



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!! ***"SARAH, HER FAITH, FAMILY & FUTURE!"***

- **Sarah was the wife of ABRAHAM**, and the mother of ISAAC. Sarah's name was originally **Sarai**, but it was changed to **Sarah** by God, much as her husband's name was changed from Abram to Abraham. Ten years younger than Abraham, Sarah was his half-sister; they had the same father but different mothers (Gen 20:12).

Sarah was about 65 years old when she and Abraham left Haran (Gen 12:5; 17:7). Passing through Egypt, Abraham introduced Sarah as his sister, apparently to keep himself from being killed by those who would be attracted by Sarah's beauty (Gen 12:10-20; 20).

In spite of God's promise to Abraham that he would become the father of a chosen nation, Sarah remained barren. When she was 75, she decided that the only way to realize God's promise was to present Abraham her Egyptian maidservant, HAGAR, by whom he could father a child. Hagar bore a son named ISHMAEL (Gen 16).

When Sarah was 90 years old, far beyond her childbearing years, she gave birth to a son, Isaac-the child of promise (Gen 21:1-7). After Isaac was born, Sarah caught Ishmael mocking the young child and, with God's approval, sent both Ishmael and Hagar into the wilderness.

At the age of 127, Sarah died at Kirjath Arba (Hebron) and was buried by Abraham in the cave of Machpelah (Gen 23). Sarah is the only woman in the Bible whose age was recorded at death-a sign of her great importance to the early Hebrews. The prophet Isaiah declared Abraham and Sarah as the father and mother of the Hebrew people: "Look to Abraham your father, and to Sarah who bore you" (Isa 51:2).¹

~ ***Let's look into MAMA SARAH'S FAITH FEATURES FOR LIFE:***

> ***FAITH FEATURE #1 – SARAH'S Faith is FUN!***

- ***SARAH the MIRACLE MOM!*** – Let's discover in Genesis 17:15-19; 18:1-15.

Sarai to Sarah – The original name of Abraham's wife Sarah was ***Sarai*** (*which see*). The Hebrew name of ***Sarah*** is "*princess*" or "*noble lady*"

- God fulfills His promise to Sarah at 90 years old in Genesis 21:1-8 (Isaac means "laughter").

- Paul in Romans 4:19-22 writes, "*And not being weak in faith, he (Abraham) did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb. He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.*"

> ***FAITH FEATURE #2 – SARAH'S faith is FULL OF LOVE!***

- Sarah is **PRAISED** in the New Testament in 1 Peter 3:1-6 for loving example. Sarah **TRUSTED** God, possessed an inward **SPIRITUAL BEAUTY**, and she **LOVED** her husband (let's read the passage).

- ***Sarah's faith is:*** (1) Submissive, (2) of chaste conduct, (3) a good heart, (4) a gentle and quiet spirit, (5) and she trusted in God.

¹ (from Nelson's Bible Dictionary)

- ***A MOTHER'S INSIGHT*** - It's so easy to get bogged down with the grind of daily activities in the home, isn't it? There can be times when you feel you are stuck in the mire with no hope of accomplishing anything. Yes, the practical and physical labor of mothering can be wearying, but it is our attitude toward homemaking and mothering that imprisons or frees us.

It is how we value our task as a mother that determines whether we will be depressed or joyful. I believe it is important for us to get a long-term vision of our divine calling of parenthood. It is often hard to feel that you are accomplishing very much staying at home - changing diapers, wiping noses, cooking meals and daily training little children. It is important to see beyond the frustrations of your everyday tasks and look ahead.

You are not only training children for today, but for the future. Your influence is powerful and far-reaching. As you diligently teach God's ways to your children, you are establishing principles and guidelines for future generations.

God's ultimate plan is for godly generations. He has commanded each generation to pass on His ways and His laws to the next generation. **Psalm 145:4** says, "***One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts.***"

> ***FAITH FEATURE #3 – SARAH'S Faith is FULL OF HOPE!***

- ***Sarah was a woman and mother of HOPE!*** - Let's look to Hebrews 11:8-19

The writer of the Epistle to the Hebrews also includes Sarah as one of the spiritual heroines in his roll call of the faithful (**Heb 11:11** - *By faith Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised.*)

A MOTHER'S DAY POEM

***There's no love like a mother's,
Her heart is filled with care.
With Christ as her example,
Her Savior's love she'll share.***

***A mother's love is endless,
Not changing for all time.
When needed by her children,
A mother's love will shine.***

***God bless these special mothers,
God bless them every one.
For all their tears and heartaches,
And special work they've done.***

***When days on earth are over,
A mother's love lives on,
Through many generations,
God's blessings on each one.***

***Be thankful for our mothers,
Who love with higher love,
From power God has given,
And strength from up above.***