

When God Comes to Visit

Genesis 18:1-15

Context: In Genesis 17, God speaks to Abraham and establishes the covenant of circumcision and reinforces the promise of a child named Isaac. In Genesis 18:1-15, Abraham now receives mysterious visitors at Mamre, where God reaffirms His promise of a son despite Sarah's age and doubt.

When God comes to visit...

I. _____ Hospitality (vs. 1-8)

- A. Abraham extends amazing hospitality to the mysterious visitors, washing their feet, giving them bread and water, and providing them with a good home cooked meal.
- B. We would do well to devote our energies and time to extend hospitality to the Lord and to each other. Sadly, many Christians today have completely lost the Biblical mandate and example of hospitality.

II. _____ Harmony (vs. 9-10)

- A. The Lord came to Abrahams house and had a meal and a conversation with him about his coming child.
- B. Through the Gospel, God has come to us and brought us close to himself. Because God pursues and adopts the sinner, we can enjoy our communion with him.

III. _____ Hopelessness (vs. 11-15)

- A. Abraham and Sarah were still wrestling with doubts and thoughts of hopelessness as they reflected on their old age. Even when the Lord told them they would have a child, Sarah laughed. But is anything too hard for the Lord?
- B. Our God is God Almighty, able to do more than we could ever think or imagine. With God, all things are possible.