

IS ANYTHING
TOO HARD
FOR THE
LORD?
GENESIS
18:9-15

Romans 6:1-2

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall we who dies to sin live any longer in it?

I Peter 4:17-18

For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God? Now if the righteous one is scarcely saved, where will the ungodly and the sinner appear?

Acts 2:37

Now when they heard this, they were cut to heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men and brethren, what shall we do?”

We know the story of God's promise of a child to Abraham and Sarah.

Genesis 17:15-17

Then God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. 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." 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."

Then in our lesson text:

Genesis 18:11-12

Now Abraham and Sarah were old, well advanced in age; and Sarah had passed the age of childbearing.

Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying,
“After I have grown old, shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?”

Both Sarah and Abraham laughed at the thought of God being able to fulfill His promise to them.

Then the question was asked:

Genesis 18:13-14

And the Lord said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh, saying, ‘Shall I surely bear a child, since I am old?’

Is anything too hard for the Lord?”

Genesis 21:1-2

And Lord visited Sarah as He had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as He had spoken. For Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him.

IS ANYTHING TOO HARD FOR THE LORD?

Is There Any Promise Too Hard For The Lord To Keep?

In our lesson text, Abraham and Sarah were promised and given a son.

Zacharias and Elizabeth were promised and given a son.

Luke 1:7, 13, 57

But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both advanced in years.

But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear a son, and you shall call His name John.”

Now Elizabeth’s full time came for her to be delivered, and she brought forth a son.

Mary (a virgin) was promised a Son (The Christ).

Luke 1:30-31,34-35, 37

Then the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a son, and you shall call His name Jesus.” Then Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I do not know a man?” And the angel answered and said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be call the Son of God. For with God nothing will be impossible.”

Luke 2:6-7

So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

God has given Christians certain promises.

Matthew 6:31-34

Therefore do not worry saying, 'What shall eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. **But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.** Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

Romans 8:28

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

The promise of a resurrection.

I Corinthians 15:51-52

Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

I Thessalonians 4:16

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ shall rise first.

The promise of the judgment.

Hebrews 9:27

And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment.

II Corinthians 5:10

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive good or evil, according to what he has done in the body.

II Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slow concerning His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.

Is There Any Prayer Too Hard For The Lord To Answer?

Elijah prayed for no rain.

James 5:17

Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months.

James 5:18

And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.

Hannah prayed for a son.

I Samuel 1:11-13, 20

Then she made a vow and said, “O Lord of hosts, if You will indeed look on the affliction of Your maidservant and remember me, and not forget Your maidservant, but will give Your maidservant a male child, then I will give him to the Lord all the days of his life, and no razor shall come upon his head.” And it happened, as she continued praying before the Lord, that Eli watched her mouth . Now Hannah spoke in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard.

So it came to pass in the process of time that Hannah conceived and bore a son, and called his name Samuel.

Hezekiah

II Kings 20:1-6

In those days Hezekiah was sick and near death. And Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, went to him and said to him, “Thus says the Lord: ‘Set your house in order, for you shall die, and not live.’” Then he turned his face toward the wall, and prayed to the Lord, saying, “Remember now, O Lord, how I have walked before You in truth and with a loyal heart, and have done what was good in Your sight.” And Hezekiah wept bitterly. And it happened, before Isaiah had gone out into the middle court, that the word of the Lord came to him, saying, “Return and tell Hezekiah the leader of My people, ‘Thus says the Lord, the God of David your father: I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; surely I will heal you. On the third day you shall go up to the house of the Lord. And I will add to your days fifteen years. I will deliver you and this city from the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for my own sake and for the sake of My servant David,’”

Is there something in your life that you are
struggling with today?

Did you think to pray?

Perhaps you are struggling with a certain problem.

Is there any problem too hard for the Lord to solve?

Is there any prayer too hard for the Lord to answer?

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Is There Any Person Too Hard For The Lord To Save?

Paul was able to be saved.

I Timothy 1:13-15

Though I formerly blasphemed and persecuted and an insulted Him; but I obtained mercy because I did it ignorantly in unbelief. And the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant, with faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.

None could be worse than those in Corinth.

I Corinthians 6:9-11

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolater, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.

God wants all people to be saved.

Isaiah 59:1

The Lord's hand is not shortened that He cannot save.

Hebrews 7:25

Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

I Timothy 2:3-4

For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

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It does not matter what sins you have committed.

Jesus died on the cross for you.

I John 2:2

And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

Revelation 1:5

To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood.

Hebrews 9:28

So Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

Isaiah 1:18-19

“Come now let us reason together,” says the Lord, “though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land.”

Therein lies the problem:

People are not willing to come to Christ in obedience.

John 5:39-40

You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. But you refuse to come to Me that you may have life.

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