

"There are different kinds of laughter, and this is where the difficulty comes in. If all laughter were innocent and light-hearted, its contagious nature would invariably be good. But it is not. Some laughter is scornful and derisory. Some is arrogant. Other laughter is the flag of unbelief." – James Boice

"Theologians have a specialized word to describe the instances when God appears to human beings. A visible manifestation of God within the Old Testament is called a theophany...Human appearances of God have a special weight. Even though in the Old Testament such appearances are temporary, they anticipate the permanent coming of God in permanent human form, in the incarnation of Christ." – Vern Poythress

"The Lord is not distant but loves to be near his people. He is the sociable God...the Lord who draws near. Genesis 18 shows us what is so very typical of the Lord-how he comes near to offer the friendship of the Lord." – Dale Ralph Davis

"Three "seahs of fine flour" is a large amount, which will yield much more bread than the three visitors can possibly eat. He provides curds and milk (side dishes to bring out the taste of the meat and to diminish their thirst), together with the meat of a tender and choice calf." – Victor Hamilton

"While one may be justified in seeing lessons in the first part about hospitality, it can scarcely have been for the sake of inculcating hospitality to strangers that the text reports the events in the first section. Rather, the visitation is a prelude to the annunciation, and so the purpose of the whole narrative is greater than a portrayal of a gracious host." – Allen Ross

"Unbelief is not a misfortune to be pitied; it is a sin to be deplored. Its sinfulness lies in the fact that it contradicts the word of the one true God and thus attributes falsehood to him." – John Stott

"Is anything too hard for the Lord?' This is one of the great rhetorical questions of the Bible. It deserves a personal response from everyone who hears it. Is there any problem in your life, any difficulty you face, too hard for God? Can you imagine a circumstance God cannot control?" – James Boice

"And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give an account." – Hebrews 4:13

"Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy." – Proverbs 28:13