

Genesis 18

King James Version (KJV)

18 And the LORD appeared unto him in the plains of Mamre: and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day; (Mamre = oaks)

²And he lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him: and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground, (He knew that they were angels, walking with God)

³And said, My LORD, if now I have found favour in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant: (This is Jesus as Melchizedek, with two angels)

⁴Let a little water, I pray you, be fetched, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree:

⁵And I will fetch a morsel of bread, and comfort ye your hearts; after that ye shall pass on: for therefore are ye come to your servant. And they said, So do, as thou hast said.

⁶And Abraham hastened into the tent unto Sarah, and said, Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead it, and make cakes upon the hearth.

⁷And Abraham ran unto the herd, and fetcht a calf tender and good, and gave it unto a young man; and he hasted to dress it. (Offering his first fruits to God)

⁸And he took butter, and milk, and the calf which he had dressed, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree, and they did eat.

⁹And they said unto him, Where is Sarah thy wife? And he said, Behold, in the tent.

¹⁰And he said, I will certainly return unto thee according to the time of life; and, lo, Sarah thy wife shall have a son. And Sarah heard it in the tent door, which was behind him.

¹¹Now Abraham and Sarah were old and well stricken in age; and it ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. (Too old to have children, Sarah is now 89)

¹² Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?

¹³ And the LORD said unto Abraham, Wherefore did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I of a surety bear a child, which am old?

¹⁴ Is any thing too hard for the LORD? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.

¹⁵ Then Sarah denied, saying, I laughed not; for she was afraid. And he said, Nay; but thou didst laugh. (Never try to con God. He understood she meant no disrespect and was not offended)

¹⁶ And the men rose up from thence, and looked toward Sodom: and Abraham went with them to bring them on the way.

¹⁷ And the LORD said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I 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? (Because Jesus would come through this progeny)

¹⁹ For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him. (God has faith that Abraham will do the right thing. He knew him from the first age, just as He knew the elect from the first age)

²⁰ And the LORD said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous; (Homosexuals & sodomites – probably also abused children; God hears all and will judge according to their deeds)

²¹ I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know. (God knew)

²² And the men turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sodom: but Abraham stood yet before the LORD. (The two angels left, but the Lord stayed, talking with Abraham)

²³ And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked? (Abraham is thinking of Lot's family)

²⁴ Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein?

²⁵ That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?

²⁶ And the LORD said, If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes. (There won't be 50)

²⁷ And Abraham answered and said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the LORD, which am but dust and ashes:

²⁸ Peradventure there shall lack five of the fifty righteous: wilt thou destroy all the city for lack of five? And he said, If I find there forty and five, I will not destroy it. (There won't be 45)

²⁹ And he spake unto him yet again, and said, Peradventure there shall be forty found there. And he said, I will not do it for forty's sake. (There won't be 40)

³⁰ And he said unto him, Oh let not the LORD be angry, and I will speak: Peradventure there shall thirty be found there. And he said, I will not do it, if I find thirty there. (There won't be 30)

³¹ And he said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the LORD: Peradventure there shall be twenty found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for twenty's sake. (There won't be 20)

³² And he said, Oh let not the LORD be angry, and I will speak yet but this once: Peradventure ten shall be found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for ten's sake. (There won't even be ten)

³³ And the LORD went his way, as soon as he had left communing with Abraham: and Abraham returned unto his place.

(Today, in western nations, homosexuality and other perversions are called "lifestyles"; abortion is called a woman's right to choose, instead of murder)