

## **The Tsunami Blessing: Inside and Out, Part 47**

**Jesus Christ did just one thing that changed the trajectory of everything else in your life. Challenge the current level of what you are experiencing. The greater your expectation, the greater your eventuality will become. Posture your faith as a springboard for back-to-back multiple deliveries. Don't just settle for one thing at one thing.**

**Remember, Jesus upholds all things by His commanded power. Now He eagerly waits for the same resurrection power of Holy Spirit that raised Him from the dead as well as made you alive to work His miraculous power in you to birth God's promised greater works: accumulation with acceleration. That is more effects using less effort.**

**The harvest you receive is determined by Who sows the seed. To get something different, you must sow something different**

Luke 1:26-38 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition (AMPC)

<sup>26</sup>Now in the sixth month [after that], the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee named Nazareth,

<sup>27</sup>To a girl never having been married *and* a <sup>[a]</sup>virgin engaged to be married to a man whose name was Joseph, a descendant of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

<sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, Hail, O favored one [<sup>[b]</sup>endued with grace]! The Lord is with you! <sup>[c]</sup>*Blessed (favored of God) are you before all other women!*

<sup>29</sup>But *when she saw him*, she was greatly troubled *and* disturbed *and* confused at what he said and kept revolving in her mind what such a greeting might mean.

<sup>30</sup>And the angel said to her, Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found grace (<sup>[d]</sup>free, spontaneous, absolute favor and loving-kindness) with God.

<sup>31</sup>And listen! You will become pregnant and will give birth to a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus.

<sup>32</sup>He will be great (eminent) and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to Him the throne of His forefather David,

<sup>33</sup>And He will reign over the house of Jacob throughout the ages; and of His reign there will be no end.<sup>(A)</sup>

<sup>34</sup>And Mary said to the angel, How can this be, since I have no [intimacy with any man as a] husband?

<sup>35</sup>Then the angel said to her, The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you [like a shining cloud]; and so the holy (pure, sinless) Thing (Offspring) which shall be born *of you* will be called the Son of God.<sup>(B)</sup>

<sup>36</sup>And listen! Your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is now the sixth month with her who was called barren.

<sup>37</sup>For with God nothing is ever impossible *and* no word from God shall be without power *or* impossible of fulfillment.

<sup>38</sup>Then Mary said, Behold, I am the handmaiden of the Lord; let it be done to me according to what you have said. And the angel left her.

Luke 1:46-57 King James Version (KJV)

<sup>46</sup>And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord,

<sup>47</sup>And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

<sup>48</sup>For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

<sup>49</sup>For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name.

<sup>50</sup>And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation.

<sup>51</sup>He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

<sup>52</sup>He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree.

<sup>53</sup>He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.

<sup>54</sup>He hath helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy;

<sup>55</sup>As he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever.

<sup>56</sup>And Mary abode with her about three months, and returned to her own house.

<sup>57</sup>Now Elisabeth's full time came that she should be delivered; and she brought forth a son.

**To have what you desire, sometimes you have to change your approach.**

1 Samuel 1 King James Version (KJV)

**1** Now there was a certain man of Ramathaimzophim, of mount Ephraim, and his name was Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephrathite:

<sup>2</sup>And he had two wives; the name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah: and Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.

<sup>3</sup>And this man went up out of his city yearly to worship and to sacrifice unto the LORD of hosts in Shiloh. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, the priests of the LORD, were there.

<sup>4</sup>And when the time was that Elkanah offered, he gave to Peninnah his wife, and to all her sons and her daughters, portions:

<sup>5</sup>But unto Hannah he gave a worthy portion; for he loved Hannah: but the LORD had shut up her womb.

<sup>6</sup>And her adversary also provoked her sore, for to make her fret, because the LORD had shut up her womb.

<sup>7</sup>And as he did so year by year, when she went up to the house of the LORD, so she provoked her; therefore she wept, and did not eat.

<sup>8</sup>Then said Elkanah her husband to her, Hannah, why weepst thou? and why eatest thou not? and why is thy heart grieved? am not I better to thee than ten sons?

<sup>9</sup>So Hannah rose up after they had eaten in Shiloh, and after they had drunk. Now Eli the priest sat upon a seat by a post of the temple of the LORD.

<sup>10</sup>And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the LORD, and wept sore.

<sup>11</sup>And she vowed a vow, and said, O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head.

<sup>12</sup>And it came to pass, as she continued praying before the LORD, that Eli marked her mouth.

<sup>13</sup>Now Hannah, she spake in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard: therefore Eli thought she had been drunken.

<sup>14</sup>And Eli said unto her, How long wilt thou be drunken? put away thy wine from thee.

<sup>15</sup>And Hannah answered and said, No, my lord, I am a woman of a sorrowful spirit: I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my soul before the LORD.

<sup>16</sup>Count not thine handmaid for a daughter of Belial: for out of the abundance of my complaint and grief have I spoken hitherto.

<sup>17</sup>Then Eli answered and said, Go in peace: and the God of Israel grant thee thy petition that thou hast asked of him.

<sup>18</sup>And she said, Let thine handmaid find grace in thy sight. So the woman went her way, and did eat, and her countenance was no more sad.

<sup>19</sup>And they rose up in the morning early, and worshipped before the LORD, and returned, and came to their house to Ramah: and Elkanah knew Hannah his wife; and the LORD remembered her.

<sup>20</sup>Wherefore it came to pass, when the time was come about after Hannah had conceived, that she bare a son, and called his name Samuel, saying, Because I have asked him of the LORD.

<sup>21</sup>And the man Elkanah, and all his house, went up to offer unto the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and his vow.

<sup>22</sup>But Hannah went not up; for she said unto her husband, I will not go up until the child be weaned, and then I will bring him, that he may appear before the LORD, and there abide forever.

<sup>23</sup>And Elkanah her husband said unto her, Do what seemeth thee good; tarry until thou have weaned him; only the LORD establish his word. So the woman abode, and gave her son suck until she weaned him.

<sup>24</sup>And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with three bullocks, and one ephah of flour, and a bottle of wine, and brought him unto the house of the LORD in Shiloh: and the child was young.

<sup>25</sup>And they slew a bullock, and brought the child to Eli.

<sup>26</sup>And she said, Oh my lord, as thy soul liveth, my lord, I am the woman that stood by thee here, praying unto the LORD.

<sup>27</sup>For this child I prayed; and the LORD hath given me my petition which I asked of him:

<sup>28</sup>Therefore also I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the LORD. And he worshipped the LORD there.

**To continue to reproduce, you have to keep the vow that opened your womb.**

1 Samuel 2:1-21 King James Version (KJV)

**2** And Hannah prayed, and said, My heart rejoiceth in the LORD, mine horn is exalted in the LORD: my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies; because I rejoice in thy salvation.

<sup>2</sup>There is none holy as the LORD: for there is none beside thee: neither is there any rock like our God.

<sup>3</sup>Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let not arrogancy come out of your mouth: for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed.

<sup>4</sup>The bows of the mighty men are broken, and they that stumbled are girded with strength.

<sup>5</sup>They that were full have hired out themselves for bread; and they that were hungry ceased: so that the barren hath born seven; and she that hath many children is waxed feeble.

<sup>6</sup>The LORD killeth, and maketh alive: he bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up.

<sup>7</sup>The LORD maketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up.

<sup>8</sup>He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for the pillars of the earth are the LORD'S, and he hath set the world upon them.

<sup>9</sup>He will keep the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail.

<sup>10</sup>The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces; out of heaven shall he thunder upon them: the LORD shall judge the ends of the earth; and he shall give strength unto his king, and exalt the horn of his anointed.

<sup>11</sup>And Elkanah went to Ramah to his house. And the child did minister unto the LORD before Eli the priest.

<sup>12</sup>Now the sons of Eli were sons of Belial; they knew not the LORD.

<sup>13</sup>And the priest's custom with the people was, that, when any man offered sacrifice, the priest's servant came, while the flesh was in seething, with a fleshhook of three teeth in his hand;

<sup>14</sup>And he struck it into the pan, or kettle, or caldron, or pot; all that the fleshhook brought up the priest took for himself. So they did in Shiloh unto all the Israelites that came thither.

<sup>15</sup>Also before they burnt the fat, the priest's servant came, and said to the man that sacrificed, Give flesh to roast for the priest; for he will not have sodden flesh of thee, but raw.

<sup>16</sup>And if any man said unto him, Let them not fail to burn the fat presently, and then take as much as thy soul desireth; then he would answer him, Nay; but thou shalt give it me now: and if not, I will take it by force.

<sup>17</sup>Wherefore the sin of the young men was very great before the LORD: for men abhorred the offering of the LORD.

<sup>18</sup>But Samuel ministered before the LORD, being a child, girded with a linen ephod.

<sup>19</sup>Moreover his mother made him a little coat, and brought it to him from year to year, when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.

<sup>20</sup>And Eli blessed Elkanah and his wife, and said, The LORD give thee seed of this woman for the loan which is lent to the LORD. And they went unto their own home.

<sup>21</sup>And the LORD visited Hannah, so that she conceived, and bare three sons and two daughters. And the child Samuel grew before the LORD.

**When things look impossible, you must protect the outcome you desire.**

2 Kings 4:8-37 King James Version (KJV)

<sup>8</sup>And it fell on a day, that Elisha passed to Shunem, where was a great woman; and she constrained him to eat bread. And so it was, that as oft as he passed by, he turned in thither to eat bread.

<sup>9</sup>And she said unto her husband, Behold now, I perceive that this is an holy man of God, which passeth by us continually.

<sup>10</sup>Let us make a little chamber, I pray thee, on the wall; and let us set for him there a bed, and a table, and a stool, and a candlestick: and it shall be, when he cometh to us, that he shall turn in thither.

<sup>11</sup>And it fell on a day, that he came thither, and he turned into the chamber, and lay there.

<sup>12</sup>And he said to Gehazi his servant, Call this Shunammite. And when he had called her, she stood before him.

<sup>13</sup>And he said unto him, Say now unto her, Behold, thou hast been careful for us with all this care; what is to be done for thee? wouldest thou be spoken for to the king, or to the captain of the host? And she answered, I dwell among mine own people.

<sup>14</sup>And he said, What then is to be done for her? And Gehazi answered, Verily she hath no child, and her husband is old.

<sup>15</sup>And he said, Call her. And when he had called her, she stood in the door.

<sup>16</sup>And he said, About this season, according to the time of life, thou shalt embrace a son. And she said, Nay, my lord, thou man of God, do not lie unto thine handmaid.

<sup>17</sup>And the woman conceived, and bare a son at that season that Elisha had said unto her, according to the time of life.

<sup>18</sup>And when the child was grown, it fell on a day, that he went out to his father to the reapers.

<sup>19</sup>And he said unto his father, My head, my head. And he said to a lad, Carry him to his mother.

<sup>20</sup>And when he had taken him, and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees till noon, and then died.

<sup>21</sup>And she went up, and laid him on the bed of the man of God, and shut the door upon him, and went out.

<sup>22</sup>And she called unto her husband, and said, Send me, I pray thee, one of the young men, and one of the asses, that I may run to the man of God, and come again.

<sup>23</sup>And he said, Wherefore wilt thou go to him to day? it is neither new moon, nor sabbath. And she said, It shall be well.

<sup>24</sup>Then she saddled an ass, and said to her servant, Drive, and go forward; slack not thy riding for me, except I bid thee.

<sup>25</sup>So she went and came unto the man of God to mount Carmel. And it came to pass, when the man of God saw her afar off, that he said to Gehazi his servant, Behold, yonder is that Shunammite:



<sup>26</sup>Run now, I pray thee, to meet her, and say unto her, Is it well with thee? is it well with thy husband? is it well with the child? And she answered, It is well:

<sup>27</sup>And when she came to the man of God to the hill, she caught him by the feet: but Gehazi came near to thrust her away. And the man of God said, Let her alone; for her soul is vexed within her: and the LORD hath hid it from me, and hath not told me.

<sup>28</sup>Then she said, Did I desire a son of my lord? did I not say, Do not deceive me?

<sup>29</sup>Then he said to Gehazi, Gird up thy loins, and take my staff in thine hand, and go thy way: if thou meet any man, salute him not; and if any salute thee, answer him not again: and lay my staff upon the face of the child.

<sup>30</sup>And the mother of the child said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And he arose, and followed her.

<sup>31</sup>And Gehazi passed on before them, and laid the staff upon the face of the child; but there was neither voice, nor hearing. Wherefore he went again to meet him, and told him, saying, The child is not awaked.

<sup>32</sup>And when Elisha was come into the house, behold, the child was dead, and laid upon his bed.

<sup>33</sup>He went in therefore, and shut the door upon them twain, and prayed unto the LORD.

<sup>34</sup>And he went up, and lay upon the child, and put his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands: and stretched himself upon the child; and the flesh of the child waxed warm.

<sup>35</sup>Then he returned, and walked in the house to and fro; and went up, and stretched himself upon him: and the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes.

<sup>36</sup>And he called Gehazi, and said, Call this Shunammite. So he called her. And when she was come in unto him, he said, Take up thy son.

<sup>37</sup>Then she went in, and fell at his feet, and bowed herself to the ground, and took up her son, and went out.

**When you are facing a failure to thrive, ask God to change you and what you reproduce will look like heaven on earth.**

1 Chronicles 4:9-10 King James Version (KJV)

<sup>9</sup>And Jabez was more honourable than his brethren: and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, Because I bare him with sorrow.

<sup>10</sup>And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, Oh that thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that thine hand might be with me, and that thou wouldest keep me from evil, that it may not grieve me! And God granted him that which he requested.

The Lord desires to turn that every generational curse into a generational blessing. God has a miracle with your name on it. Holy Spirit led me to the brief story about Jabez found in I Chronicles 4:9-10.

Jabez inherits the pain his mother experiences before, during, and/or after his birth. It is so traumatic that she names Jabez after this circumstance. Jabez in Hebrew *Ya'bêts* means to grieve; sorrowful as shown in the Strong's. Her grief and sorrow about some loss inflames the agonizing pain she feels.

Jabez may not have a complete understanding about the cause of the grief and sorrow, but he realizes the effect of the pain. His whole life resembles the pain he feels. He is reproducing what his name means. He sees he is living up to his name.

This is not only undesirable but it is also intolerable. Because he recognizes he does not have to live with it, in it, and for it, Jabez prays to God to transform the results he is receiving. God hears Jabez's plea and the Lord makes a noticeable difference in his life. God exchanges the honor Jabez desires to take his life from bad to good.

1 Chronicles 4:9-10 The Message (MSG)

<sup>9-10</sup> Jabez was a better man than his brothers, a man of honor. His mother had named him Jabez (Oh, the pain!), saying, "A painful birth! I bore him in great pain!" Jabez prayed to the God of Israel: "Bless me, O bless me! Give

me land, large tracts of land. And provide your personal protection—don't let evil hurt me." God gave him what he asked.

In the King James Version, "honorable" in I Chronicles 4:9 has two connotations in Strong's. On one hand, *kâbêd* in Hebrew is regarded as bad, i.e., that is to be heavy, burdensome, severe, and dull. Jabez mother's pain drives her to call him after her pain. Although her labor pain is temporary, evidently it is more intense than her other deliveries. In this same context, it can also be considered like baby may require more caretaking than his siblings as well, which can increase the workload.

Now on the other hand, *kâbêd* can be viewed also as good, i.e., numerable, rich, glory, promotion, and prevail. What Jabez prays changes not only his position, but also his condition. God answers his prayer because the pain is tangible. This is evidence that you have power with God to transform any or all areas of your life for His glory and your good, no matter the cause of it or the effect of it.

**You have to remove all the idols from your worship. They are obstructions to your breakthrough. Make sure your enemy doesn't believe in your breakthrough more than you do.**

Genesis 15:1-6 King James Version (KJV)

**15** After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.

<sup>2</sup>And Abram said, LORD God, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house is this Eliezer of Damascus?

<sup>3</sup>And Abram said, Behold, to me thou hast given no seed: and, lo, one born in my house is mine heir.

<sup>4</sup>And, behold, the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, This shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir.

<sup>5</sup>And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.

<sup>6</sup>And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.

Genesis 16: 1-6 King James Version (KJV)

**16** Now Sarai Abram's wife bare him no children: and she had an handmaid, an Egyptian, whose name was Hagar.

<sup>2</sup>And Sarai said unto Abram, Behold now, the LORD hath restrained me from bearing: I pray thee, go in unto my maid; it may be that I may obtain children by her. And Abram hearkened to the voice of Sarai.

<sup>3</sup>And Sarai Abram's wife took Hagar her maid the Egyptian, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife.

<sup>4</sup>And he went in unto Hagar, and she conceived: and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her eyes.

<sup>5</sup>And Sarai said unto Abram, My wrong be upon thee: I have given my maid into thy bosom; and when she saw that she had conceived, I was despised in her eyes: the LORD judge between me and thee.

<sup>6</sup>But Abram said unto Sarai, Behold, thy maid is in thine hand; do to her as it pleaseth thee. And when Sarai dealt hardly with her, she fled from her face.

Genesis 17 King James Version (KJV)

**17** And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.

<sup>2</sup>And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.

<sup>3</sup>And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying,

<sup>4</sup>As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations.

<sup>5</sup>Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.

<sup>6</sup>And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee.

<sup>7</sup>And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.

<sup>8</sup>And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.

<sup>9</sup>And God said unto Abraham, Thou shalt keep my covenant therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee in their generations.

<sup>10</sup>This is my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee; Every man child among you shall be circumcised.

<sup>11</sup>And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you.

<sup>12</sup>And he that is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every man child in your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, which is not of thy seed.

<sup>13</sup>He that is born in thy house, and he that is bought with thy money, must needs be circumcised: and my covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant.

<sup>14</sup>And the uncircumcised man child whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he hath broken my covenant.

<sup>15</sup>And God said unto Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall her name be.

<sup>16</sup>And I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her: yea, I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of people shall be of her.

<sup>17</sup>Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his heart, Shall a child be born unto him that is an hundred years old? and shall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear?

<sup>18</sup>And Abraham said unto God, O that Ishmael might live before thee!

<sup>19</sup>And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him.

<sup>20</sup>And as for Ishmael, I have heard thee: Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation.

<sup>21</sup>But my covenant will I establish with Isaac, which Sarah shall bear unto thee at this set time in the next year.

<sup>22</sup>And he left off talking with him, and God went up from Abraham.

<sup>23</sup>And Abraham took Ishmael his son, and all that were born in his house, and all that were bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham's house; and circumcised the flesh of their foreskin in the selfsame day, as God had said unto him.

<sup>24</sup>And Abraham was ninety years old and nine, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.

<sup>25</sup>And Ishmael his son was thirteen years old, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.

<sup>26</sup>In the selfsame day was Abraham circumcised, and Ishmael his son.

<sup>27</sup>And all the men of his house, born in the house, and bought with money of the stranger, were circumcised with him.

Genesis 18:1-15 King James Version (KJV)

**18** And the LORD appeared unto him in the plains of Mamre: and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day;

<sup>2</sup>And he lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him: and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground,

<sup>3</sup>And said, My LORD, if now I have found favour in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant:

<sup>4</sup>Let a little water, I pray you, be fetched, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree:

<sup>5</sup>And I will fetch a morsel of bread, and comfort ye your hearts; after that ye shall pass on: for therefore are ye come to your servant. And they said, So do, as thou hast said.

<sup>6</sup>And Abraham hastened into the tent unto Sarah, and said, Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead it, and make cakes upon the hearth.

<sup>7</sup>And Abraham ran unto the herd, and fetcht a calf tender and good, and gave it unto a young man; and he hasted to dress it.

<sup>8</sup>And he took butter, and milk, and the calf which he had dressed, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree, and they did eat.

<sup>9</sup>And they said unto him, Where is Sarah thy wife? And he said, Behold, in the tent.

<sup>10</sup>And he said, I will certainly return unto thee according to the time of life; and, lo, Sarah thy wife shall have a son. And Sarah heard it in the tent door, which was behind him.

<sup>11</sup>Now Abraham and Sarah were old and well stricken in age; and it ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?

<sup>13</sup>And the LORD said unto Abraham, Wherefore did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I of a surety bear a child, which am old?

<sup>14</sup>Is any thing too hard for the LORD? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.

<sup>15</sup>Then Sarah denied, saying, I laughed not; for she was afraid. And he said, Nay; but thou didst laugh.

Genesis 21:1-8 King James Version (KJV)

**21** And the LORD visited Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did unto Sarah as he had spoken.

<sup>2</sup>For Sarah conceived, and bare Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him.

<sup>3</sup>And Abraham called the name of his son that was born unto him, whom Sarah bare to him, Isaac.

<sup>4</sup>And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac being eight days old, as God had commanded him.

<sup>5</sup>And Abraham was an hundred years old, when his son Isaac was born unto him.

<sup>6</sup>And Sarah said, God hath made me to laugh, so that all that hear will laugh with me.

<sup>7</sup>And she said, Who would have said unto Abraham, that Sarah should have given children suck? for I have born him a son in his old age.

<sup>8</sup>And the child grew, and was weaned: and Abraham made a great feast the same day that Isaac was weaned.

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**22** And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am.

<sup>2</sup>And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

<sup>3</sup>And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him.

<sup>4</sup>Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off.



<sup>5</sup>And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you.

<sup>6</sup>And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together.

<sup>7</sup>And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?

<sup>8</sup>And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together.

<sup>9</sup>And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood.

<sup>10</sup>And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.

<sup>11</sup>And the angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I.

<sup>12</sup>And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me.

<sup>13</sup>And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son.

<sup>14</sup>And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovahjireh: as it is said to this day, In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen.

<sup>15</sup>And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time,

<sup>16</sup>And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son:

<sup>17</sup>That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;

<sup>18</sup>And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

<sup>19</sup>So Abraham returned unto his young men, and they rose up and went together to Beersheba; and Abraham dwelt at Beersheba.