

God Will Make You Laugh

Introduction:

1. God is not a comedian, but the Bible teaches that He makes people laugh.
2. Three times in the story of Abraham and Sarah the Bible states that they laughed.
3. By studying their example, we learn how man reacts to God with laughter...

I. The Laugh of Unbelief (Genesis 18:12)

- A. When God told Sarah that she would have a child in her old age, she laughed out of unbelief.
- B. A lack of faith causes many to laugh at the Word of God.
 1. Moses (Numbers 11:18-23)
 2. The Pharisees (Matthew 3:9)
 3. The People (Matthew 9:23-25)
 4. Peter (Matthew 14:29-31)
- C. Many still laugh a God because of their unbelief.
 1. Essentiality of baptism for salvation (Acts 2:38; 22:16; etc.)
 2. There is only one church (Eph. 4:4; 1:22-23; etc.)
 3. Simplicity of New Testament worship (John 4:24)
- D. God will laugh at those who stand opposed to Him (Psa. 2:4).

II. The Laugh of Astonishment (Genesis 17:17)

- A. When Abraham was told the same news, he also laughed – but his laughter was out of astonishment at God’s power and plan.
- B. Knowledge of God’s wisdom and power causes many to laugh.
 1. Elizabeth (Luke 1:41-42)
 2. Mary (Luke 1:46-55)
 3. Zacharias (Luke 1:64ff)
 4. Shepherds (Luke 2:20)
 5. Simeon (Luke 2:25-32)
 6. Anna (Luke 2:36-38)
 7. Paul (Romans 11:33-36)
- C. May we also thrill at the majesty of God’s Scheme of Redemption!

III. The Laugh of Joy (Genesis 21:6)

- A. When Isaac was born to Abraham and Sarah, she laughed out of joy over God’s fulfillment of His promise.
- B. The name “Isaac” means “laughter.”
- C. Many are caused to laugh when God keeps His word.
 1. The Samaritans (Acts 8:8)
 2. Ethiopian nobleman (Acts 8:39)
 3. The Christian (Matthew 13:44)
- D. We still laugh with Sarah over the birth of Isaac for it brought about the birth of Jesus.

Conclusion: *May our laughter always be with God and never at Him.*