

Mat 13:33 He told them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour* till it was all leavened."

*NIV - accurately says sixty pounds of flour

The Lord visited Abraham

Gen 18:6 And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick! Three seahs [kjb measures] of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes."

Gen 18 a Monumental Day for 2 reasons

- 1) The timing of the birth of Abraham's promised son was finally revealed
- 2) The Lord came down to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah

GENESIS 12 - ABRAHAM AGE 75

"I will make of you a great nation"

*"...and in you all the families of the earth
shall be blessed."*

GENESIS 15 STILL NO CHILD...

"Look toward heaven, and number the stars"

"So shall your offspring be."

He believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

GENESIS 16 - ABRAHAM AGE 86

*Sarah pushes Abraham to Hagar
(Ishmael born through human effort)*

GENESIS 17 - ABRAHAM AGE 99

*Sarah will have a child - "she shall become nations"
(she had been barren to this point (she is 89 yrs old) -*

"Let it be Ishmael"

No Sarah will bear you a son and call him Isaac

BACK TO GENESIS 18

*"I will surely return to you about this time next year,
and Sarah your wife shall have a son."*

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Gen 18:17-18 ESV The LORD said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, 18 seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?

*A Monumental Day A Monumental Day for another reason
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*Gen 18:23-24 ESV Then Abraham drew near and said,
"Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?
24 Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will
you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty
righteous who are in it?"*

Gal 3:16 ESV Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, "And to offsprings," referring to many, but referring to one, "And to your offspring," who is Christ.

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Rom 4:21 fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. 22 That is why his faith was "counted to him as righteousness." 23 *But the words "it was counted to him" were not written for his sake alone,* 24 but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, 25 who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

Gal 3:29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

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2Co 5:17-21 ESV Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, **he is a new creation**. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 18 All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. 20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 21 For our sake **he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.**