

Genesis 18:16-33

Genesis 18:14

14 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.”

– Genesis 18:14

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Who is Abraham Talking to?

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. 2 He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, **three men** were standing in front of him – Genesis 18:1-2.

So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, - Genesis 18:22

The two angels came to Sodom in the evening, - Genesis 19:1a

16 Then the men set out from there, and they looked down toward Sodom. And Abraham went with them to set them on their way. 17 The Lord said, “Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, - Genesis 18:16-17

Grace of God

– Genesis 18:17-19

Grace [NW1828]: Appropriately, the free unmerited love and favor of God, the spring and source of all the benefits men receive from him.

Grace – Position/Promise

17 The Lord said, “Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, 18 seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? 19 For I have chosen him, - Genesis 18:17-19

Grace – Posterity

19 For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing righteousness and justice, so that the Lord may bring to Abraham what he has promised him.” –Genesis 18:19

20 Then the Lord said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, 21 I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know.” –Genesis 18:20-21

Patient – With Nations

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And they shall come back here in the fourth generation, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete.”

– Genesis 15:16

The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

– 2 Peter 3:9

23 Have I any pleasure in the death of the wicked, declares the Lord God, and not rather that he should turn from his way and live? –Ezekiel 18:23

11 Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel? – Ezekiel 33:11

15 Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

– James 1:15

Patient God

- Genesis 18:22-33

Patient – With Questions

- Genesis 18:27-33

Patient – With Individuals

- Genesis 18:22-26

Patient – With People

And the Lord said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake.”

– Genesis 19:26

God of Grace & Patience