

## **What's The Joke or Who's Report**

### **Genesis 18:1 - 14**

**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;**

- Singular phrase given to describe the Lord who met with Abraham at the most difficult time to work.

**<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,**

- The Lord manifest as 3 persons reflecting the trinity. They are not angels as some would suppose because they accept worship which angels would not.

**<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:**

- We must remember we through Christ have found favor; many called few chosen.
- Abraham entreats the lord, I want to talk with you, stick around. Today there are many promises to ensure his presence is near.

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

- Eastern custom for travelers who come to a home to have their feet washed from the journey. Do we extend the common courtesies extended to guest to our Lord and savior Jesus Christ?
- A song, a quiet place the quoting of scripture or meditation is proper preparation to invite the Lords presence.

**<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.**

- The Lord welcomes and hearkens to the voice of his children. Isn't it applicable spiritually that a Morsel of Bread" will comfort your heart? Why?

**<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.**

- Abraham is quick to summon Sarah to do the domestic duties or our natural assigned roles but obviously has a problem communicating spiritual things.
- The preparation was not a "drive through" we must deliberately take the time to prepare and not willfully take short cuts. Scripture reading settles us and creates focus. "Comfort thee"
- Before he hears he offers. Symbolically our praise and songs of worship are received by God "sweet incense unto his nostrils" we stand or kneel in his presence in expectation.

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

- Abrahams issues here are quite peculiar. There is obviously still a lot of tension in the house over Haggar and Ishmael to the degree of a spiritual estrangement which he is not speaking with her 'spiritual or prophetic'
- Abraham is talking with God and does not invite Sarah in the conversation possibly because he doesn't want the issue to come up. "Issues???"
- Where? Meaning why isn't she here? Adam where are you? 'IF two of you as touching and agreeing asking anything – Where is the other part of the equation needed to complete the circuit to manifest the impossible.
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**<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.**

- I will Certainly: Do what I said, she should be here walking in expectation of what I said.

- Sarah heard it because she was listening in. The preparation caused and interest to see who Abraham was going to meet. “How’s Your Preparation”
- She unfortunately is hearing this for the first time.

**<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.**

- “Mission Impossible in the Natural”

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

- Romans can make it appear out that Abraham waked this thing out flawlessly. Romans 4:19 And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about a hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb:

**<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?**

- She is behind the door and she laughed within herself. God knows and See’s and hears your thoughts”
- The Lord (always ask questions) Why Did Sarah Laugh? The Chapter Prior and God meeting with Abraham before this one.

Genesis 17

**<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>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.**

- Jesus will say “Nothing is impossible with God” It’s the reason why we laugh and say “No Way that’s going to happen”

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

- She does not understand yet that she is talking with God
- We must go from laughing due to impossibility to belief that “nothing is impossible – I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me’ I am more than a conqueror” “one chase a thousand two puts 10 thousand to flight” Say to the mountain’

**“Don’t Laugh Believe”**