

Summary of 16-17

- Sarai gave Hagar as a wife
- Hagar ran away pregnant after mistreatment
 - Hagar sees God (The Angel of the Lord)
- God appears to Abram at 99 and changes his name to Abraham
 - Sarai was changed to Sarah
- Isaac was promised, and Abraham laughed.
- The covenant with Abraham, the sign of circumcision
 - Abe 99, Ishmael 13years old, circumcised.

Genesis 18

18:1 And the LORD appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. ² He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth ³ and said, “O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant.

- appeared – Abraham recognized the LORD who appeared to him in the last chapter and 24 years earlier: [Genesis 17:1](#); [Acts 6:31](#)
- This was within three months of the appearance in [chapter 17](#)
- he ran – He is 99, but he understood who was there!
- O Lord, – He recognizes the Lord from the other encounters.
- oaks of Mamre – Hebron, where Jacob would dwell. Where David would be made king.
 - **[Map]**



⁴ Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, ⁵ while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” ⁶ And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, “Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.”

- make cakes – **NIRV**: So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. “Quick!” he said. “Get about **36 pounds** of the finest flour. Prepare it and bake some bread.”
 - Three seahs¹– 36 lbs!

⁷ And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. ⁸ Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

¹ <https://www.biblegateway.com/resources/encyclopedia-of-the-bible/Weights-Measures>



- “The sense is that Abraham and Sarah themselves did this work, instead of commanding servants to do it for them.” – Guzik²

⁹ They said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?” And he said, “She is in the tent.” ¹⁰ The Lord said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. ¹¹ Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. ¹² So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?”

- Where is Sarah? The Lord renamed her Sarah in the last chapter ([17:15](#))
 - This would have attracted Sarah, the eavesdropper, right away! Hearing her name.
- Notice: The LORD restates the promise to Abraham. Repetition is something we sheep need.
 - How many times are to read the Word?
 - Over & over.
- Laughed– Same word used for Abraham in [chapter 17](#)
 - Strong's #6711 – [קחץ; Tsâchaq; tsaw-khak'](#)
 - laugh, mock, play, make sport.

¹³ The Lord said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’” ¹⁴ Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, **and Sarah shall have a son.**” ¹⁵ But Sarah denied it, saying, “I did not laugh,” for she was afraid. He said, “No, but you did laugh.”

- **Notice:** The Lord addressed Abraham, not Sarah.
 - As the head of his household, he was responsible for her words and actions.
- Then Sarah compounds the situation with a lie, “I did not laugh.”
 - **Notice:** The LORD operates in total truth
 - Just like the woman at the well in [John 4:16-18](#) – ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “**Go, call your husband, and come here.**” ¹⁷ The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “**You are right in saying, ‘I have no**

² https://www.blueletterbible.org/comm/guzik_david/study-guide/genesis/genesis-18.cfm?a=1800



husband'; ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true."

- ¹³ ...for she was afraid – If we are not careful/prayerful fear can cause us to operate from our fallen/ sinful nature, which is regarded as dead, but willing to come back to life at a moment's notice.
 - Look at Adam and Eve after they sinned.
 - They hid from God because they were afraid.
 - Fear is not something we have to accept or live with
 - If we operate/ abide in the truth we will not have fear.
 - No fear over health issues
 - No fear over financial issues
 - No fear over political issues
 - No fear over the future
 - Make a list, write your fears, and leave space at the top, and write "Jesus is Lord over."
- Selah Story- Trusted parents. We trust **God, who can not fail!**
- No, but you did laugh – Calling it in truth. We operate in truth when we call things the way God sees them.
- NT~ [Hebrews 11:11](#) – ¹¹ By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised.
- NT~ [Romans 4:19-21](#) – ¹⁹ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰ No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹ fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

¹⁶ Then the men set out from there, and they looked down toward Sodom. And Abraham went with them to set them on their way. ¹⁷ 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?"

- The men – Not ordinary men. They are also called "Angels." [Gen 19:1,15](#)



- The LORD asks so Abraham can hear.
 - Have you ever had someone talk about you while you were right there?
 - This is to reaffirm the covenant with Abraham.

¹⁹ For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice, so that the LORD may bring to Abraham what he has promised him.” ²⁰ Then the LORD said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, ²¹ I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know.”

Abraham Intercedes for Sodom

²² So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. ²³ 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? ²⁵ Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?” ²⁶ And the LORD said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake.”

²⁷ Abraham answered and said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸ Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And he said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.” ²⁹ Again he spoke to him and said, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.” ³⁰ Then he said, “Oh let not the LORD be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found



there.” He answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.” ³¹ He said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.” ³² Then he said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.” ³³ And the **LORD** went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

- **From** Dr. Constable’s notes:³ “This chapter shows how Abraham’s relationship with God develops in a typical way for those who are connected to Him.”
 - 1. God revealed Himself to Abraham ([Genesis 18:1](#)).
 - 2. Abraham welcomed God’s revelation ([Genesis 18:2-3](#)).
 - 3. Fellowship resulted ([Genesis 18:4-8](#)). They ate together.
 - 4. This fellowship led to further revelation and greater understanding of God’s will ([Genesis 18:9-22](#)).
 - 5. Having learned of God’s purpose to judge the sinners, Abraham’s response was to intercede for those under God’s judgment ([Genesis 18:23-33](#)).
 - "It is extremely difficult, if not impossible, to pray effectively for lost souls if one is not convinced that lostness will ultimately result in literal, eternal punishment."

The LORD bless you and keep you;

the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

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³ Constable, Thomas. DD. "Commentary on Genesis 18". "Dr. Constable's Expository Notes". <https://www.studydrive.org/commentaries/eng/dcc/genesis-18.html>. 2012.