

Sermon Notes

Providence Community Church

1-19-20 Ken Carlton

Title: WAR HERO ABRAM

Main Texts: Genesis 14:1-16

--worship text: Psalm 47--

Aim: TO SHOWCASE THE GLORIES OF SALVATION CONTRASTED WITH THE CITY OF MAN...

Sermon Description: Genesis 14 is the first record of war in scripture properly speaking. As such, this conflict is strikingly similar to many aspects of modern warfare with one exception. The victor and spoils in this campaign are finally awarded to the significant son and patriarch Abram who does not engage his troops according to the prevailing motivations. Abram is not interested in rebellion, empire, independence, or power, rather he enters this conflict to liberate his kinsman and nephew, Lot, who is caught up in this chaotic affair. The occasion provides further opportunity to contrast the wisdom and security promised in covenant with the Lord to the ways and schemes of fallen man negotiating in his national/self interest to secure the advantage. Later, through the covenant leadership of His servant Moses, the Lord details blessings associated with obedience in Leviticus 26:7-8: "You shall chase your enemies and they shall fall before you by the sword. 5 of you shall chase 100 and 100 of you shall chase 10,000 and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword." Abram certainly confirmed this promise on this occasion in Canaan. Whereas Lot found himself hamstrung by the consequences of drifting from covenant security for the promise of material wealth, Abram testifies to the power and promises of God regardless of the odds. In the end, it was the faithfulness of Abram that secured salvation for Lot foreshadowing the hope of salvation provided throughout the ultimate covenant head . How much greater still would the Second Adam would prove to be in war!?

Heading: RELEVANT FACTORS IN ABRAM'S CONQUEST..

1. GEO-POLITICAL CONTEXT (Genesis 14:1-9)

- a. Battle lines
- b. Post-Babel realities
- c. Power politics

2. COLLATERAL DAMAGE (Gen 14:10-12)

- a. Vulnerable cities
- b. Cultural consequences (13:12, 14:12, 19:1)
- c. Covenant contrasts

3. COVENANT INTERVENTION (Gen 14:13-16)

- a. Covenant implications (I Sam 30:1-20)
- b. Favor demonstrated
- c. Blessing to the nations (Gen 12:2-3)
- d. Sufferings & glories of Christ (I Pet 1:10-12)

FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:
Context	Collateral damage	Intervention	Covenant blessing	Parallels	Next Week
Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:
Gen 14:1-9	10-12	13-16	Lev 26:7-8	I Sam 30:1-20	Gen 14:17-24