

Genesis 18:8-9 (NLT)

When the food was ready, Abraham took some yogurt and milk and the roasted meat, and he served it to the men. As they ate, Abraham waited on them in the shade of the trees. [9] “Where is Sarah, your wife?” the visitors asked. “She’s inside the tent,” Abraham replied.

Genesis 18:10-11 (NLT)

[10] Then one of them said, “I will return to you about this time next year, and your wife, Sarah, will have a son!” Sarah was listening to this conversation from the tent. [11] Abraham and Sarah were both very old by this time, and Sarah was long past the age of having children.

Genesis 18:12-13 (NLT)

[12] So she laughed silently to herself and said, “How could a worn-out woman like me enjoy such pleasure, especially when my master—my husband—is also so old?” [13] Then the LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh? Why did she say, ‘Can an old woman like me have a baby?’

Genesis 18:14-15 (NLT)

[14] Is anything too hard for the LORD? I will return about this time next year, and Sarah will have a son.”

[15] Sarah was afraid, so she denied it, saying, “I didn’t laugh.” But the LORD said, “No, you did laugh.”

**NOTHING is too HARD
for GOD**

Genesis 18:1-33

Two Questions in Peoples Minds...

- How will Abraham acquire the **LAND**?
- Who will be the **HEIR**?

This is the only place in Scripture
- before the Incarnation -
that the LORD ate a meal with a
human being. Hughes

Isaiah 41:8 (NIV)

**But you, O Israel, my servant,
Jacob, whom I have chosen,
you descendants of
Abraham MY FRIEND...**

Becoming Friends By...

- spending **TIME** together
- learning to **TRUST** each other
- growing **LOYALTY** to each other
- learning to **LOVE** the other person
- going through **HARD TIMES** together
- fighting the **SAME** enemies

James 4:4 (NIV)

You adulterous people, don't you know that

FRIENDSHIP with the world

is **HATRED** toward God?

Anyone who chooses to be a

FRIEND of the world

becomes an **ENEMY** of God.

Psalm 139:1-2,4 (HCS)

LORD, You have searched me and known me. [2] You know when I sit down and when I stand up; **You understand my THOUGHTS from far away.**

...[4] Before a word is on my tongue,
You know all about it, LORD.

As the Story Unfolds Moses tells us...

- Sarai **BARREN**
- their **AGE**
- about the **LAND**
- about the **HEIR**
- the ongoing **REVELATION** of God to
Abraham

John 11:14-15 (NIV)

So then he told them plainly,
"Lazarus is dead, and for your sake

**I am glad I was not there,
SO THAT you may believe...**

Jude 1:24-25 (NLT)

Now all glory to God, who is able to **keep you from FALLING away** and will bring you with great joy into **his glorious presence**

WITHOUT a single FAULT.

All glory to him who alone is God, our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord. All glory, majesty, power, and authority are his before all time, and in the present, and beyond all time! Amen.

Why Tell Abraham?

- he was to be a channel of **BLESSING** to the World
- so that he would **TEACH** His Family to **OBEY** God
- the **OUTCRY** of Sodom and Gomorrah was **GREAT**

**God ALWAYS does
what is RIGHT**

**regardless of how His actions
might appear to us.** Boice

INTERCEDE -

to **PLEAD** for

or to make a

REQUEST on behalf

of another

Abraham's Prayer of **INTERCESSION**

- **HUMBLE** - he did NOT demand
- **PERSISTENT** - he did NOT give up

1 Samuel 12:23 (NIV)

As for me, far be it from me that I should
SIN AGAINST the **LORD**

by FAILING to pray for you.

And I will **TEACH** you the way that is
good and right.

Galatians 4:19 (HCS)

My children, I am again suffering

LABOR PAINS for you

until Christ is **FORMED** in you.

To INTERCEDE for Others...

- come **HUMBLY** to God
- come **OFTEN** to God
- do **NOT** Give up
- do it for **THEM** not for you

Questions

1. How can we really become a Friend of God?
2. Why **MUST** we remember **NOTHING** is impossible for God?
3. Why should we **INTERCEDE** for each other?