

Beulah Missionary Baptist Church
 Noon Day Prayer – Bible Study
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 12:00 Noon

Lesson #12 My Covenant Will I Establish with Isaac

Scripture: Genesis 17:15 – 27

Emphasis: Genesis 17:16

“And I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her: yea, I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of people shall be of her:”

Subject: She Shall be a Mother of Nations

Introduction: Sarah at the Ripe Old Age of Ninety will finally give birth to a son out her own Womb. Her name will no longer be Sarai, but she will be forever called Sarah and she will become the Mother of Many Nations and Kings shall come from her. After so many years of waiting, she finally can give her husband a child that she has so desperately desired to deliver unto him. In our Lesson today, we will discuss in detail on the importance of being Patient and how we should we wait on the Lord. We will also discuss why God blessed Abraham’s son Isaac with His Covenant and the Blessings he has in store Abram’s son Ishmael.

Background: In our last Lesson #11, Abram now Ninety-nine years old, God has appeared to him once again with Major News. Thirteen years has passed since his first son Ishmael was born and Twenty-Four years after Abram heard from the Lord and moved to Canaan from Haran as the Lord instructed him to do, Abram Finally is informed of the Lord’s Detailed Plan of His Covenant with Abraham. This Plan now details the Role that Sarai, now called Sarah is to Fulfill. Moving forward, both Isaac, Sarah’s son and Ishmael, Hagar’s son will have two different Destinies. Both will be Truly Blessed; however, only one will be part of the Covenant.

Abraham in depth: There was a man named Abram and God changed his name.

Lesson Topic #1 Genesis 17:15 – 17

“And God said unto Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall her name be. 16 And I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her: yea, I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of people shall be of her. 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?”

- When the Lord Changes your Name.
 - Fact #1 Moving from Sarai to Sarah
 - Same Person but a New Name? Physically but not Spiritually:
 - Sarai’s name was changed because the 1st one was not Adequate
 - The Lord changed her name because He had Something Better
 - Sarai’s Prior Name described her Old Nature and Sarah would Describe her New Nature in the Lord
 - Fact #2 God had a Purpose for Sarah’s Life before she was Formed
 - And I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her:
 - Both Abraham and Sarah had waited so long for the Gift of having their own son, they had moved on, they Gave up, but God does not forget His Promises. Please remember, God Promised Abraham a son, but you and I should know that Sarah was Included, because He once made them One Flesh and a Promise for One will always Include the Other.
 - Despite Sarah’s Mistake with Hagar and Ishmael, God did not Abandoned His Own Plan. Please remember it was God’s Plan and His Desire to see Sarah give Birth and give Abraham a son.
 - God can Define a Person’s Legacy better than anyone can Setup their own. Mother of Nations and a Mother of Kings. **IWMTNG**
 - Fact #3 God is a Covenant Maker + Promise Keeper
 - Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed
 - Having True Faith in God and still have human doubts is Common (One is Spiritual and the other is Physical)
 - Abraham Measured their Human Qualifications and not the Spiritual Possibilities. If we only Look at the Numbers, we will never Qualify for Anything in Heaven or on Earth. **NIIWG**
 - Questions Like – I Believe You Lord, but I cannot Believe It

Lesson Topic #2 Genesis 17:18 – 22

“And Abraham said unto God, O that Ishmael might live before thee! 19 And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him. 20 And as for Ishmael, I have heard thee: Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation. 21 But my covenant will I establish with Isaac, which Sarah shall bear unto thee at this set time in the next year. 22 And he left off talking with him, and God went up from Abraham.”

- Perhaps the Lord made a Mistake when He said Sarah would bear a son?
 - Reality #1 Abraham Laughed in his heart (Doubt) and thought Ishmael
 - Abraham had clearly moved on and thought Ishmael was the answer to all his Prayers because God had appeared to be Late
 - Abraham had Foolishly Stopped Praying for Sarah to have a son and was Secure in an Unsecure Situation. If God wanted Abraham to have a son from a Woman other than Sarah, He would have Initiated the Conception Himself.
 - Abraham Circumvented God’s Plan now he is going Force the issue with the Lord by Looking for Affirmation from God about Ishmael. Abraham, Sarah and Hagar thought that they Knew, but they did not Know Anything. The Lord’s Plan is the Lord’s Plan
 - Husbands stick close and Pray for your Wives until their Change comes and Wait on the Glory of the Lord to Change, Remove or Deliver the Breakthrough with Patience, Praise and Thanksgiving
 - Reality #2 Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed
 - Not only will Sarah bear thee a son, I will tell you what his name shall be called - Isaac
 - Not only will Sarah bear thee a son, I am telling you that it is he, Isaac not Ishmael who My Covenant will be Established through
 - Not only will Sarah bear thee a son, the Covenant will be Everlasting and Established through your Seed for Generations
 - Reality #3 And as for Ishmael
 - The Lord heard Abraham concerning Ishmael
 - The Lord Abraham’s Seed regardless of how they got here, “For I have never seen the Righteous Forsaken or his Seed begging for Bread”

- Please remember, it was Sarah and Abraham who did the Circumventing not Ismael

Lesson Topic #3 Genesis 17:23 – 27

“And Abraham took Ishmael his son, and all that were born in his house, and all that were bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham's house; and circumcised the flesh of their foreskin in the selfsame day, as God had said unto him. 24 And Abraham was ninety years old and nine, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. 25 And Ishmael his son was thirteen years old, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. 26 In the selfsame day was Abraham circumcised, and Ishmael his son. 27 And all the men of his house, born in the house, and bought with money of the stranger, were circumcised with him.”

- In the selfsame day was Abraham circumcised and Ishmael his son.
 - Obligation #1 Abraham did not Wait or Procrastinate
 - Abraham and all the male in his house were Circumcised that same day, while yet the sun was still up
 - Obligation #2 Abraham and his Seed were Circumcised
 - Every Male from the age Eight days old in Abraham's House was Circumcised
 - Every Male had their Flesh Cut Off as Token of the Covenant between the Lord and Abraham and his Seed
 - The Covenant Required a Spiritual Commitment and a Physical Sign – Once in Place, there was no Turning Back
 - Every Male was Permanently Marked and Distinguished for Life

“And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God” **Praise be unto God our Lord, Master and Saviour**

Conclusion: Will you do something today that Abram did Centuries ago?

Exercise our **Faith** and **Act** on our **Faith** accordingly. The Bible says that we are to be **Doers** of God's **Word** and not just **Hearers** only.

Let us Pray
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