

Daily devotions for 2019



Day 1
Genesis, part 1

Unbelievable

Genesis chapters 17, 18 and 21

In Genesis Chapter 17 God made a covenant with Abraham that he would be a father of many nations.

This in itself was pretty spectacular; not only that Abraham would become a father of many nations, but that God actually appeared to Abraham and made a covenant with him. God also promised that both Abraham and his wife Sarah would bear a child in their very old age. These first three things were pretty amazing, but the prospect of having a child so late in life was ridiculous. So much so that they both laughed at such an impossible idea. God went one stage further and challenged Abraham saying “Is anything too hard for the Lord?”

When we hear from God, how often do we disbelieve what He promises?

Do we sometimes focus on the ‘impossibility’ of the promise, but totally miss the fact that God speaks, and makes promises to us? Perhaps we may have low expectations of what God can do with and for us in this ‘modern’ age.

When God ‘appears’ or speaks, be expectant that what may happen is likely to be something you’ve never experienced before.

In fact, just like Abraham and Sarah’s experience, it may be almost unbelievable.

In the story of the birth of Isaac, both Abraham and Sarah believed they were physically incapable of bearing children and the idea of having a son was laughable. However, God promised Sarah a son, and He did not fail on His promise.

The birth of Isaac brought sheer joy to Sarah who in turn shared her joy and blessed others.

When God blesses us, we should rejoice and share that joy with others and in turn bless them.

Prayer

Heavenly and gracious Father God, in Your word we recognise how mighty and powerful You are, and that You have blessed Your people from the start of creation.

We are sorry that at times we fail to recognise that your blessings are poured out on us.

We are thankful for all the good gifts you give us. Please help us to share our blessings with others that they too in turn may be blessed and see your hand at work today.

In Jesus’ name, Amen.