



## Isaac's Birth Promised

May 1

**INTRODUCTION:** Since Gen 3:15, and certainly since Abraham appeared in the story, we've been waiting a long time for this child of promise to an elderly couple—24 years in fact. Today we inch closer and learn much.

**REVIEW:** The Bible Project, [Genesis](#) (be cautious with other videos)

**KEY POINT:** hospitality, reception, confirmation, miracle

**A.M. SERMON RECAP** (Andrew Patterson)

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**P.M. SERMON RECAP** (Doug Reider)

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**READ:** Genesis 18:1—15

### QUESTIONS:

1. *V. 1 is reminiscent of 17:1. God appears to His children. Though a man of great standing, he is still living in a tent. Given the warmth of the day, he may have been resting when three men approached (v. 2).*
2. **V. 2- for a leader to run was unconventional, what else showed Abraham's great respect for these visitors.**
3. *V. 3- Abraham notes one, especially, as being Divine. The Anglican Book of Common Prayer follows an old tradition of linking this to the Trinity (Trinity Sunday).*
4. *Abraham extends Eastern hospitality. First, he gives them an appetizer; then he prepares an expensive meal. How do we know it was a special meal?*
5. **Do we give our best to our Master?**
6. **How do we extend hospitality in our culture?**
7. **Are we hospitable? Read Heb 13:2; Mt 25:35, 40.**

8. *Unlike many of His descendants, He received the Lord (Jn 8:39–40; Lk 19:9). Is this true of us?*
9. *Sharing a meal with God—fellowship—is a sign of covenant (Jn 14:23).*
10. *V. 9—10- It was the custom for wives to remain at the tent when important visitors arrived. She was not eavesdropping but being spoken to indirectly (she was meant to hear).*
11. **What promise is made? When they return a son would already have been born. That places this story not many weeks/months after Gen 17, “this time next year.”**
12. *V. 11- Before we hear Sarah's response, we gain extra information. What does Moses tell us about Sarah? Why?*
13. *V. 12- At 89 Sarah considered herself old and worn out. What kind of a laugh did she laugh?*
14. **Before we're too hard on Sarah (remembering Abram in 17:17 too), when do we disbelieve the Lord?**
15. **V. 14–15- God is all-knowing, how did this serve as a rebuke and as a sign to Sarah?**
16. **Isaac is the type and Christ the anti-type. God's question to Sarah is later resembled by His answer to Mary (Lk 1:34—38). Contrast the two women. Who are we more like?**
17. **What is one of the greatest miracles of all? (Mk 10:26—27).**
18. **Despite our foibles, how does this passage teach us to trust in the Lord of the impossible?**

**NEXT WEEK:** April 8- Genesis 19:1–22, God Rescues Lot