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Old Testament 1

Law/Gospel

I sin by doubting God's Word and promises, thinking He cannot do what He says. **As God's child, I have nothing to fear because God is faithful and His Word is true. He has kept His promise to send His Son, Jesus, to be my Savior, and through Him, He gives me the joy of His salvation.**

Bible Words

Is anything too hard for the LORD?

Genesis 18:14

Fun Fact

After leaving Abraham and Sarah, the two angels went to Sodom, where they rescued Abraham's nephew Lot and his family before God destroyed that city with fire.

Connections

In the New Testament, scholars translate the Greek word *Kyrios* as "Lord." From this Greek word we take the title of the Kyrie, a portion of the liturgy in which we say or sing, "Lord, have mercy upon us."

Abraham's Visitors from Heaven

Genesis 18:1–15; 21:1–7

Three visitors suddenly appeared to Abraham as he sat at his tent door in the heat of the day. The Bible identifies one visitor as "the LORD" (Yahweh) and the other two as angels (18:1; 19:1).

The visitors came to affirm God's earlier promise to give Abraham and Sarah a son. The day of the earlier promise, ninety-nine-year-old Abram laughed at the prospect of his eighty-nine-year-old wife giving birth. This day, it was Sarah's turn to laugh. The Lord reaffirmed His promise, even though Abraham and Sarah thought their age ruled them out.

Because of these reactions, the Lord told the couple to name their baby Isaac, which means "laughter." They did so when their son was born the next year, a true miracle baby of people past their childbearing years.

"The LORD" in Flesh

In Scripture, the words "the Lord" refer to God. Because Hebrew and Greek use several different words to refer to "God," Bible translators use different English words as well. God's name Yahweh (or YHWH), is shown as "the LORD" with small capitals instead of lowercase letters.

In God's Old Testament appearances to His people, the writers use the words "the LORD" to identify God appearing as a human. This foreshadows the time when God sent His Son to earth, not just looking like a man, but born as a true man to live among His people.

In addition, context around the phrase "the angel of the LORD" sometimes refers to God Himself (e.g., Genesis 16:7–11; Genesis 22:11–12). Some Bible scholars believe that "the angel of the LORD" appearances were actually the Logos, the Word—Jesus Christ—appearing to God's people in His godly state before He took on flesh as a baby in the womb of Mary.

Prayer

Christ our Lord, thank You for taking on flesh and becoming human. Thank You for paying for our sins by dying on the cross and giving new life by rising from the dead. Keep us in this new life You give and help us follow You every day. In Your name we pray. Amen.

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