

## *A Mother's Prayer*

### I. Sarah and Isaac

#### Genesis 21:1-7

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And the LORD visited Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did unto Sarah as he had spoken.

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For Sarah conceived, and bare Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him.

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And Abraham called the name of his son that was born unto him, whom Sarah bare to him, Isaac.

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And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac being eight days old, as God had commanded him.

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And Abraham was an hundred years old, when his son Isaac was born unto him.

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And Sarah said, God hath made me to laugh, so that all that hear will laugh with me.

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And she said, Who would have said unto Abraham, that Sarah should have given children suck? for I have born him a son in his old age.

a. Isaac was brought into the world with great expectations:

1. He was a type of Christ, that Seed which the holy God so long promised, and holy men so long expected.
2. He was born according to the promise, at the set time of which God had spoken

3. Isaac means "laughter," and there was good reason for the name

Genesis 17:17

Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his heart, Shall a child be born unto him that is an hundred years old? and shall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear?

Genesis 18:13,14

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And the LORD said unto Abraham, Wherefore did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I of a surety bear a child, which am old?

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Is any thing too hard for the LORD? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.

b. After her prayer was answered her laughter was that of joy for the blessing received:

1. joy of blessings received

Genesis 4:1

And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD.

2. no one loves you like mama!

ii. the Canaanite woman and her daughter

Matthew 15:21-28

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Then Jesus went thence, and departed into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon.

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And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil.

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But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us.

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But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

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Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me.

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But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and cast it to dogs.

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And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table.

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Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

- a. She asked for mercy because her daughter was grievously vexed with a devil.
- b. The Lord first remained silent, but his disciples spoke up, desiring that the Lord send her from them.
- c. the Lord pointed out his being sent to the lost sheep of Israel, his mission not yet complete, the gentiles would come into the church after its establishment

### ROMANS 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

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Conclusion:

A. CHILDREN NEED TO BE LOVED, THIS INCLUDES BRINGING THEM UP IN THE NURTURE AND ADMONITION OF THE LORD - **EPHESIANS 6:4** - *And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.*

B. PARENTS NEED TO BE HONORED BY THEIR CHILDREN

**EPHESIANS 6:2**

*Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise;*

C. ALL NEED TO BECOME CHILDREN OF GOD

**GALATIANS 3:26**

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