

**Genesis 16:1-6**

Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. – Genesis 2:24

**Contempt [NW1828]:** The act of despising; the act of viewing or considering and treating as mean, vile and worthless; disdain; hatred of what is mean or deemed vile. This word is one of the strongest expressions of a mean opinion which the language affords.

**Hagar Flees**

The angel of the Lord found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, the spring on the way to Shur.  
– Genesis 16:7

### **Hagar's Correction**

And he said, "Hagar, servant of Sarai, where have you come from and where are you going?" She said, "I am fleeing from my mistress Sarai."

– Genesis 16:8

**Mistress [NW1828]:** 1. A woman who governs; correlative to servant, slave, or subject. 2. The female head of a family.

The angel of the Lord said to her, "Return to your mistress and submit to her."

– Genesis 16:9

When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; 13 when slandered, we entreat.

– 1 Corinthians 4:12b-13a

Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

– 1 Peter 4:19

<sup>10</sup> "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."<sup>11</sup>  
"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. [...]"

[...] <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

– Matthew 5:10-12

### **Hagar's Blessing**

The angel of the Lord also said to her, "I will surely multiply your offspring so that they cannot be numbered for multitude."

– Genesis 16:10

11 And the angel of the Lord said to her, "Behold, you are pregnant and shall bear a son. You shall call his name Ishmael, because the Lord has listened to your affliction.

12 He shall be a wild donkey of a man, his hand against everyone and everyone's hand against him, and he shall dwell over against all his kinsmen."

– Genesis 16:11-12

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-Genesis 16:11b

### **Hagar's Response**

13 So she called the name of the Lord who spoke to her, "You are a God of seeing," for she said, "Truly here I have seen him who looks after me." [...]

[...] 14 Therefore the well was called Beer-lahai-roi; it lies between Kadesh and Bered.

– Genesis 16:13-14

15 And Hagar bore Abram a son, and Abram called the name of his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael. 16 Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore Ishmael to Abram.

- Genesis 16:15-16

### **Our Response**