

**Discernment to Spiritual Danger**  
**Genesis 21:8-13**  
**Abraham: Surrendering to the Unknown,**  
**part 17**

- God often asks us to do \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ things that go against our natural inclinations. Why is that?
- Sarah discerns potential danger to the greatest treasure in her home, Isaac, and alertly tells Abraham how to deal with the situation: “Cast out the bondwoman and her son.”
- Because it is vital to be discerning toward spiritual dangers that threaten our faith, we must...

**1. Maintain a \_\_\_\_\_ to the dangers, v.9**

- Ishmael mocked Isaac with \_\_\_\_\_, and Sarah saw it and it grieved her spirit, Galatians 4:29.

A. Ishmael came by the way of human wisdom, forcing God’s plan, and the way of the \_\_\_\_\_. Gal.4:23

B. Isaac came by the WORD of God, through WAITING on God, and the WAY of Faith in God’s \_\_\_\_\_.

C. What is in your home or life that mocks our God, His Word, His Son, or His church?

**2. Take \_\_\_\_\_ against the dangers, v.10**

- Do not compromise with the mockery of this world against God’s purposes, but cast it out!

**3. Overcome \_\_\_\_\_ in dealing with the dangers, v.11**

- Sin \_\_\_\_\_ life and leads to unexpected sorrow, tension and difficult decisions.

**4. Follow \_\_\_\_\_ against the dangers, v.12,13**

- Make sure your actions are true to \_\_\_\_\_ and realize that obedience to God does not come naturally to our flesh.

Genesis 21:12, 13: “In all that Sarah hath said unto thee, hearken unto her voice; for in Isaac shall thy seed be called. <sup>13</sup>And also of the son of the bondwoman will I make a nation, because he *is* thy seed.”

- **Conclusion & final application:** Wisely guard your home’s \_\_\_\_\_: our faith and love toward our Savior Jesus Christ, against the dangers of this world! We must maintain “laughter” and the true joy of the Lord in our home and not allow the mockery of this world against Christ to take place. Remember that the world system is set up to \_\_\_\_\_ in the Savior and the hope that we have in our heart for Him!

