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## **“New View”**

### **Abraham (Part 10)**

*“And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear.” (Isaiah 11:2-3)*

### **Looking at People through God’s Eyes**

**Genesis 17:15-17** – (15) “And God said to Abraham, ‘As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name.’ (16) I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.’ (17) Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed and said to himself, ‘Shall a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?’”

“When [Jesus] saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.”  
(Matthew 9:36)

“From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer.” (2 Corinthians 5:16)

### **Relinquishing My Plans for God’s Purposes**

**Genesis 17:18-22** – (18) “And Abraham said to God, ‘Oh that Ishmael might live before you!’ (19) God said, ‘No, but Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him. (20) As for Ishmael, I have heard you; behold, I have blessed him and will make him fruitful and multiply him greatly. He shall father twelve princes, and I will make him into a great nation. (21) But I will establish my covenant with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this time next year.’ (22) When he had finished talking with him, God went up from Abraham.”

**“And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, ‘Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean.’ But Naaman was angry and went away, saying, ‘Behold, I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call upon the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper. Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?’ So he turned and went away in a rage.” (2 Kings 5:10-12)**

**“Thus Joseph, who was also called by the apostles Barnabas (which means son of encouragement), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet. But a man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property,” (Acts 4:36-37, 5:1)**

**“Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the LORD that will stand.” (Proverbs 19:21)**

<b>The Wise Choose to Review their Views in Light of God</b>
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**Questions to Ponder:**

- (1) Am I malleable enough for God to alter my assumptions, opinions and expectations?**
- (2) Who directs my life, me or God?**
- (3) Have I been guilty of type-casting or stereotyping people?**
- (4) Have I been guilty of holding too tight to my plans?**