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DISENCHANTMENT WITH THE WILL OF GOD

Abraham and Sarah's disenchantment wasn't with the truth of the word of God, but with trust in the Directive Will of God.

There are three categories of the will of God that are important to the believer's life.

- **Directive Will** is the specific Will revealed by Word of God (Categorical Bible Doctrine) (CBD).
- **Permissive Will** is what God permits of the volition of believer to decide against the Directive Will.
- **Over-ruling Will** is God intervening in Permissive Will at a point where it places the Directive Will in jeopardy in Plan of God. **For example**, God intervened three times with Abraham and Sarah: Pharaoh (Gen.12) and Hagar (Gen.16) and Abimelech (Gen.20).

Abraham and Sarah's disenchantment with the Will of God involved trust in God to fulfill His Directive Will concerning the promised child of the Abraham covenant (Gen.12:1-3).

<p style="text-align: center;">Three aspects of Abraham and Sarah's Disenchantment with the Will of God regarding His Directive Will of her bearing the Promised Child.</p>
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1. **During the study of the Suffering of Job, we learned a doctrinal principle that can be applied to this lesson:**

“False assumptions lead to false expectations which lead to false interpretations which lead to false applications.”

Another principle would be to **“Keep the main thing, the main thing!”**

In our study, **the main thing** is the Directive Will of God regarding the Promised Child of The Abrahamic Covenant (Gal.3:16).

The Main Thing is restated in **Gen.17:21** – “But My covenant I will establish with Isaac, who Sarah will bear at this season next year.”

Is this crystal clear to you? It wasn't to Abraham and Sarah for she was sexually dead! (Gen.17:17-19; 18:11-15). It was laughable to them – a Big (Bad) Joke!

2. **The idea of the application of the Directive Will of God seemed to be a big joke. Why are you laughing, Sarah, at the idea of God fulfilling His Directive Will of His promise? Abraham, “what were you thinking”?**

The Directive Will can be a joking matter because of old man cosmos diabolicus (OMCD) worldly thinking.

False assumptions:

- God will fulfill the Promise of a child based on human terms of pregnancy. Right?
 - But then, **“What does the Directive Will of God say?” (Gen.17:21)**
 - **Keep the main thing, the main thing.**

False expectations:

- God will fulfill His promise on basis of biology and the age of the parents. Right?
 - But then, **“What does the Directive Will of God say?” (Gen.17:21)**
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False interpretations:

- Since God can't fulfill His promise on basis of biology and age of sexually dead parents, the Directive Will is no longer operational. Right?
 - But then, **“What does the Directive Will of God say?” (Gen.17:21)**
 - **Keep the main thing, the main thing.**

False applications:

- Therefore since it is impossible for us to have a baby, we might as well use Hagar as a surrogate wife and mother. Right?
 - But then, **“What does the Directive Will of God say?” (Gen.17:21)**
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It was a terrible idea for so many reasons. For one reason, it involved adultery and sin. Hagar will NEVER be an acceptable substitute for the Directive Will of God.

Besides, it was (is) NOT impossible for God? Right?

God created a woman out of a man (Gen.2:21-22). (Luke 1:37) “For nothing is impossible with God.”

- **Keep the main thing, the main thing.**

Footnote: It is interesting that all the patriarch's wives of messianic seed went through the same barren test (Gen.16:1; 25:21; and 29:31).

- **(2 Cor.5:7) “For we walk by faith, not by sight.”**

3. Because of their disenchantment with the Will of God, Sarah's barren test will become the Hagar test.

Once the promise of a child was given as the Directive Will, Sarah being labeled “barren” is actually an inappropriate spiritual labeling of her true condition in the Plan of God.

The inappropriate labeling fed into the false assumption cycle. It put the focus upon Sarah (human works) for fulfillment rather than upon God (omnipotent grace). This resulted in Sarah's OMCD (worldly) thinking rather than NMDV (new man divine viewpoint) thinking.

This resulted in role reversal in the Plan of God. This will require transformational renewing of the mind (Rom.12:2; Eph.4:22-24).

NMDV thinking: “I'm not barren in the Will of God. I'm fertile enough to have a baby because God is able (Rom.4:21). It will happen in God's perfect timing (Gal.4:4).”

(Gen.17:21) “But My covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah will bear you at this season next year.”

- (Gen.21:1) “Then the Lord took note of Sarah as He had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as He had promised.” (Rom.4:21)
- (Gen.21:2) “So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the appointed time of which God has spoken to him.”

- **Keep the main thing, the main thing.**