



## **SERMON NOTES**

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Scripture: Genesis 18:9-15 (NAS)

Topic: "Is Anything Too Difficult for God?"

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- 9 Then they said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "There, in the tent."  
10 He said, "I will surely return to you at this time next year; and behold, Sarah your wife will have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door, which was behind him.  
11 Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; Sarah was past childbearing.  
12 Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have become old, shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?"  
13 And the LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, saying, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, when I am so old?'"  
14 "Is anything too difficult for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, at this time next year, and Sarah will have a son."  
15 Sarah denied it however, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. And He said, "No, but you did laugh."

### **I. THE EFFECT OF SARAH'S LAUGHTER**

- A. It Was An Act Of Unbelief
- B. It Was A Denial Of The Sovereign Almighty Power Of God

### **II. THE LORD'S QUESTION TO SARAH**

- A. Is Anything Too Difficult For the Lord?
- B. It Is A Rhetorical Question
- C. It Is Designed To Cause Contemplation Of God's Power

### **III. GOD HAD BROUGHT SARAH TO A KNOWLEDGE OF THEIR WEAKNESS** *II Corinthians 12:9*

- A. He First Asked Where Sarah Was
- B. He Promised What Was Humanly Impossible *Genesis 18:10*
- C. He Desired Her To See Her Weakness *II Corinthians 12:9; Matthew 11:28,29; Psalm 37:39,40*

### **IV. GOD HELPS THE HELPLESS**

- A. We All Fall Into That Category In Reference To Salvation *Romans 5:6-8; 10*
- B. Sarah's Laughter Questioned God's Ability Or Willingness To Keep His Promise
  - 1. She knew it was humanly impossible
  - 2. She was failing to see God's power to accomplish His promise
- C. God Called Sarah To Contemplate The Question: "Is Anything Too Difficult For God?"