feet**

Foot of God – Foot of Seraphim, Cherubim, Foot according to the pace of preparation

#### \* **Light**

Light / Light of Day, Light of heavenly luminaries [moon, sun, stars], Light of dawn, morning light, daylight, light of life, light of prosperity, light of instruction, Jehovah as Israel's [God Prevails] light

#### \* **Path**

Trodden with the feet, path, pathway, path, pathway, traveler

### Genesis 17:1

“And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect. And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly”

8.

**Some fourteen years had past since God last spoke to Abraham. Not since his disobedience in the matter of Hagar had Abraham heard the voice of God.**

- \* The times of His silence are most devastating when they come our way.
- \* We need to learn that our disobedience almost always brings His silence.
- \* You know I have met many who are in open disobedience and keep on doing Godly things and it seems they are being blessed.
- \* In fact Hell will send blessings your way to keep you thinking your motives are right
- \* Satan will keep you busy in your disobedience so that you are not hearing the voice of God and God will keep silent in your disobedience and will allow things to simmer but then He will manifest.

**In this passage, the Lord speaks again**

- \* When He does it is to reveal even more of the details of His covenant with Abram.
- \* God covenant – His well of covenant was about to open.
- \* A change was coming

**May we be reminded that He is a God Who keeps His Word and works out His will "according to the counsel of His own will."(Eph. 1:11)**

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**A Revelation Of His Person**

- \* For the first time, God reveals Himself as "*the Almighty God*"
- \* This name is from the **Hebrew name** "*El-Shaddai*"
- \* It carries the idea of "*Nourisher; Strengtheners; Satisfier*"

**It identifies God as being the "*All-sufficient One*"**

**8.**

**There is a tenderness in this name because the word "Shaddai" comes from the Hebrew word for "breast"**

**\* Just as a baby receives strength and nourishment from its mother's breast, so the children of God receive all they need from the hand of the "Almighty God"**

### **A Revelation Of His Promise**

#### **Genesis 17: 2-4**

**“ 2 And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.**

**3 And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying,**

**4 As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations”**

**\* God is a covenant God**

**\* We must get by the Well of the One who lives and sees us**

### **Conclusion**

**\* I am thankful this evening that we serve a God Who is interested in His people.**

**\* I am thankful that when we exercise faith in His Word, that He honors that with blessings which cannot be calculated for value.**

**What are you trusting Him for?**

**Is there a dark spot on your today or on your future?**

**Let me just remind you that we serve a God Who keeps His Word! What He has promised that will He do!**

**Bring it to Him, fall down before Him and worship Him like Abraham did and He will bless your life!**

#### **Genesis 17: 3**

**“Abram fell on his face; and God talked with him...”**

**\* Now is the time – the Holy Spirit has put you by His Well this day.**

**\* Its time to give our motives a God check**

**\* Lets have a conversation with the Lord about His covenant promise.**