

Gen.18 The LORD appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. ² Abraham **looked up** and **saw** three men

STANDING **Nearby.**

Surprise → Why?

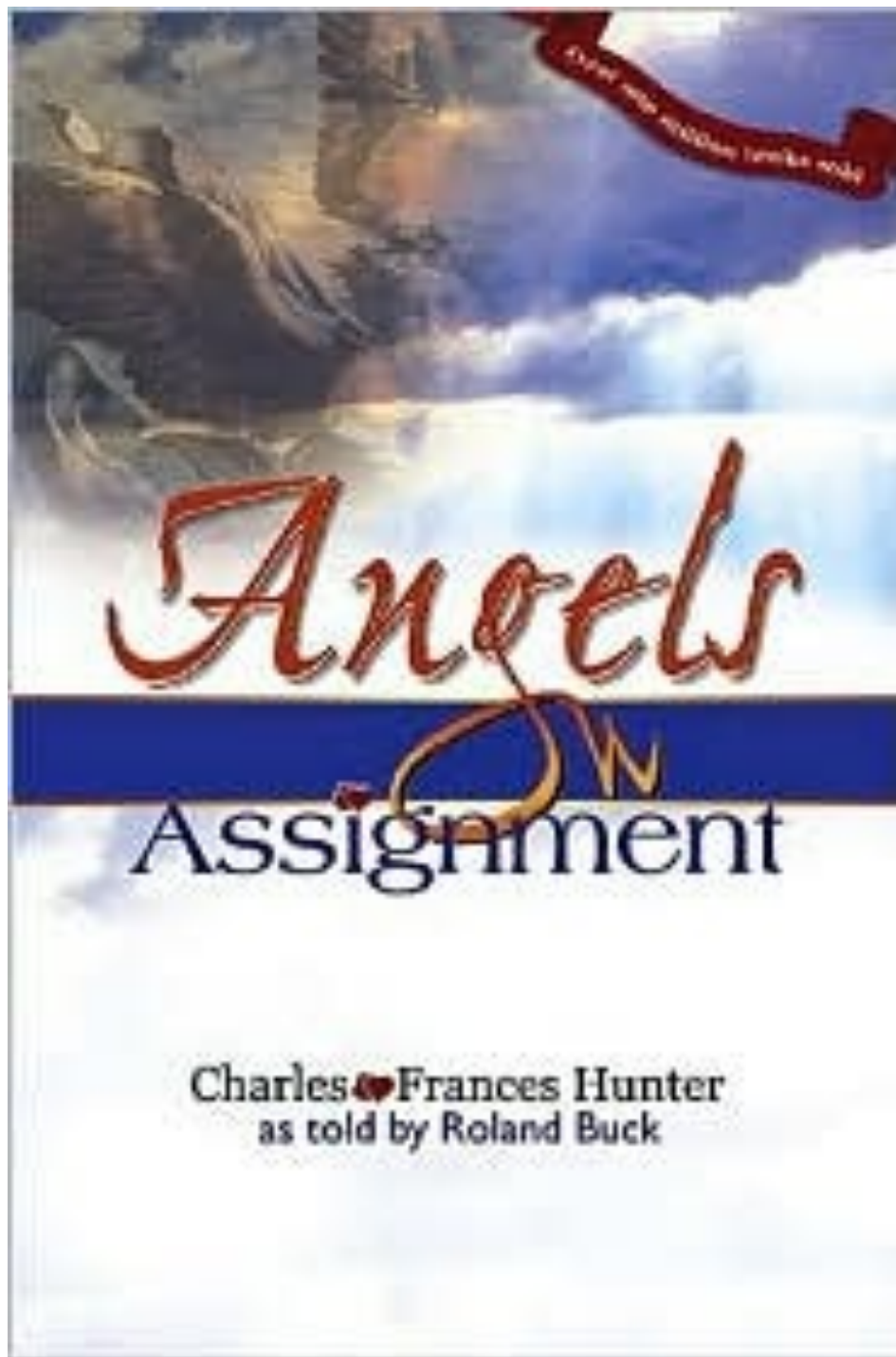
Abram's tent as the **LEADER** – would have had a **VIEW** - far & wide

Shepherd – Open areas **Hostile** territory – Watchmen *Heb. 13:2*

When he saw them, he **HURRIED** **1** from the entrance of his tent to meet them and **Bowed Low** **2** to the ground.

UNDERLINE

TEN times → Abraham had a **SERVANT's Heart!**



Pg. 54 – One of the most exciting things to me was the peek that God gave me into Abraham's and Sarah's records

As I glanced through them, I saw things with which I was totally **UNFAMILIAR.**

I saw records of Abraham's and Sarah's **Hospitality** to strangers.

They had a real feeling for those who were **LESS FORTUNATE** than they.

They watered the camels of their guests, gave them a place to stay and shared their food with them. 3

He said, “If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your **Servant** **3** by. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. ⁵ **Let me get you** **4** something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way—now that you have come to your **Servant.**” **5** “Very well,” they answered, “do as you say.” ⁶ So Abraham **HURRIED** **6** into the tent to Sarah. “**Quick,**” **7** he said, “get three seahs of fine flour and knead it and bake some bread.” ⁷ Then he **RAN** **8** to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who **HURRIED** **9** to prepare it. ⁸ He then brought some curds

and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he **STOOD** **10** near them under a tree. ⁹

“Where is your wife

Sarah?” they asked him.

Reasons – Imp. ?

- Knew Sarah’s **NAME**.
- **RARE** to include women

“There, in the tent,” he said. *Why significant?* 10



Then the LORD said, “I will surely return to you about **This Time next year**

and Sarah your wife will have a son.”

*2nd visit
in weeks*

Now Sarah was **listening** at the entrance to the tent, which was

BEHIND *No visual hints*

him. ¹¹ Abraham and Sarah were already old and well advanced in years, and



Sarah was **PAST** the **AGE** of **CHILDBEARING**.

Literally →

“Ceased to be with Sarah –after the manner of women” May mean ?

Sarah had **ALREADY** been through **MENOPAUSE**

¹² So Sarah **laughed** to **herself** as she **THOUGHT**,

*“After I am **worn out**
and my master is old,
will I now have this pleasure?”*

Then the **LORD** said to **Abraham**,

“Why did Sarah laugh and say,

‘Will I really have a child, now that I am old?’

¹⁴ Is anything too hard for the LORD? I will return to you at the **APPOINTED** time **next year** and Sarah will have a son.”

¹⁵ Sarah was **AFRAID**, so she **LIED** and said, “I did not laugh.” But he said, **“Yes, you did laugh.”**

How would YOU feel if you were Sarah?

***Scared, Thrilled,
Overwhelmed*** because.....

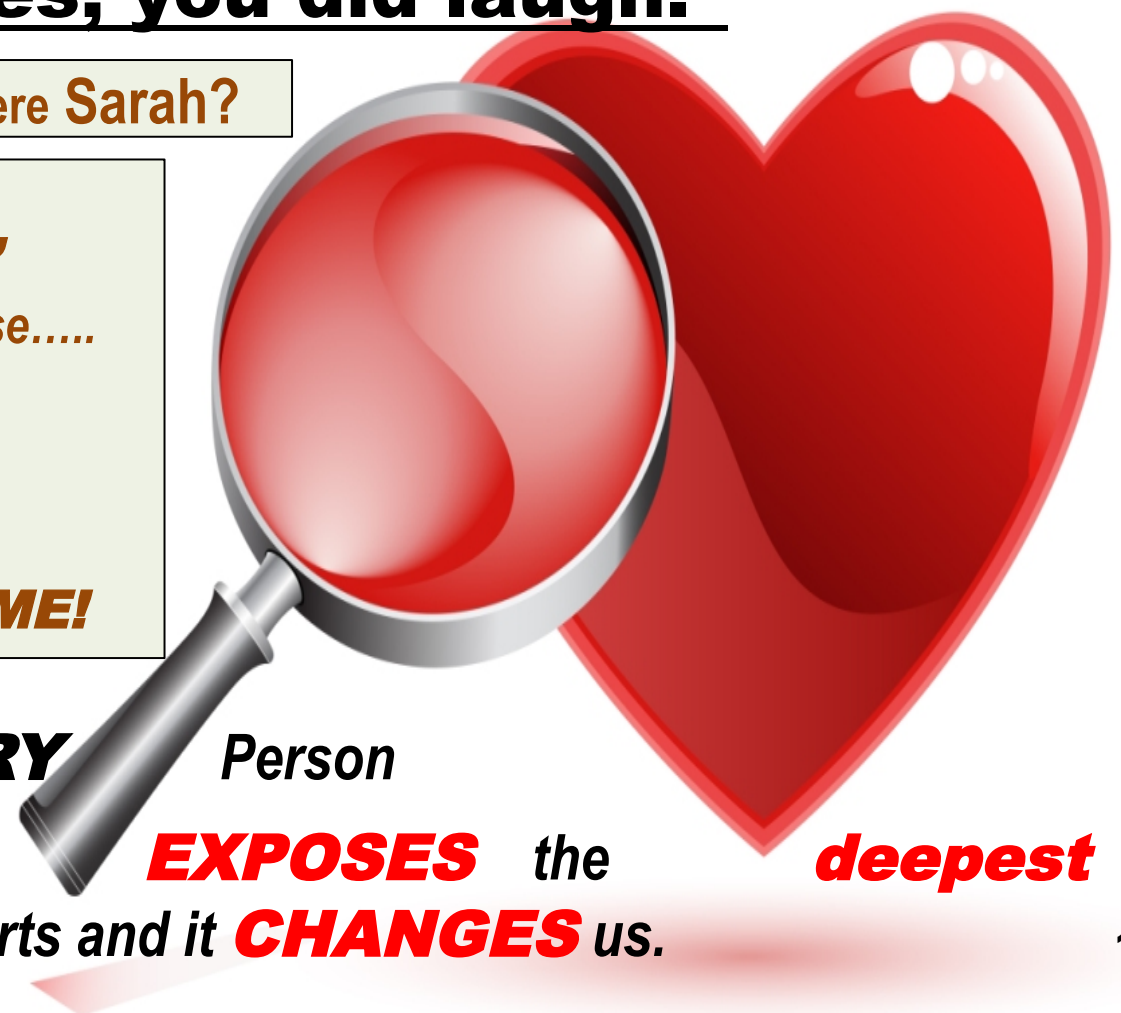
1. Caught

2. Going to get a son

3. GOD has MET w/ ME!

Lessons

- God wants to meet w/ **EVERY** Person
- Meeting with God - - - - - **EXPOSES** the **deepest** areas **hidden** in our hearts and it **CHANGES** us.



When the men got up to leave, they looked down toward Sodom, and Abraham walked along with them to see them on their way.

¹⁷ Then the **LORD** said, *How did Abram hear this?*

“**Shall I hide** from Abraham what I am about to do? ¹⁸

Abraham will surely become a great and powerful nation, and all nations on earth will be blessed through him. ¹⁹ For I have

chosen him, so that he will **direct his children** and his

household after him to keep the way of the LORD by

doing what is right and just, so that the LORD will bring about

for Abraham what he has promised him.”

Then the LORD said, “The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so **GRIEVOUS**

*Our sin makes God **GRIEVE!***

²¹ that I will go down and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has reached me. If not, I will know.”

*ie: I will **TEST them!***

²² The men turned away and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing **BEFORE the LORD.**

*v. 22 One reading of this Text – the **Lord stood before** Abraham*

*So – if the Lord sent off the Angels and the Lord **turned to look directly** at Abraham*

WHY?

²³ Then Abraham approached him and said: “Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴ What if there are **Fifty** righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it? ²⁵ Far be it from you to do such a thing—to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the **Judge of all the earth** do right?” ²⁶ The LORD said, “If I find fifty righteous people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake.” ²⁷

Then Abraham spoke up again: “Now that I have been so bold

as to speak to the Lord, though I am nothing but dust and ashes, ²⁸ what if the number of the righteous is **five less** than fifty? Will you destroy the whole city because of five people?” “If I find **forty-five** there,” he said, “I will not destroy it.” ²⁹ Once again he spoke to him, “What if only **forty** are found there?” He said, “For the sake of **forty** I will not do it.” ³⁰ Then he said, “May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak. What if only **thirty** can be found there?” He answered,

*v. 28 What did Abram **see** in His **Face** that gave him **courage** to **KEEP ASKING***

³¹ Abraham said, “Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, what if only **twenty** can be found there?” He said, “For the sake of **twenty**, I will not destroy it.” ³² Then he said, “May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak just once more. What if only **ten** can be found there?” He answered, “For the sake of **ten**, I will not destroy it.” ³³ When the LORD had finished speaking with Abraham, he left, and Abraham returned home.

Most Imp.

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Week

NEXT week

July 22-24

Apostle

Wilson

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Stage # 1

Seekers



Are you
like
Sarah

Stage # 2

Ready **TODAY**
to Give
Everything
to Jesus



You are
READY
to know God
Personally

Stage # 3

GROWING
in

Jesus

Servant's
Heart
like
Abraham

1 Minute - **DEBRIEF**

- Your **Favorite** pt. or what **Helped** you
- **Prayers**



Seekers

&

Salvation



Pastor Johns
Personal testimony 2 cds