



SERMON NOTES

May 12, 2013

Scripture: Genesis 18:1-8 (NAS)

Topic: "Hospitality and Friendship"

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- 1 Now the LORD appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, while he was sitting at the tent door in the heat of the day.
- 2 When he lifted up his eyes and looked, behold, three men were standing opposite him; and when he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth, and said, "My Lord, if now I have found favor in Your sight, please do not pass Your servant by.
- 3 "Please let a little water be brought and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree; and I will bring a piece of bread, that you may refresh yourselves; after that you may go on, since you have visited your servant." And they said, "So do, as you have said."
- 4 So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Quickly, prepare three measures of fine flour, knead it and make bread cakes."
- 5 Abraham also ran to the herd, and took a tender and choice calf and gave it to the servant, and he hurried to prepare it.
- 6 He took curds and milk and the calf which he had prepared, and placed it before them; and he was standing by them under the tree as they ate.

1. He ran
2. He greeted
3. He provided for needs – washed feet, provided food
4. He watched to see that they were satisfied

I. ABRAHAM

A. He Was A Friend Of God *II Chronicles 20:7; Isaiah 40:8; James 2:23*

B. He Was An Example Of Hospitality *Hebrews 13:2*

II. FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD

A. Is Not Natural To Man *Ephesians 2:1-3; Romans 3:10-12; Romans 8:7,8*

B. It Begins Through Faith *Ephesians 2:4-8; James 2:3*

C. Involves Time Spent With Him In Prayer And The Word

D. Involves Availability To Serve Him

III. SERVING GOD THROUGH HOSPITALITY

A. Excuses Given For Not Serving

B. Welcoming The Lord In Our Home *Hebrews 13:2; Matthew 25:40*

C. Abraham's Example Of Hospitality