

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS

OCTOBER 5, 2022

GENESIS 21.1-7

INTRODUCTION:

1. After Abimelech restored Sarah, Abraham prayed for him. (Gen. 20.7,17)
 - a) This wasn't the only time one was asked to pray for others. (Job 42.7-9; Acts 8.22-24)
 - b) Like Abraham, we are to pray for the sins of others. (1 John 5.15,16)
 - c) All sins are forgiven if we repent. (1 John 1.7; Heb. 6.4-6).
2. After twenty-five years of waiting, God fulfilled His promise and gave to Abraham and Sarah the son that He had promised. (cf. Gen. 12.1-4)

I. GOD ALWAYS FULFILLS HIS PROMISES

- A. Repeatedly, we are told that God had done as He said.
 1. **GENESIS 21.1:** *"And the LORD visited Sarah as He had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as He had spoken."* (Gen. 15.4; 17.19; Heb. 11.11,12)
 2. Consider the specifics of what God had promised.
 - a) God promised that the child would come from Abraham. (Gen. 15.4).
 - b) God promised that the child would come from Sarah. (Gen. 17.19)
 - c) God promised that it would be a son. (Gen. 21.2; 17.16)
 - d) God promised that it would happen at a specific time. (Gen. 21.2; 17.21; 18.10,14)
- B. God's promise to Abraham and Sarah should give us confidence in His promises to us.
 1. Three thoughts in reference to the promises of God.
 - a) Confidence in the promises of God because He swears an oath. (Heb. 6.13-17)
 - b) Confidence in the promises of God because He cannot lie. (Heb. 6.18; Ps. 119.60)
 - c) Confidence in the promises of God keep me grounded. (Heb. 6.19,20)
 2. What promises do we enjoy with confidence? (2 Cor. 1.20)
 - a) Promise of eternal life. (Titus 1.2; 1 John 2.25)
 - b) Promise of forgiveness. (1 John 5.14-17)
 - c) Promise of a blessed life. (1 Tim. 4.8)

II. THE BIRTH OF ISAAC

- A. Three things took place after Isaac was born.
 1. Abraham gave him a name.
 - a) **GENESIS 21.3:** *"And Abraham called the name of his son...Isaac."* (cf. Gen. 17.19)
 - b) Isaac: Literally, "to laugh" (Gen. 17.17). A child of astonishment (Gen. 21.5).
 2. Abraham circumcised his son.
 - a) **GENESIS 21.4:** Abraham circumcised Isaac at eight days old. Why?
 - b) **GENESIS 21.4:** "as God had commanded him." (cf. Gen. 17.12)
 3. Sarah was full of joy and amazement. (Gen. 21.6; Ps. 126.2)
- B. Akin to the birth of Isaac was the birth of Jesus.
 1. Like Isaac, Jesus was promised. (Gen. 3.15; 12.4; Gal. 3.16; Acts 13.23)
 2. Like Isaac, Jesus was named by God. (Matt. 1.21)
 3. Like Isaac, the birth of Jesus was miraculous. (Gen. 21.5; Rom. 4.19)
 4. Like Isaac, Jesus was offered as a sacrifice.
 - a) Isaac was Abraham's only son. (Gen. 22.2; John 3.16)
 - b) Isaac was the son that Abraham loved. (Gen. 22.2; Matt. 3.17)
 - c) Isaac was to be sacrificed. (Gen. 22.2; Eph. 5.2)
 - d) Isaac was raised from the dead "in a figurative sense" (Heb. 11.17-19; 2 Tim. 2.8)