

# Sarah: Out of Sight

Genesis 23

I. Sarah Lived, 1

# 127 years – long time?

Gn.47:...9

- **Few** – Jacob lived 17 more years...
- **Evil** – sad, hard, difficult, unpleasant
- **Pilgrimage** – living as alien
  - Lk.24:18, *stranger, visitor*.
  - Hb.11:9, *sojourned* (temporary).
- **Fathers** – Abraham; Isaac...

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So what? What to learn?

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– Years in life vs life in years

– Jesus. Ac.10:38

– Stephen. Ac.7

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– 1 Kings 20:40

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2. Make most of every opportunity.
3. Make important things important.
  - Ec.2
  - Lk.10

I. Sarah Lived, 1

II. Sarah Died, 2

# Her reward is Abraham's regret

- Lk.16

- Send Lazarus back?

- Leave Paradise for earthly status?

- Abraham's bosom

- Tables have turned



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II. Sarah Died, 2

III. Abraham Mourned, 2

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- Ec.7:2
- What did Abraham see?

1. Helpless in face of death, 2.

Love could not prevent her death, 2

Money could not save her, 3-16

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**Foreigner: alien, stranger, sojourner**

**Visitor: temporary resident, guest**

– 1 Pt.2:11

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  3. **Unable to bring her back, 4, 8.**

**Even if we prolong life, we still die.**

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III. Abraham Mourned, 2

IV. Abraham Moved On

Gn.24: Isaac's marriage

Gn.25: Abraham's remarriage

- ❑ 2 Sm.12, David
- ❑ More than going on with life: faith in God's promises
  - ❑ Death would not annul promises
    - ❑ Gn.12:7; 17:7 (Ac.7:5)
    - ❑ Hb.11:13-16

Death brings heaven into sharper focus.  
Death actually enables our promises.

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TIME	TALENTS
TRUTH	TRUSTS

- Mt.16:26; 25:14... Ep.5

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Ph.3:13



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  - 3) Do not wait to do good.  
Hb.13:16. Ja.4:17.

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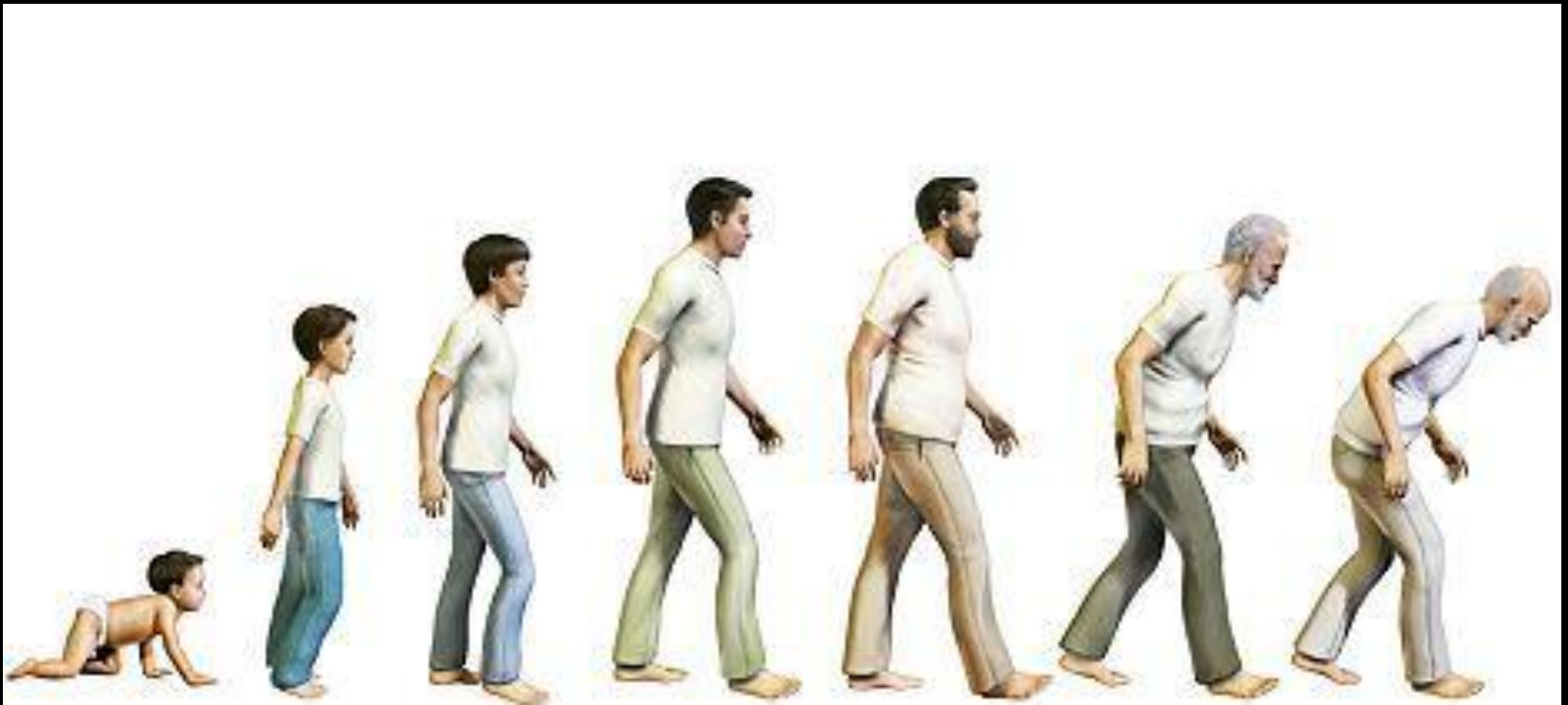
**2. Everybody wants to go to heaven,  
but nobody wants to die.**

• Hb.9:27

'All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players: they have their exits and their entrances; and one man in his time plays many parts, his acts being seven ages'  
– Shakespeare

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4. **Future Judgment based on earthly life.**

- 2 Co.5:10

1. **Setting:** we must all appear
2. **Singular:** each one...he has done
3. **Sentence:** receive things done in body...good or bad