

IS ANYTHING TOO HARD FOR THE LORD?

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Genesis 18:1-5

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The message on Sunday covered the unique 'birth announcement' story of Isaac, the child of long-expected and long-awaited hope. Read the full passage and listen to the message once again. Then consider these questions

1. One overall theme of the life of Abraham is that he waits. Abram waits and waits for the promise and hope of a son to carry on the name and be the seed for a new nation. (Read Gen. 12:1-3; 15:5-7, 17:19-22) How are faith in God and 'waiting on God' similar? When have you had to undergo a long time 'waiting for God' to act in your life?
2. One minor theme in the story of Genesis 18 is the role of hospitality and serve. Read Hebrews 13:2. Paul regards it as a gift! (Rom 12:9) and Peter tells us to do with without grumbling! (I Peter 4:9-10) Why do you think showing hospitality is an important part of being a believer? Do you have that gift? Who does that you know?
3. Abraham and Sarah have two different reactions to the three visitors. He "stands by" and she "stands off". He receives the news gladly but she is a skeptic. She laughs! Read the quote by Tozer to the right. Sarah might have laughed at this too! Do you believe it? When did you come to believe it?
4. When the child is finally born (Genesis 21) the parents name their baby Isaac, which means 'he laughs' or 'laughter'. Why do you think this would have been a great name for the baby as he grew up in Abraham and Sarah's home?
5. Job echoes the theme verse of Gen 18:14 in the final chapter his book. Read Job 50:1-2. Considering Job's life, how is this a very powerful statement of faith?
6. There are only two things that God cannot do. (Mark 6:5; Hebrews 6:18) What difference would this make to your life?



"God knows instantly and effortlessly all matter and all matters, all mind and every mind, all spirit and all spirits, all being and every being, all creaturehood and all creatures, every plurality and all pluralities, all law and every law, all relations, all causes, all thoughts, all mysteries, all enigmas, all feeling, all desires, every unuttered secret, all thrones and dominions, all personalities, all things visible and invisible in heaven and in earth, motion, space, time, life, death, good, evil, heaven, and hell." A.W. Tozer



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