

## THROUGH FAITH ALSO SARA

*Hebrews 11:11-12*

## INTRODUCTION:

- A. Faith is believing God
  - 1) We believe everything that He has revealed to us about Himself.
  - 2) We accept all things by faith
  
- B. That is why Paul writes that faith is:
  - 1) The foundation upon which we rest
  - 2) It is all the evidence we require
  
- C. We have studied the faith of Abraham
  - 1) By faith Abraham obeyed God
  - 2) By faith he sojourned
  - 3) By faith he looked for a city
  
- I. By Faith Sara..." vs 11
  - A. *"Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed..."*
    - 1) *"received"* = λαμβανω = "to take what is given"
    - 2) *"strength"* = δυναμις = "power to do"
    - 3) *"conceive"* = καταβολη = "a casting down", "of seed, a casting in"
    - 4) *"seed"* = σπερμα = "that which is sown"
    - 5) Here an idiom, "to receive the sowing of the seed"
    - 6) "It was faith that enable Sara, barren till the, to conceive offspring" KNOX
    - 7) It was faith that created the submission of Sara to her husband Abraham when they were both well beyond the age of any sexual activity or the bearing of children.



B. "...and was delivered of a child when she was past age,..."

- 1) "delivered" = τικτω = "to bring forth", "to bear offspring"
- 2) "past" = παρα = "beyond", "past"
- 3) "age" = ηλικια = "age", "season"
- 4) "though she was past the age of child bearing"

C. "...because she judged him faithful who had promised"

- 1) "judged" = ηγεομαι = "to view", "to consider"
- 2) "faithful" = πιστος = "worthy of confidence"
- 3) "promised" = επαγγελω = "to promise"

## II. The Fulfillment Of Her Faith vs 12

A. "Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead..."

- 1) "sprang" = εγευσθησαν = "to bear", "to be born"
- 2) "dead" = νεκροομαι = "to consider as dead"
- 3) "And so there sprang from one man who as a potential father was already considered dead."

B. "...so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable."

- 1) "multitude" = πληθος = "quantity", "number"
- 2) "innumerable" = αναριθμητος = "unable to be counted"

## III. The History Of Sarah

A. Sarai was married to Abraham in the Ur of Chaldee before God's call.

- 1) Genesis 11:29 "...the name of Abram's wife was Sarai"
- 2) Genesis 11:30 "But Sarai was barren; she had no child"

## B. She sojourned with Abraham

- 1) *Genesis 12:4* "So Abram departed, as the Lord had spoken unto him..."
- 2) "...and Abram took Sarai his wife..."

## C. She was a beautiful woman

- 1) *Genesis 12:11* "Behold now, I know that thou art a fair woman to look upon..."
- 2) *vs 14* "...the Egyptians beheld the woman that she was very fair."
- 3) Abraham lied to Pharaoh, "she is my sister" He loved her and was jealous of her safety. We may have faith in regard to one thing and not another.

## D. Sarai was barren

- 1) *Genesis 16:1* "Now Sarai, Abram's wife bare him no children:"
- 2) She proposed that Hagar become a surrogate mother
- 3) She resented what she had done
- 4) Hagar bare Abram a son, Ishmael

## E. God did not abandon Sarai and Abram

- 1) He changed both their names
- 2) Abram's name was changed to Abraham, "father of a great multitude"
- 3) Sarai (contentious) was changed to, Sarah (princess)
- 4) *Genesis 17:5, 17:15-16* "and I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her; and she shall be a mother of nations..."
- 5) Abraham laughed *17:17* "then Abraham fell upon his face and laughed..." to laugh incredulously

F. God confirms His Promise *Genesis 18:1-15*

- 1) Abraham and Sarah dwelled in the plains of Mamre
- 2) Three men visited them

- 3) They told Abraham of God's promise
- 4) They brought God's promise to Sarah
- 5) vs 12 *"...Sarah thy wife shall have a son...Therefore Sarah laughed..."*
- 6) She laughed because of what Abraham had told her. She believed God! It was the natural act of reproduction and not the fact of God's power.

G. God fulfilled His promise to Sarah

- 1) *Genesis 21:1 "And the Lord visited Sarah, as he had said, and the Lord did unto Sarah as he had spoken."*
- 2) vs 2 *"For Sarah conceived, and bare Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him."*

IV. The Faith Of Sarah Remembered *I Peter 3:1-6*

A. Sarah was an example vs 5

- 1) She had an inward beauty
- 2) She had a meek and quiet spirit
- 3) It is of great price in God's sight

B. She was obedient to Abraham vs 6

- 1) *"Even as Sarah obeyed Abraham..."*
- 2) *"...calling him Lord."*

