

Genesis 18:10-15

¹⁰ Then the LORD said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son."

Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. ¹¹ Abraham and Sarah were already old and well advanced in years, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. ¹² So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, "After I am worn out and my master is old, will I now have this pleasure?"

¹³ Then the LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Will I really have a child, now that I am old?'" ¹⁴ "Is anything too hard for the LORD? I will return to you at the appointed time next year and Sarah will have a son."

¹⁵ Sarah was afraid, so she lied and said, "I did not laugh." But he said, "Yes, you did laugh."



SERMON NOTES

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Why Did Sarah Laugh?

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God's question to Abraham

Genesis 18 is a time of transition – the waiting is over.

Sarah wasn't ready

- **Disappointment**

- **Disbelief**

Hebrews 3:19 "...they were not able to enter, because of their unbelief.

- **Denial**

- **Dangerous Deceptions**

- * Past = future "Behold I do something new." (Isaiah 43:19)
- * Wait = no "Those who wait on the Lord gain new strength." (Isaiah 40:31)
- * Your possibilities = God's possibilities
- * Other's faith = your faith
- * Hiding = help "If we confess our sins..." (1 John 1:9)

- **Different Kind of Laughter**

1 Peter 3:6 like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her master. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear.

Matthew 17:20