



Serving God In An Immoral Society, Part 1

GENESIS 18-19



I. The Portrait Of A Servant Of God

GENESIS 18:1-33

A. Serve Your God By Ministering To Others

- ▶ Hospitality = Gr. *xenophilia* = loving strangers

1. Servanthood Serves The Person Of Christ Through Serving Others

- ▶ **Matthew 25:40** And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'
- ▶ **Matthew 10:42** And if you give even a cup of cold water to one of the least of my followers, you will surely be rewarded. (NLT)
- ▶ **Proverbs 19:17** Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will repay him for his deed.

Colossians 3:23-24

- ▶ 23 Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, 24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

2. Servanthood Parallels The Heart Of Christ

▶ **Philippians 2:3-4** ³Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. ⁴Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.


- ▶ Alert
- ▶ Eager
- ▶ Humble
- ▶ Sacrificial

B. Serve Your Family By Leading Them To Faith


- ▶ **Genesis 18:19** For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way (*drk*) of the Lord by doing righteousness and justice, so that the Lord may bring to Abraham what he has promised him.”

Every father has the call to:

- ▶ **Command his children and household to keep the way of the Lord**
 - ▶ Doing righteousness
 - ▶ Doing justice
- ▶ **Prepare his children and household to rely on and receive God's promises**



The Gospel will be difficult to penetrate the heart of our children if our subtle pragmatism teaches them to:

- ▶ Trust their own ability, not God's sovereignty
 - ▶ Rely on our own morality (because our kids are good and nice), rather than confess our sinfulness before a holy God
 - ▶ Depend on education, not God's Word
 - ▶ Depend on money, not God's provision
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Genesis 18:14

Is anything too hard for
the Lord?

C. Serve Your Community By Interceding For Their Salvation

- ▶ **2 Peter 3:9** The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent. (NLT)

Conclusion:

- ▶ Are you a servant of God and others or seeking to be served by God and others?
 - ▶ **Matthew 20:28** even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”
- ▶ Are you leading your family to faith in God or faith in ourselves?
- ▶ Are you praying for the salvation of your neighbors and the world?

Make Me A Servant

Make me a servant

Humble and meek

Lord let me lift up those who are weak

And may the prayers of my heart always be

Make me a servant

Make me a servant

Make me a servant today