

The Torah Project

Genesis 18

18:1-15 Announcement of **LIFE**
18:16-33 Announcement of **DEATH**

וַיֵּרָא

(*vayeira*)

“And he appeared...”

Genesis 17:1

Now when Abram was ninety-nine years old, Adonai **appeared** to Abram and said to him, “I am El Shaddai; walk before Me, and be blameless.”

Hebrews 13:1-2

Let love of the brethren continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it.

Lessons In Hospitality

- **Don't make it about you. Make it about others.**
- **Your home is not for separation, but for connection.**
- **It is NOT about entertaining!**
- **Guests infuse the home with additional layers of memories and meaning.**
- **NO EXCUSES!**
 - **My home is too tiny.**
 - **I don't know how to cook.**
 - **No one ever invites me to their house. (*boo-hoo!*)**
 - **I'm too unhealthy.**
 - **I can't afford it.**
 - **I don't have the time.**
- **Hospitality is the foundation of ALL ministry.**
- **Be a child of Abraham!**

1 Peter 4:9

Be hospitable to one another without complaint.

A Tale of Two Laughs

ABRAHAM	SARAH
<i>“Threw himself on his face and laughed...”</i>	<i>“...laughed <u>within</u> herself...”</i>
Q1: <i>“Shall a child be born to a 100-year-old man?”</i>	Q1: <i>“After I have become worn out, shall I again have pleasure?”</i>
Q2: <i>“And shall Sarah – a 90-year-old woman – give birth?”</i>	Q2: <i>“And my husband is old?”</i>
<u>DELIGHT</u> in the outcome	<u>DOUBT</u> in the process

Romans 4:18-21

In hope against hope he believed, in order that he might become a father of many nations, according to that which had been spoken, “So shall your descendants be.” And without becoming weak in faith he contemplated his own body, now as good as dead since he was about a hundred years old, and the deadness of Sarah's womb; yet, with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief, but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully assured that what He had promised, He was able also to perform.

Genesis 18:15

Sarah **denied** *it* however, saying, “I did not laugh”; for she was afraid. And He said, “No, but you did laugh.”

כחש

(ca-chash)

Leviticus 6:2-3

“When a person sins and acts unfaithfully against Adonai, and **deceives** his ... or has found what was lost **and lied** about it and sworn falsely ...

1 Corinthians 8:2-3

If anyone supposes that he knows anything, he has not yet known as he ought to know; but if anyone loves God, he is known by Him.

Matthew 7:23

“And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE TORAHLESSNESS.’”

(Psalm 6:8)

Exodus 20:6

...but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

John 14:15

“If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.”

עפר ואפר

“**dust and ashes**”

□ אפר = "Ephraim" = "fruitful"