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Genesis 21:1-7

"Abraham: A Life of Faith – The Promised Son is Given"

I. God keeps His word

1 And the LORD visited Sarah as He had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as He had spoken. 2 For Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him ... 5 Now Abraham was one hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. - Genesis 21:1-2, 5 NKJV

19 "God [is] not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good? - Numbers 23:19 NKJV

12 Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born [as many] as the stars of the sky in multitude--innumerable as the sand which is by the seashore. **- Hebrews 11:12 NKJV**

II. Abraham worships through obedience

3 And Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him-whom Sarah bore to him--Isaac. 4 Then Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. - Genesis 21:3-4 NKJV

33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of Your statutes, And I shall keep it
[to] the end. 34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep Your law;
Indeed, I shall observe it with [my] whole heart.
- Psalm 119:33-34 NKJV

III. Sarah worships through laughter

6 And Sarah said, "God has made me laugh, [and] all who hear will laugh with me." 7 She also said, "Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? For I have borne [him] a son in his old age." - Genesis 21:6-7 NKJV 11 By faith Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised. - **Hebrews 11:11 NKJV**

IV. What can we learn from Abraham and Sarah?

• God will fulfill all His promises

2 in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began, **- Titus 1:2 NKJV**

• We should worship God with our obedience

15 "If you love Me, keep My commandments. - John 14:15 NKJV

• We can also worship God with joy

4 Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord [is] at hand. 6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things [are] noble, whatever things [are] just, whatever things [are] pure, whatever things [are] lovely, whatever things [are] of good report, if [there is] any virtue and if [there is] anything praiseworthy--meditate on these things. - Philippians 4:4-8 NKJV