

Women of the Bible – Sarai (my princess)/Sarah (Princess)

1. What do we see in Sarai's personality?
 - a. **Barren (Genesis 11:30)**
 - b. **Beautiful even at an old age (Genesis 12:11-20; Genesis 20:2-12)**
 - c. **Considered God faithful who had promised her a child (Hebrews 11:11)**
 - d. **Wanted children very badly (Genesis 16)**
 - e. **Tried to fulfill God's promise in her own way using her own understanding rather than faith in God (Genesis 16 –the story of Hagar and Ismael)**
 - f. **Did not believe the Lord's words to Abraham when He told Abraham that he would have a child by Sarah; she laughed (Genesis 18:9-15)**
2. Why did God protect her when Abraham gave her to Pharaoh and Abimelech? (Genesis 12:11-20, Genesis 20:2-12)
God had plans that involved Sarah and He wanted no doubts as to whose child she was bearing; God Himself was going to open her womb for the miracle child of her old age
3. Against whom was Abimelech sinning if he took Sarah as his wife? (Genesis 20:6) **Against God Himself**
4. What does this possibly tell us about faithless marriages that produce children?
 - a. **Those couples are sinning against God's plans for them**
 - b. **God may bless the child, but there will probably be problems**
5. How did Hagar treat Sarah after the child Ismael was conceived?
 - a. **Hagar despised Sarah – had contempt for her (Genesis 16:4)**
 - b. **Hagar would not submit to Sarah's authority (Genesis 16:9)**
6. What did Sarah do to Hagar and Ismael after Isaac was born? (Genesis 21:9-13) **Sarah drove them away**
7. Why did she do this?
 - a. **Sarah saw Ismael mocking Isaac**
 - b. **Sarah did not want Ismael to be an heir with Isaac (this was God's plan and she knew it – Genesis 21:12)**