

## Blessed to Be a Blessing

Hi Everyone,

Contained in this week's Torah reading in **Genesis 18:1—22:24** is a wonderful story about Abraham receiving three visitors, and the drama that unfolds during their visit. These three men who appear to Abraham, unbeknownst to him at the beginning, are divine. The Complete Jewish Bible relates in Genesis 18:1, "*Adonai appeared to Avraham by the oaks of Mamre...*" Abraham only saw them as three men, but the word "*Adonai*" indicates that one of these men was YHWH, and He was accompanied by two angels. Even though Abraham was unaware that God Himself, a pre-incarnate appearance of Yeshua, had come to his dwelling, he nonetheless treated these visitors with uncommon graciousness that indicates a knowledge of God's way of doing things. He received three strangers as honored guests, showing them grace and generosity by providing water so they might wash their feet and setting an elaborate meal before them.

*Hebrews 13:2 Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.*

Often, in these times, we find ourselves missing opportunities to minister because we are concerned about "being taken advantage of" or becoming involved with people and situations that we will regret later. Certainly, Abraham could have had the same concerns, living in a time with little law to protect citizens. He might have chosen the safe path and sent the men away. As I meditated upon this event, it became clear to me that Abraham was aware that God had placed a great call upon his life, and he was intent on **fulfilling the call**.

*Genesis 12:2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and **thou shalt be a blessing**:*

*Genesis 12:3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and **in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed**.*

It seems to me that Abraham was looking for **opportunities to be a blessing**. God had promised Abraham that all families of the earth would be blessed in Him. Certainly, this was speaking of far greater things than receiving guests and feeding them, but that call on his life was not just going to appear in the future. It was going to be evident in His life from the moment God spoke it to Him if he was willing to allow the grace that was given him with the call to manifest. I believe that the grace given Abraham protected him from making unwise choices that would place him in jeopardy.

Knowing the grace of God, one would assume that the Spirit of God was directing Abraham about whom to invite into his house.

*Luke 16:10 He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.*

He began to **show favor** to others as **his manner of living**, realizing that **he was called to be a blessing**. He started with small acts of kindness and mercy, and God saw to it that greater opportunities were afforded him as he grew.

As YHWH spoke with Abraham, He told him that Isaac would be born to him and Sarah during the next year, their eyes were opened to the fact that they had welcomed God into their house. God not only spoke of the fulfillment of His promise to them, but also shared the "*outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah*" because of Abraham's place in the plan of God.

*Genesis 18:17 And the LORD said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do;*

*Genesis 18:18 Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?*

*Genesis 18:19 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.*

I have often wondered what caused Abraham to be so bold as to become an intercessor on behalf of the righteous. God had given him revelation into His will so that He was bold to plead with the Almighty God and speak His word, "*Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?*" (Genesis 18:25) I believe that **this boldness was birthed in him through the Word of God** which was spoken to him in Genesis 12:2, 3 "*thou shalt be a blessing*" and "*in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.*" The word says that, "*he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.*" (Genesis 15:6) **Abraham was fulfilling the call of God upon his life when he prayed for the righteous.** He was already a blessing to those around him, because he trusted the call that God had placed upon him, and he was given corresponding grace to fulfill the call. **Praise the Lord that Abraham believed God, and that through him we have all been blessed in Yeshua.**

Don't let the opportunities that the LORD brings about in your life be missed as you choose to walk in the fullness of your place in the Body of Messiah. Let's all expect the Lord to point out people and situations that need the gifts we have been given. You are blessed to be a blessing. Every day, as we walk with Him, new and exciting possibilities arise for us to show forth the praises of Him.

*Galatians 6:10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.*

*Matthew 10:7 And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.*

*Matthew 10:8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: **freely ye have received, freely give.***

Fulfilling the call,  
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