

"A Confirmed Sighting To Abraham: A Promise of the Seed".

Genesis 18:1-15

Sunday, November 8, 2020

We are rapidly approaching the Christmas Season, and although much uncertainty and confusion abounds around us, we are still excited as believers about the opportunities for faith that Christmas offers. As we reflect on the Lord of Glory leaving Heaven to come to Earth to be born of a virgin, I would like us to consider the appearances of our Lord on earth prior to the incarnation! I believe The Old Testament presents several of such occurrences and in the Sundays preceding Christmas, we will explore these "Theophanies", pre-incarnate visits to earth by the Messiah. The one we will address today is found in Genesis 18:1-15 and involves Abraham and Sarah.

I. Exhibit an Acceptance of Choosing to Receive The Promise

A. Exhibit a longing desire. (v.2)

"He lifted up his eyes and looked".

B. Express a willing mind. (v.2)

"He ran to meet them"

C. Show a humble spirit.

"He bowed himself."

D. Reveal willing subjection.

"My Lord."

E. Possesses a yearning for fellowship/friendship.

"I have found favor in your sight."

F. Display a readiness to serve others.

"Abraham ran and gave." (v.6,7)

G. Demonstrate a willingness to give the Lord your best.

"...and placed before them" (v.8)

II. Divulge An Admission of the Challenge to the Promises of God.

A. Admit personally the causes of unbelief. (v.9-15)

B. Communicate the answers to unbelief.

1. God's omniscience.

2. God's omnipotence.

C. Portray the conquest of unbelief

- Take the opportunity God gives us to confess, repent and believe.

### III. Acknowledge The Needed Changes to Enjoy The Promises of God.

- See completely that there are no circumstances too hard for God.
- Agree and Commit to not letting any negative thoughts surround God's promises, therefore putting them in doubt.
- Believe wholeheartedly that God knows all and Can Do all!!
- Confess and repent of any sin within you of unbelief that will derail the Promises of God .