



“Serving the Lord”

Inside the Dynamics

Genesis 18:6-8

Serving the Lord involves our:

I. Relationships - “unto Sarah....unto a young man...” (v. 6)

A strong connection to the:

A. **Holy** - “My Lord,...And Abraham hastened”

B. **Home** - “into the tent unto Sarah”

C. **Help** - “gave it unto a young man; and he... dressed it”

II. Resources - “a morsel of bread” (v.7)

A significant caretaking through:

A. **Inventory** - “make ready three measures”

B. **Investment** - “unto the herd, and fetched a calf”

C. **Inspection** - “fetched a calf, tender and good”

III. Readiness - “Let a little... be fetched ” (v. 8)

A strategical conscientiousness including:

A. **Pride** - “he took butter, and milk”

B. **Preparation** - “the calf which he had dressed ”

C. **Priorities** - “he stood by them under the tree”

Sentence Sermon:

“The effectiveness of our service flows from our relationship to the Lord.”

Additional Verses

- **II Samuel 24:24**
- **Luke 14:28**
- **Romans 12:11**
- **Deuteronomy 13:4**
- **I Peter 4:10-11**
- **Joshua 22:5**
- **I Samuel 12:24**
- **Mark 10:45**
- **Malachi 3:18**
- **Matthew 6:24**
- **John 12:26**
- **Hebrews 9:14**
- **I Thessalonians 1:8-10**
- **Ephesians 6:6-8**
- **Acts 26:6-7**
- **Colossians 3:17, 23**

Questions to Ponder:

- 1. What is the main purpose of God’s visit to Abraham?
- 2. In what ways did Abraham display a heart for God?
Which do you think are most significant?
- 3. Who is called to serve God?
- 4. How consciously do you serve Him?
- 5. What are some big ideas about serving found in the text?
- 6. What keeps you from serving?
- 7. How do we know when our serving is a success?