

## Lessons from the miraculous birth of Isaac

*“Now Abraham was one hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him.” (Gen 21:5)*

Gleaning from the historic account of Isaac’s birth, there are many important lessons we should learn, in particular five significant ones.

*“He who is slow to wrath has great understanding but he who is impulsive exalts folly.” Prov 14:29*

First, God is in no hurry to work out His plans: For haste exalts folly. He is never too late; He is always on time. Man frets and worries and is always in a hurry to work out his plans. God waited 25 years for the man, Abraham to be fully ready to birth forth His holy agenda.

*“God said to him: “I am God Almighty. Be fruitful and multiply: a nation and a company of nations shall proceed from you, and kings shall come from your body.” Gen 35:11*

Second, God is almighty. Nothing can hinder or thwart the outworkings of God’s purpose (Jer 32:17). Abraham was extremely old and Sarah was completely barren, but these obstacles presented no difficulty to God (Jer 32:27).

*“Therefore know that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations...” (Deut 7:9)*

Third, God is faithful. He promised Sarah a son. From the standpoint of human reasoning, it seemed like a foolish promise pertaining to her old age. However, the promise of God was sure because He is always faithful in keeping His promise (Ps 89:33-34).

*“the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire...” (1 Pet 1:7)*

Fourth, faith is tested so it might be proven to be genuine (James 1:2-4). A faith that cannot endure trial is really no faith at all (Heb 10:32-39).

*“To everything there is a season, a time to every purpose under the heaven: a time to be born...” (Ecc 3:1,2)*

Fifth, God has a set time for everything. It is important that we learn this lesson well. God has an appointed time to accomplish His will. Nothing is left to chance (Gal 4:4,5). In the fullness of His predestined counsel of His good will, Isaac was born into this earth.