



# GENESIS

THE PROMISE OF A MULTITUDE

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# When God is Your Guest

Genesis 18:1-21



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## Genesis 18:1

And the LORD appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre,  
as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day.



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Genesis 18:2

He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold,  
**three men** were standing in front of him.



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## Genesis 18:2

When he saw them, he **ran** from the tent door to meet them and **bowed** himself to the earth



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Genesis 18:3

and said, "O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight,  
do not pass by your servant.



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Genesis 18:4

Let a little **water** be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree,



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## Genesis 18:5

while I bring a morsel of **bread**, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.”



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## Genesis 18:6–8

And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, “Quick! **Three seahs of fine flour!** Knead it, and make cakes.” And Abraham ran to the herd and **took a calf**; tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. Then he took **curds and milk** and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate. (ESV)



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Not stress, but savour  
Not babble, but listen



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## 2. The Contrast of Hospitality



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## Genesis 19:4–5

But before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both young and old, all the people to the last man, surrounded the house. And they called to Lot, “Where are the men who came to you tonight? **Bring them out to us, that we may know them.**”



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## Genesis 19:6–7

Lot went out to the men at the entrance, shut the door after him, and said, “I beg you, my brothers, do not act **so wickedly**.”



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## Genesis 19:9

Then they pressed hard against the man Lot,  
and drew near to **break the door down.**



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Ezekiel 16:49

Behold, this was the guilt of your sister **Sodom**: she and her daughters had pride, excess of food, and prosperous ease, but **did not aid the poor and needy**.



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## Leviticus 19:34

You shall treat the **stranger who sojourns** with you as the native among you, and **you shall love him as yourself**, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.



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## Leviticus 23:22

And when you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, nor shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God.



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## Deuteronomy 10:18–19

Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt.



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He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and **loves the sojourner**, giving him food and clothing.

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Acts 16:15

And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, **come to my house and stay.**" And she prevailed upon us.



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### 3 John 5–6

Beloved, it is a faithful thing you do in all your **efforts for these brothers, strangers** as they are, who testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on their journey in a manner worthy of God.



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### 3 John 9–10

... Diotrephes, who likes to put himself first ...  
he **refuses to welcome the brothers**, and also stops those  
who want to and puts them out of the church.



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## 2. The Contrast of Hospitality



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# 3. The Commendation of Hospitality



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Genesis 19:1

The **two angels** came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom.



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Genesis 18:13

The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’



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Genesis 18:17

The LORD said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do,



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Genesis 18:22

So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom,  
but Abraham still stood before **the LORD**.



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## Genesis 18:10

The LORD said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son."



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## Genesis 18:12–15

So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?”



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## Genesis 18:12–15

The LORD said to Abraham, “**Why did Sarah laugh** and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.”



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## Genesis 18:12–15

But Sarah denied it, saying, “I did not laugh,”  
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He said, “No, but you did laugh.”



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## Hebrews 11:11

By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised.



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Genesis 18:20

Then the LORD said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave,



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Extending hospitality  
to others is a  
profound gospel  
witness to the love of  
Christ and how he  
welcomes us.

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1 Peter 4:9

Show hospitality to one another without grumbling.



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## 1 Timothy 3:2

Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, **hospitable**, able to teach,



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Romans 12:13

Contribute to the needs of the saints and  
*seek to show hospitality.*



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