



By Faith

Genesis 12-25

Genesis 18:1-8

The LORD appeared to Abraham at the oaks of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance of his tent during the heat of the day. ² He looked up, and he saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, he bowed to the ground, ³ and said, “My lord, if I have found favor with you, please do not go on past your servant. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, that you may wash your feet and rest yourselves under the tree...

⁵ I will bring a bit of bread so that you may strengthen yourselves. This is why you have passed your servant's way. Later, you can continue on."

"Yes," they replied, "do as you have said."

⁶ So Abraham hurried into the tent and said to Sarah, "Quick! Knead three measures of fine flour and make bread." ⁷ Abraham ran to the herd and got a tender, choice calf. He gave it to a young man, who hurried to prepare it. ⁸ Then Abraham took curds and milk, as well as the calf that he had prepared, and set them before the men. He served them as they ate under the tree.

Psalm 13:1

How long, LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?

Main Idea

In Genesis 18:1-15 we'll see the loving, abiding friendship of God toward His people, as He draws near to them in fellowship, and makes clear His truth and promises to them so they can continue to hold fast to His Word and serve Him faithfully.

Hebrews 13:1-2

Let brotherly love continue. ² Don't neglect to show hospitality, for by doing this some have welcomed angels as guests without knowing it.

Matthew 25:35-40

“ ‘For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink; I was a stranger and you took me in; ³⁶ I was naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you took care of me; I was in prison and you visited me.’

³⁷ “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and take you in, or without clothes and clothe you?...

39 When did we see you sick, or in prison, and visit you?’

40 “And the King will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

Isaiah 41:8

But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, descendant of Abraham, my friend—

James 2:23

the Scripture was fulfilled that says, **Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness,** and he was called God's friend.

Genesis 18:18-19

Abraham is to become a great and powerful nation, and all the nations of the earth will be blessed through him. ¹⁹ For I have chosen him so that he will command his children and his house after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing what is right and just. This is how the Lord will fulfill to Abraham what he promised him.”

God is coming to eat with Abraham as a sign that they are at peace, in union, and that God is about to bless him.

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John 15:13-15

No one has greater love than this: to lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ I do not call you servants anymore, because a servant doesn't know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have heard from my Father.

Revelation 3:20

See! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.

Genesis 18:9-15

“Where is your wife Sarah?” they asked him.

“There, in the tent,” he answered.

¹⁰ The LORD said, “I will certainly come back to you in about a year’s time, and your wife Sarah will have a son!” Now Sarah was listening at the entrance of the tent behind him.

¹¹ Abraham and Sarah were old and getting on in years. Sarah had passed the age of childbearing.

¹² So she laughed to herself: “After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I have delight?” ...

¹³ But the LORD asked Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh, saying, ‘Can I really have a baby when I’m old?’ ¹⁴ Is anything impossible for the LORD? At the appointed time I will come back to you, and in about a year she will have a son.”

¹⁵ Sarah denied it. “I did not laugh,” she said, because she was afraid.

But he replied, “No, you did laugh.”

Genesis 21:6

Sarah said, “God has made me laugh, and everyone who hears will laugh with me.”

Romans 8:31

What, then, are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

Philippians 4:13

I am able to do all things through him who strengthens me.

Mark 10:26-27

²⁶ They were even more astonished, saying to one another, “Then who can be saved?”

²⁷ Looking at them, Jesus said, “With man it is impossible, but not with God, because all things are possible with God.”