

# **Begin Again!** **If Jesus Came to Your House!**

## **A Study of the Book of Genesis – Part 26** **Genesis 18:1-15 (NKJV)**

### **1. He Rightly Welcomed his Guest!** **Genesis 18:1-3 (NKJV)**

<sup>1</sup> Then the Lord appeared to him by the terebinth trees of Mamre, as he was sitting in the tent door in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup> So he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing by him; and when he saw *them*, he ran from the tent door to meet them, and bowed himself to the ground, <sup>3</sup> and said, "My Lord, if I have now found favor in Your sight, do not pass on by Your servant.

#### **A. He Eagerly Welcomed The Lord to his Home.** **Genesis 18:2 (NKJV)**

<sup>2</sup> So he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing by him; and when he saw *them*, he ran from the tent door to meet them, and bowed himself to the ground,

#### **B. He Earnestly Wanted The Lord in his Home.** **Genesis 18:3 (NKJV)**

<sup>3</sup> and said, "My Lord, if I have now found favor in Your sight, do not pass on by Your servant.

### **2. He Reverently Worshipped his Guest!** **Genesis 18:2 (NKJV)**

<sup>2</sup> So he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing by him; and when he saw *them*, he ran from the tent door to meet them, and bowed himself to the ground,

#### **A. Worship is a Reverence of God.** **Genesis 18:1 (NKJV)**

<sup>1</sup> Then the Lord appeared to him . . .

#### **B. Worship is a Response to God.** **Genesis 18:2 (NKJV)**

<sup>2</sup> . . . he ran from the tent door to meet them, and bowed himself to the ground,

### **R.A. Torrey - "Worship is an adoring contemplation of God."**

### **3. He Respectfully Waited on his Guest!** **Genesis 18:3,5 (NKJV)**

<sup>3</sup> and said, "My Lord, if I have now found favor in Your sight, do not pass on by Your servant. <sup>5</sup> And I will bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh your hearts. After that you may pass by, inasmuch as you have come to your servant." They said, "Do as you have said."

#### **A. He Served Him Personally.** **Genesis 18:4-5 (NKJV)**

<sup>4</sup> Please let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree.

<sup>5</sup> And I will bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh your hearts. After that you may pass by, inasmuch as you have come to your servant." They said, "Do as you have said."

#### **B. He Served Him Passionately.** **Genesis 18:6-7 (NKJV)**

<sup>6</sup> So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quickly, make ready three measures of fine meal; knead *it* and make cakes." <sup>7</sup> And Abraham ran to the herd, took a tender and good calf, gave *it* to a young man, and he hastened to prepare it.

### **C. He Served Him Plentifully.**

**Genesis 18:8 (NKJV)**

<sup>8</sup> So he took butter and milk and the calf which he had prepared, and set *it* before them; and he stood by them under the tree as they ate.

### **4. She Wrongfully Doubted their Guest!**

**Genesis 18:9-15 (NKJV)**

9 Then they said to him, "Where *is* Sarah your wife?" So he said, "Here, in the tent."

10 And He said, "I will certainly return to you according to the time of life, and behold, Sarah your wife shall have a son." (Sarah was listening in the tent door which *was* behind him.)

11 Now Abraham and Sarah were old, well advanced in age; *and* Sarah had passed the age of childbearing. 12 Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, "After I have grown old, shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?" 13 And the Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, saying, 'Shall I surely bear *a child*, since I am old?' 14 Is anything too hard for the Lord? At the appointed time I will return to you, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son." 15 But Sarah denied *it*, saying, "I did not laugh," for she was afraid. And He said, "No, but you did laugh!"

### **Psalms 139:1-4 (NKJV)**

1 O Lord, You have searched me and known *me*. 2 You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off. 3 You comprehend my path and my lying down, And are acquainted with all my ways. 4 For *there is* not a word on my tongue, *But* behold, O Lord, You know it altogether.

### **Luke 1:34-35 (NKJV)**

34 Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?" 35 And the angel answered and said to her, "*The Holy Spirit* will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.

### **Isaiah 9:6 (NKJV)**

6 For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

### **John 3:5-7 (NKJV)**

5 Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'

### **John 6:40 (NKJV)**

40 And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day."