

THE PEOPLE OF GOD - SERIES 4

Bible Reading Plan, January - March 2020

Sarah

The Woman Who Laughed and Laughed Again



Genesis 12 - God Reveals His Promise to Abram for the First Time

"leave your country for a land I will show you"

"I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you will be a blessing.

"In you, all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

"To your descendants I will give this land"

Genesis 13 - Abram Settles in Canaan

"Lift your eyes now and look from the place where you are - northward, southward, eastward, and westward; for all the land which you see I give to you and your descendants forever. And I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth; so that if a man could number the dust of the earth, then your descendants also could be numbered"

Genesis 15 - Abram Shares His Concerns

"Lord God, what will You give me, seeing I go childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?"

"Look, You have given me no offspring; indeed one born in my house is my heir!"

"This one (Eliezer) shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir"

Genesis 16 - Sarai takes the Initiative

"See now, the Lord has restrained me from bearing children. Please go in to my maid: perhaps I shall obtain children by her".



Genesis 17 - Abram's Faith is Pushed to the Limit

"No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name will be Abraham; for I have made you a father of many nations".

"As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. And I will bless her and also give you a son by her; then I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations."

"Shall a child be born to a man who is one hundred years old? And shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?"

"Oh that Ishmael might live before you Lord"

Genesis 18 - Sarah Laughs

"I will certainly return to you according to the time of life, and behold, Sarah your wife shall have a son"

"Sarah laughed within herself saying, 'after I have grown old, shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?'"







Genesis 18 - God's Big Question

"Is anything too hard for the Lord?"



Luke 18:27



In every one of us

Genesis 21 - God's Big Question is Answered (& Sarah Laughs Again)

"God has made me laugh, and all who hear will laugh with me"



Psalm 30:10-12

The Passion Translation

So hear me now, Lord; show me your famous mercy.

O God, be my Saviour and rescue me!

Then he broke through and transformed all my wailing into a whirling dance of ecstatic praise!

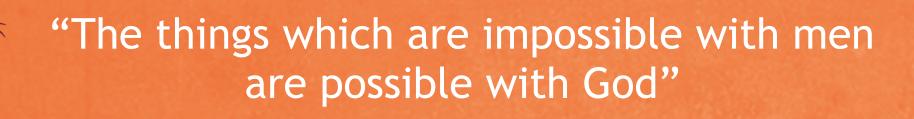
He has torn the veil and lifted from me the sad heaviness of mourning.

He wrapped me in the glory garments of gladness.

How could I be silent when it's time to praise you? Now my heart sings out loud, bursting with joy - a bliss inside that keeps me singing, "I can never thank you enough!"

Genesis 18 - God's Big Question

"Is anything too hard for the Lord?"



Luke 18:27

Let's pray ...

Dear Jesus,

Please come into my life today;
I want to know you better.
Fill me with your hope, your love and your joy;
Forgive me where I mess up;
Help me to know I'm a child of God,
And give me the courage to work with You for good.

Amen