



LESSON 5: GOD PROMISES SARAH A SON

GENESIS 18:1-15 & 21:1-6

GENESIS 18:1-15

1 The Lord appeared again to Abraham at Mamre's large trees while he was sitting in the entrance of his tent during the heat of the day.

2 When he lifted up his eyes to see, suddenly, three men were standing right by him. When he saw them, he ran from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed down to the ground.

3 Then he said, "My Lord, if now I have found favor in your eyes, please do not pass by your servant. 4 Please let a little water be brought so you can wash your feet, and make yourselves comfortable under the tree. 5 And let me bring a bit of bread so that you can refresh yourselves – then you can pass by your servant." They said, "*Do just as you have said.*"

6 So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick! Knead three measures of fine flour and prepare bread loaves!"

7 Then to the herd Abraham ran and took a young ox, tender and good, and he gave it to the servant, who prepared it quickly. 8 Then he took butter and milk and the young ox that he had prepared and set it before them. While he was standing by them under the tree, they ate.

9 Then they said to him, "*Where is Sarah, your wife?*" "There, in the tent," he said.

10 Then He said, "*I will most surely return to you in about a year's time, surprisingly, Sarah your wife will have a son.*" Sarah was listening at the entrance of the tent, which was behind Him.

11 Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years – Sarah was long past the age of having children. 12 So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I've grown decrepit, can I have desire and my lord so old?"

13 Then the Lord said to Abraham, "*Why is it that Sarah laughed, saying 'Can I really give birth when I am so old?' 14 Is anything too difficult for the Lord? At the appointed time I will return to you – in about a year – and Sarah will have a son.*"

15 Sarah denied it saying, "I didn't laugh!" For she was afraid. But He said, "*No – for you did laugh.*"

GENESIS 21:1-6

1 Then the Lord visited Sarah just as He had said, and the Lord did for Sarah just as He had spoken.

2 So Sarah became pregnant and gave birth to a son for Abraham in his old age, at the appointed time that God had told him. 3 Abraham named his son who was born to him – whom Sarah bore for him – Isaac.

- 4 Then Abraham circumcised Isaac, his eight-day-old son, just as God had commanded him.
- 5 Abraham was 100 years old when Isaac his son was born to him.
- 6 So Sarah said, "God has made laughter for me! Everyone who hears will laugh with me."