**THE FRIEND OF GOD**

**(Genesis 18 & 19)**

**June 28, 2020**

**I. WILL TRUST IN GOD'S POWER (Genesis 18:1-15)**

 **A. A Divine Visit (Genesis 18:1-2a)**

 **B. A Generous Heart (Genesis 18:2b-8)**

 **1. Royal Hospitality (Genesis 18:2b-8a)**

 **2. Humble Service (Genesis 18:8b)**

 **C. A Divine Message (Genesis 18:9-15)**

 **1. God's Blessing (Genesis 18:9-10a)**

 **2. Human Reasoning (Genesis 18:10b-12)**

 **3. God's Patient Rebuke (Genesis 18:13-14)**

 **4. Human Weakness (Genesis 18:15)**

**II. WILL TRUST IN GOD'S FAIRNESS (Genesis 18:16-33)**

 **A. God Includes His People (Genesis 18:16-22; John 15:13-17)**

 **1. He Calls Us To A Purpose (Genesis 18:16-19)**

 **2. He Acts Against Injustice (Genesis 18:20-22)**

 **B. God Honors His Nature (Genesis 18:22-33)**

 **Nature Defined:** **"The Essential Character Of A Person"**

 **1. He Listens To The Righteous (Genesis 18:22-23; James 5:13-20)**

 **2. He Protects The Righteous (Genesis 18:23b-26)**

 **3. He Remains Patient With Our Requests**

**(Genesis 18:27-33; Ezekiel 33:11; Romans 2:4; II Peter 3:9)**

**III. WILL TRUST IN GOD'S MERCY (Genesis 19:1-38)**

 **A. There Is Blessing In Relationship (Genesis 19:1-29)**

 **1. God Hears Our Prayers (Genesis 19:29)**

 **2. Others Will Benefit (Genesis 19:1-28)**

 **B. There Is Pain In Compromise (Genesis 19:17, 26, 30-38)**

 **1. Loving The World Deludes Us (Genesis 19:17 & 26; James 4:4; I John 2:15-17)**

 **2. Striving For Significance Blinds Us (Genesis 19:30-38; Matthew 6:25-34)**

**APPLICATION**

**To be God's friend:**

 **1. Remember to humbly receive a legitimate rebuke. Use this rebuke as an opportunity to learn to walk closer with the Lord. Don't be like Sarah who chose to protect her sinful attitude and behavior because of her selfish pride.**

**2. Remember that God hears the prayer of a righteous person. One who is**

 **righteous lives their life in harmony with God's design as taught in Scripture.**

 **The righteous correct themselves before they begin to correct others because they**

 **sincerely want to honor the Lord.**

 **3. Remember to beware of compromising with the world's values. The nature of compromise is that it sneaks up on you like a lion hunting its prey. It will have you in its claws before you realize it unless you are carefully investing in your relationship with the Lord and his people.**

**Next Week: Luke 10:25-37**