



## Sarah – Wife of a Patriarch

### Lesson 2

Sarah was the wife of Abraham who was known as the “Father of Israel.” Therefore she was considered to be “a mother of nations.” She is mentioned more times in scripture than any other woman including Mary the mother of Jesus! God uses her as an example of faith and she plays a significant role in biblical history even though she doubted God’s plan for her life. Sarah had a less than perfect life, yet she is one of only two women known for her extraordinary faith and mentioned in the famous hall of faith in Hebrews chapter 11. So, women of God, be encouraged! When you fall short in your walk with God remember Sarah, she loved God and He certainly loved her.

**Open your Bible and begin with a word of prayer**

**This Week’s Scripture: Genesis 17:15-22 & Genesis 18:9-15**

#### **Genesis 17:15-22**

*<sup>15</sup>Then God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. <sup>16</sup>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; kings of peoples shall be from her.” <sup>17</sup>Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said in his heart, “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?” <sup>18</sup>And Abraham said to God, “Oh, that Ishmael might live before You!” <sup>19</sup>Then God said: “No, Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac; I will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his descendants after him. <sup>20</sup>And as for Ishmael, I have heard you. Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly. He shall beget twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation. <sup>21</sup>But My covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this set time next year.” <sup>22</sup>Then He finished talking with him, and God went up from Abraham.*

**Genesis 18:9-15**

*<sup>9</sup>Then they said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" So he said, "Here, in the tent." <sup>10</sup>And He said, "I will certainly return to you according to the time of life, and behold, Sarah your wife shall have a son." (Sarah was listening in the tent door which was behind him.) <sup>11</sup>Now Abraham and Sarah were old, well advanced in age; and Sarah had passed the age of childbearing. <sup>12</sup>Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, "After I have grown old, shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?" <sup>13</sup>And the Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, saying, 'Shall I surely bear a child, since I am old?' <sup>14</sup>Is anything too hard for the Lord? At the appointed time I will return to you, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son." <sup>15</sup>But Sarah denied it, saying, "I did not laugh," for she was afraid. And He said, "No, but you did laugh!" (Should you want further information regarding Sarah, please read Genesis chapters 20 & 21)*

**This Week's Memory Verse:**

**For with God nothing will be impossible.**  
**Luke 1:37(NKJV)**

1. Sarah is an interesting contradiction. She is a mother of nations and yet there were times in her life where she seemed to have little faith. This is a common malady even among Christians today. How do the following verses encourage us in our faith?

a. Matthew 17:20: \_\_\_\_\_  
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b. 1 John 5:4: \_\_\_\_\_  
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c. Which of the above verse encourages you the most and why? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Sarah was filled with doubt as to what God could do through her. What does James 1:6 tell us about doubt and how can this hinder us in accomplishing all that God wants to do in our lives? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Reflect and Respond** – There is an interesting story found in Mark 9:17-27 that gives us a glimpse of our Lord’s heart with regards to faith and doubt. Read this passage and focus on verses 23 and 24 which state; “Jesus said to him, ‘If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.’ Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, ‘Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!’”. How about you? When struggling with faith have you ever cried out to Jesus to help your unbelief? Why or Why not? What was the result? Write your thoughts. \_\_\_\_\_

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**Result** – Consider today’s bible study lecture. What one lesson will you take away from this study and apply to your walk with the Lord? \_\_\_\_\_

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