

FOUNDATIONS OF OUR FAITH XIV

January 12, 2025

Genesis 18:1-16

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

1. Chapter 18 follows immediately on the heels of chapter 17 (review if needed). What does the current location of Abraham's camp suggest (v. 1; c.f., 13:18)?
2. Why does Abraham react to these three men as he does (vv. 1-5)?
3. What does Abraham's offer in vv. 4 & 5 suggest about this appearance of the LORD?
4. Abraham's offer of "a piece of bread" (v. 5) results in the preparation of three measures of fine flour (v. 6). How much bread is this and what does it say about Abraham?
5. What does v. 8 further tell us about Abraham (c.f., vv. 3, 5)?
6. Why does Sarah become the topic of conversation among the men (vv. 9-10)?

7. Discuss Sarah's reaction to what she hears (vv. 11-12). Is it out of line? Is this the first she hears of it (c.f., 17:15-19)?

8. Discuss the LORD's response to Sarah's reaction (vv. 13-15). How does it answer her natural skepticism? What impact does it make (c.f., Hebrews 11:11)?

What is too hard for you? What is that to the LORD?

What does it mean to trust in, and wait upon, the LORD for His *appointed time*?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

I will strengthen my connection with the Lord in this new year by . . .

I will be more responsive to the Lord in this new year by . . .

I will receive the word of the Lord in this new year by . . .