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Topic: **The Life of Abraham (part 3) - Take Heed Lest You Fall!**

Scripture Text: Genesis 20: 1-18

1. After 24 years from chapter 12 of Genesis to chapter 20, we see Abraham falling into the same sin of lying because he feared men rather than God. His wife Sarah was beautiful and Abraham would prefer her to be known as his sister rather than wife to protect his own life.
2. As Christians, we can become complacent in our walk with the Lord and this can result in our compromise which will lead to our fall into sin. Abraham did not learn from his mistake. We must be careful and watchful lest we also will fall into sin.
3. Abraham intentionally deceived Abimelech, the king of the city of Gerar, to say that Sarah was his sister. Though Sarah was his half-sister, it was a deception as Abraham was hiding the complete truth from Abimelech. Again, God intervened to prevent the Messianic line to be destroyed. God was very merciful to Abraham.
4. Abraham was rebuked by the unbeliever Abimelech for his lie and his bad testimony was a shame to him. Abraham tried to defend his white lie which is still a sin in the eyes of God. Christians should not practice situational ethics. We should speak the truth at all times and in all situations.
5. The Lord is very gracious and forgiving to accept and restore Abraham and still heard his prayers and called him a prophet. Indeed God still uses us despite our failures and falling. May we turn to the Lord and seek Him always.