

## **The Barren womb of Sarah. Why?**

This morning as I lay in bed and talked with the Lord He brought this powerful truth to my mind. I was thinking of the enmity that Christ placed in man against sin by grace; about how without that Adam and Eve would both have fled from God and allied totally with Satan. But even in that fall there was a light shed in them which quickened their conscience so that guilt lay hold on them and they answered God's call, albeit in fear and confusion. They were able to stand and talk with the One whose presence should have been a consuming fire to them. I was thinking and talking with my Father above about how thankful I was for this life from His Son with which He has enabled all mankind to see His goodness if they only will. And then a question came to mind. Why were a large number of the women of faith in the Bible innately barren?

The fact that Sarah's womb was barren was no accident. She tried to add her works to subvert that deadness but God would not acknowledge that as His work. It was so barren that she lived with that dead womb into the infertile stage of womanhood. In other words, she became "doubly barren" if that were possible. It was an illustration of deadness from birth, having a womb that was never fertile and deadness also from death of the organ through age. God wanted to leave no doubt of the illustration He was about to teach. She was barren from her youth, as was Rachel, Hannah, the mother of Samson and Elizabeth. Why were these women of faith afflicted with dead wombs? In order that God could leave no doubt concerning a lesson of salvation by grace through faith. And look at the offspring of these dead wombs, brought to life by the grace of God: Isaac, Joseph, Samuel, Samson and John the Baptist. Wow!

These men became pillars of faith by the grace of God. Yes, even wayward Samson, brought by God to see his real condition (wretched, miserable, blind, poor, and a chained bondman of the mill), reached out in a faith that reached over a life of selfish sin, to believe in a God who has a heart to forgive, restore, bind up wounds and bring the erring to victory in one instant of triumphant belief. Selfish Samson lost sight of his own wants and was swallowed up in the zeal to bring vengeance to His Father's name. "*The zeal of my Father's house hath eaten me up.*" It was the life of Jesus that broke forth from these men when they finally realized the deadness of their own spiritual wombs. "*And knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked.*"

Oh that we would come to this knowledge as they did and realize how totally indebted we are to the Life from above. No wonder Jesus says that they which try to enter into the sheep fold by any other means than the door are thieves and robbers. John 10:1

When we realize how even the free will choice we have made to serve God has come by means of His grace... saving grace enlightening us, shed on all men... how different will be our experience. How little we will value our own wisdom over His, and how life giving will appear the counsels from His Spirit which now bring offence and unbelief to the self-sufficient heart. How foolish then will appear our lofty intellectual reasons for subverting His simple commands. God help me to realize that the Life I need comes only through Christ alone...and that life is in His word of counsel which mankind has always sought to add his foot note works too. "I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried with fire." Faith! His faith, in what He has laid before us. On this we will stand or fall. May God help us!

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