

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

Called & Chosen: Abraham - Genesis 18:1-33 - "Abraham's Interactions With Special Visitors"

1. Is there anything specific from this message that the Lord has impressed upon your heart?
If so, what is it & how do you feel the Lord calling you to respond?
2. Have you ever experienced sacrificial hospitality/service from a person or organization?
What about their hospitality stood out to you as particularly "sacrificial" or above and beyond what you'd have expected?
Have you ever had the opportunity to provide sacrificial hospitality/service to somebody else?
In light of the opening verses of Gen. 18 - have you ever considered how your hospitality/service to others glorifies the Lord?
Do you feel compelled, in light of the love & sacrifice of Jesus to go out of your way to sacrificially serve others?
3. Read Genesis 18:10-14.
How does the Lord's creation of this child (Isaac) reveal His power and, ultimately, His grace & mercy to the whole world?
As you consider His words directed to Sarah at the beginning of verse 14, how do they apply to you in your life?
What other passages can you think of that reveal the reality that nothing is too difficult/impossible for God?
How does this encourage you in life of any challenges you might face in your life?
4. Read Genesis 18:19.
As the LORD reveals His choosing of Abraham, what does He say is the reason?
Does this responsibility fall to any of us as those chosen by God to be ambassadors of Christ?
What does "command our children/household after us to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness & justice" mean?
How do we do this, practically in our own lives?
Does the New Covenant in any way change this expectation of God's people?
5. Consider Abraham's interaction with the LORD in the latter portion of Genesis 18.
How does his understanding of the character of the LORD clearly impact how he approaches Him?
What specific attributes of the LORD are evident in Abraham's words in this interaction?
How does the Lord's response to Abraham in this interaction reveal His great love and compassion?
6. Below are the "Today's Takeaways" from the sermon. Do any of these particularly encourage, convict, challenge, you, & if so, how?
 1. *God's people sacrificially serve Him & others!*
 2. *Nothing is too hard for the LORD; trust Him!*
 3. *God responds to sin patiently & justly!*
 4. *We're to teach our kids the way of the LORD!*
 5. *We approach God according to who He is!*