

# Son of Promise Is Born God the Promise Keeper

**Genesis 21:1-8**

Isaiah 55:6-11; Romans 4:13-25



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**What is the evidence of our love for Christ and who are those that God loves?** - John 14:21,23.

## What We Learnt in the Previous Weeks

- The Son of Promise - Isaac is a picture of the Son of God.
- The promise of Isaac reaffirmed - We need to hear the promises of God over and over again to build our faith. (Romans 10:17)
- God's warning to those who do not treasure Him - Take heed and treasure God. Remember! - Romans 11:22; Luke 18:8.

## GOD Fulfils His Promise (Genesis 21:1-8)

- (Genesis 21:1) God's promises are sure; they shall come to pass exactly as He has spoken - Gen 17:19; Gen 18:10; Gen 18:14; Psalm 12:6-7; Matthew 24:35; Titus 1:1-2; Numbers 23:19.
- (Genesis 21:2) God accomplishes His purposes at His set time not our time. Therefore, we need to trust God - Genesis 17:19; 17:21; 18:10, 18:14; Romans 9:9.
- (Genesis 21:3) God knows the end from the beginning - Isaiah 46:9-10.
  - Isaac means 'he laughs'.
  - Abraham obeyed God.
- (Genesis 21:4) God is serious about circumcision - physical circumcision pointing to circumcision of the heart - Romans 2:28-29; Deuteronomy 10:15-16.
  - Abraham obeyed God
- (Genesis 21:5) Abraham waited 25 years for the fulfilment of God's promise. God is not in a hurry! (Habakkuk 2:3)
  - ★ God defies the laws of nature because He is the Creator! - Genesis 1:1; Matthew 8:26-27.

- (Genesis 21:6) Sarah acknowledged that it was God who had made her laugh. This is the laughter of joy, compare this to her laughter in Genesis 18:12 (Psalm 126:1-3).
  - ★ God is the source of every good and perfect gift (James 1:17).
  - ★ God gives true joy if we wait for His appointed time (Isaiah 40:30-31).
  - ★ We, like Sarah, must acknowledge the LORD as the source of all our blessings.
- (Genesis 21:7) What is impossible for man is possible with GOD (Matthew 19:26).
- (Genesis 21:8) Abraham made a great feast on the day Isaac was weaned.
  - When we wait for God's time, we will be glad and rejoice when He fulfils His promise (Luke 2:10-11).

## **The Unfolding of GOD's Everlasting Covenant in the Birth of Isaac.**

- The Covenant God made with Abraham was going to continue through Isaac and His descendants until it is fulfilled in Christ (Genesis 17:19; Genesis 12:3).
- It was necessary that Isaac be born because the Messiah would come from his line (Matthew 1:1-2,17; Luke 3:34).
- The Biblical account of genealogies end with Jesus Christ - this means that all the people in Jesus' line pointed to Him (Luke 3:23-38; Matthew 1:1-17).
- God sent His Son into the world in the fulness of time (God's set time or appointed time when everything was right in God's eyes) - Galatians 4:4-5.
- As Abraham waited for the fulfilment of God's promise, Anna and Simeon were eagerly waiting for the fulfilment of God's promise to send the Messiah (Luke 2:36-38; Luke 2:25-32). They were fulfilled when they waited patiently and eagerly for what God had promised.
- Isaac is a picture of Christ - especially with regards to the circumstances of their birth. Isaac pointed to the ultimate sacrifice that Christ would offer for His people when Isaac willingly surrendered himself to be sacrificed as God had commanded Abraham (Genesis 22:1-14, Matthew 20:28, Isaiah 53, John 6:38).

## **Waiting for GOD's Appointed Time** (Habakkuk 2:1-3)

- God created time - Gen 1:1,5; Psalm 104:19.
- God lives outside time - Isaiah 57:15.
- God determines the times and seasons - Daniel 2:20-21.
- Everything happens according to God's appointed time - Ecclesiastes 3:1; Isaiah 46:9-10.
- God's time is not man's time - Isaiah 55:9.
- God is the Alpha and Omega - the beginning and the end - Revelation 1:11; Revelation 21:6.
- God makes promises to those who wait for Him - Psalm 27:14, 25:3;31:24; 37:34; 40:1-2; 62:5; 130:5; Isaiah 30:18.
- God makes everything beautiful in its time (Ecclesiastes 3:11).

## **Believing GOD - Learning from the father of faith** (Rom 4:17-20)

- What Abraham believed about God:
  - God gives life to the dead.
  - God calls those things which do not exist as though they did.
- Contrary to hope, Abraham believed in hope.
- He was not weak in faith.
- He did not consider his body already dead.
- He did not consider the deadness of Sarah's womb.
- He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief.
- He was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God.
- He was fully convinced that what God had promised He was able to perform.

## **GOD's Pattern of Promise and Fulfilment**

- All the LORD's purposes shall come to pass - Isaiah 14:24.
- None of God's promises has failed - Joshua 23:14.
- God has delivered in the past and will continue to deliver His people -2 Corinthians 1:8-10.
- The Messiah promised and fulfilled - Genesis 3:15, Isaiah 11:1; 7:14; Galatians 4:4-5; Luke 2:11-12.
- The promise of land fulfilled - Genesis 12:1-3; Joshua 13-21.
- Promise of blessings when Israel obeys God and curses when they disobey - Deuteronomy 28.

## **Future Promise and Fulfilment**

- God has promised to save every one of His elect. He will do it! - Romans 8:28-30, John 10:27-29; John 6:37-39; 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24.

- God has promised that His Son will come for His Church - He will do it! - Acts 1:10-11; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18.
- God has promised that He will tabernacle with us in the New Heavens and New Earth - He will do it! - Revelation 21:1-3.
- God has promised that all who do not obey the Gospel will be destroyed - He will do it! - 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9 - Warning! Remember Sodom and Gomorrah.
- All the promises of God in Christ are Yes and Amen to the Glory of God! - 2 Corinthians 1:20

### **The Only Acceptable Response:**

- Wait eagerly for the promises of God like Abraham, Simeon and Anna did. The only way we can wait for God's promises is by knowing them and we can only know them by meditating on His Word - Joshua 1:8; Psalm 1:1-3; Isaiah 40:30-31.
- Trust God - Proverbs 3:5-7; Job 13:5; Psalm 37:3; Jeremiah 9:23-24.
- Delight yourself in the Lord and rejoice in the Him in your time of waiting- Philippians 4:4; Psalm 37:4; Habakkuk 3:17-19.
- Do not focus on your physical circumstances but focus on Christ - Hebrews 3:1; Hebrews 12:2.
- In our time of waiting let us set our minds and thoughts on things above and on things that edify - Colossians 3:1-2, Philippians 4:8.
- Give glory to God for all that He has done, is doing and will do - Romans 4:20; Psalm 115:1-3