

April 16, 2023 Worship Service Pastor Bruce Adrian WeAreLifeBridge.com

ABRAHAM: God of Promise & Life of Faith

Lesson Nine • Genesis 18:1-15

God Comes to Dinner

When God Comes to Dinner

God comes to dinner to <u>OVERCOME</u> the limitations of Abraham and Sarah's faith by announcing His greatness and goodness.

Two Main Truths in Genesis 18

God is GREAT: "Is anything too hard for the Lord?" (vs. 14)

God is GOOD: "Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" (vs. 24)

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Scene 1: An Unexpected VISITATION by the Lord

The Lord in Disguise and Abraham in Haste

- Abraham <u>SAW</u> "three men" standing in front of him, one was the Lord and other two were His angelic messengers (vs. 1-3).
- Abraham <u>HOSTED</u> the Lord and the two angels for dinner with humility, urgency, and generosity (vs. 3-8).

Scene 2: An Unexpected CONVERSATION with the Lord

After-Dinner Conversation

> The Lord <u>BROUGHT</u> Sarah to the end of her strength by announcing that she will have a son this time next year (vs. 9-10).

- Sarah <u>LAUGHED</u> in unbelief at the Lord's announcement as result of doubting His greatness (vs. 11-12).
- The Lord <u>CONFRONTED</u> Sarah's unbelief so that she will see life from the perspective of His greatness (vs. 13-15).

Faith Faces the Facts of Life

After facing the facts of life Sarah needed to focus on the ultimate fact of God's <u>GREATNESS</u>, "Is anything too hard for the Lord?"

The Lord's Question

This is God's question for us: Is <u>ANYTHING</u> too hard for the Lord?

There is only one answer: <u>NOTHING</u> is too hard for the Lord.

"Ah, Lord GOD! It is You who have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and by Your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for You." Jeremiah 32:17

"Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh. Is anything too hard for Me?"

Jeremiah 32:27