**FAITH WILL BE TESTED**

**(Genesis 12:10-13:18)**

**May 24, 2020**

**I. THE TEST OF DEPENDENCE (Genesis 12:10)** **Dependence Defined:** **Trusting in God's promises and care**

**A. How Do We React To Our Circumstances?**

 **B. Who Do We Call On?**

**II. THE TEST OF RELIANCE (Genesis 12:11-20)**

 **Reliance Defined:**  **Who we put our trust in**

 **A. Insecurity Leads To Scheming (Genesis 12:11-13)**

 **B. Deception Leads To Compromise (Genesis 12:14-16)**

**C. Sin Always Leads To Shame (Genesis 12:17-20)**

 **1. Before God And His Standards (Genesis 12:17)**

 **2. Before Fellow Mankind (Genesis 12:18-20)**

 **3. Confusing God's Character**

**III. THE TEST OF PATIENCE (Genesis 13:1-18)**

**Patience Defined**: Quietly and steadily waiting on God's promise to be fulfilled

 **A. Trusting In God's Character (Genesis 13:1-4; Exodus 34:6-7)**

 **B. Trusting In God's Care (Genesis 13:5-9; Genesis 12:1-3)**

 **1. This Will Develop A Secure Heart**

 **2. This Will Develop A Generous Heart**

**C. Trusting In God's Promise (Genesis 13:10-18)**

**1. A Self-Serving Heart (Genesis 13:10-13)**

 **2. A Heart Devoted To The Lord (Genesis 13:14-18)**

**APPLICATIONS**

**1. A faith that cannot be tested cannot be trusted. God both verifies and purifies our faith through testing (Job 23:10; I Peter 1:7).**

**2. When we stop trusting God and his Word we begin to scheme and work our own plan instead of allowing God to work his. We can never hinder his plan, but we miss the opportunity of his blessing.**

**3. God has promised to continue strengthening our faith and reliance on him. Are you getting in the way or are you yielding to the Holy Spirit's working in you? He really doesn’t need your help - but he wants your obedience.**