

THE LIFE OF ABRAHAM

Raising Abraham

We have all had those up days that make you feel like:

Ps 16:11

You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Also, you've had those down days that seem like:

Job 14:1

14 "Man who is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble.

Occasionally, you may have one of those upper/downer days where within just a few hours or minutes you go from one extreme to another. Abraham is about to have "one of those days". No one is spared from these days. You, I, preachers, presidents... no one.

Me: What do you think Abraham, are you about to have one of those days?

Abraham: Verily!

Gen 18:1-5

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. 2 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, 3 and said, "My

Lord, if I have now found favor in Your sight, do not pass on by Your servant. 4 Please let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. 5 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."

The Visitors

Abraham is camped out near Hebron. He is on his friends property, Mamre. A year earlier this is where he built an Altar for the Lord and it is also where he learned of Lot's kidnapping. Now three men appear to Abraham and it is as these men just appeared out of nowhere. He ran and bowed to them, similar to our western handshake but his signified that he understood that they were no ordinary guests. He bowed himself to the earth.

The Meal

Gen 18:6-9

6 So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quickly, make ready three measures of fine meal; knead it and make cakes." 7 And Abraham ran to the herd, took a tender and good calf, gave it to a young man, and he hastened to prepare it. 8 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.

The Conversation

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

How did they know her name? How did they know her "new" name? That was something only God, Abraham and Sarah knew!

Angelic Attributes

Their appearance was not the stuff created in Hollywood. These men were not pasty white, baby faced Cherubs with wings and harps sitting on the clouds.

1. They appeared as flesh and blood. They could be touched and could eat, drink and talk.
2. They could appear and disappear as if moving between dimensions.
3. They were called "malach" which in the Hebrew meant "messenger" or angel.

