

## Genesis 18:1-15

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#### A Son Promised to Abraham and Sarah

**18** The LORD appeared to Abraham<sup>[a]</sup> by the oaks<sup>[b]</sup> of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. **2** He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. **3** He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. **4** Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. **5** Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." **6** And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, "Make ready quickly three measures<sup>[c]</sup> of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." **7** Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. **8** Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

**9** They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." **10** Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. **11** Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. **12** So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I be fruitful?" **13** The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?'" **14** Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah

shall have a son." <sup>15</sup> But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh," for she was afraid. He said, "Yes, you did laugh."

## Footnotes

- a. 18.1 Heb *him*
- b. 18.1 Or *terebinths*
- c. 18.6 Heb *seahs*

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