



“Now Sarai was barren; she had no child.” – Gen. 11:30

“The birth of Isaac was unquestionably an outstanding event in Abraham’s life. It was both a crowning achievement and a new beginning. It happened when he was one hundred years old. None of us can therefore say we are too old, or that it was now too late, or that we have already waited too long for God to do new things for us and with us. What we need to learn from Abraham is not to be dismayed by the natural hopelessness of our condition and circumstances but to find sure and unfailing hope in God. In his ability, in his words of promise, in his covenant pledges, in his faithfulness and in his certainty to do as he said.” – Alan Stibbes

“Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart...wait patiently for him.” – Psalm 37:4,7

“But as often in human experience, the source of one’s joy can prove the cause of another’s jealousy.” – Gordon Wenham

“The religion of Ishmael is a religion of what man can do by himself without any special intervention of God. But the religion of Isaac is a

religion of grace, of what God has done and does, a religion of divine initiative and divine intervention, for Isaac was born supernaturally through a divine promise. The Ishmaels of this world trust in themselves that they are righteous, the Isaacs trust only in God through Jesus Christ. The Ishmaels are in bondage, because this is what self-reliance always leads to, the Isaacs enjoy freedom, because it is through faith in Christ that men are set free. So we must seek to be like Isaac, not like Ishmael. We must put our trust in God through Jesus Christ. For only in Christ can we inherit the promises, receive the grace and enjoy the freedom of God.” – John Stott