

“Welcoming GOD”

Genesis 18

I. Are you _____? Rom. 12:13 “_____ hospitality”

1. Hospitality is the _____ and _____ reception of guests. Titus 1:5-9, Heb. 13:2 Are you using _____ for GOD’s purposes?
2. Hospitality is an important _____ in much of the world.
3. Our Call at Church of the Savior is to be a _____ Church.
4. This means that we give _____ to HIS Presence, above all else.
5. GOD’s Spirit is both the _____ and the _____ at all times.

II. Abraham’s _____ of GOD’s Presence

1. The LORD _____ to Abraham. **V.1** HE always _____.
2. Abraham suddenly found _____ standing near him. **V.2**
(A _____ is an appearance by GOD. A “Christophany is an appearance of _____) **Abraham:**
 - A. Saw them (he _____) B. Ran to meet them
(_____ is critical)
 - C. Bowed before them (_____ & _____ are important)
 - D. Called the leading figure, “**Lord**” (meaning _____)
 - E. Pleaded for them to not _____ **V.3** (I desperately want You ... to be _____; I want a _____)
 - F. Had water brought to wash their feet. **V.4** (met a _____ need, demonstrating _____, manners)
 - G. Invited them to _____ (an invitation to stay, to be _____)
 - H. Offered them hot bread. **V.5-6** (_____) Then he ran to Sarah and said, “_____, bring out the finest flour, and make 3 pans of your best _____.” (good food lowers _____, and helps people _____) Rev. 3:20
 - I. Then Abraham ran to the herd and chose the _____, and told his head chef to fire up the grill, “because we are having _____.” **V.7** For hors d’oeuvres Abraham placed an order for fine _____ and _____ for all. (offering his best, showing _____)
 - J. As each course was brought, _____, and enjoyed, Abraham from a short distance, _____, watched, and _____. **V.8** (showed _____, the Guest was the center of attention) Abraham enjoyed them, _____ themselves.

III. Do you know what “_____ the Holy Spirit”

means? **Eph. 4:30** To grieve any guest means to:

- A. Be _____ B. Be uncaring C. Act crassly, _____
D. Be preoccupied, _____ E. _____ your guest
F. Be dishonoring G. Be critical and _____
H. Be _____ I. Be _____ & angry

IV. When GOD shows up, HE always has an _____.

HIS agenda may be just to _____ with you. GOD enjoys spending time _____.

James 2:23 Do you want to know GOD’s _____ for your life?

The LORD had two items that HE wanted to share:

1. GOD announced that HE would _____ at the same time next year, and Sarah would miraculously have the son they had waited for over _____ years. **V.9-10,14 “the appointed time”**

Sarah laughed till _____ fell out. **V.11-15**

Isaac means, “HE will _____.” **17:19**

2. There was _____ coming. GOD was looking for an _____ to partner with HIM. **V.16-33** At Church of the Savior: _____ As the three left Abraham’s home, he was walking with them, and the LORD said _____,

A. “Shall I hide from Abraham what I am _____?” **V.17**

B. The Holy One stated, “In him all the _____ of the Earth will be blessed. I have chosen Abraham, to command his _____ and his household to _____ the Way of the LORD.” **V.18-19**

V. Promise to hold:

“is **anything** too difficult for the LORD” **V.14**

