

ABRAHAM, THE FRIEND OF GOD

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Friendship involves ministry, and here in chapter 18, we find Abraham ministering in three different areas:

1. He Ministered to the Lord: vv. 1-8
 - A. He served the Lord personally (v.8).
 - B. He ministered immediately (v.2a).
 - C. He ministered speedily (v.6-7). Remember, Abraham is 99 years old.
 - D. He served generously (v.7). No leftovers.
 - E. He served with humility (vs.2,3,5). He then stood near to be available if needed (v.8).
 - F. He served cooperatively (vs.6-7). Abraham involved the ministries of others. Evangelist D.L. Moody said "I would rather put ten men to work than do the work of ten men."

2. He Ministered to His Home: vv. 9-15
 - A. He was faithful to the Lord (v.19)
 - B. He was a source of blessing (v.19). Compare to Lot in chapter 19

3. He Ministered to a Lost World: vv. 16-33
 - A. He was reverent (vv.22-23).
 - B. He was an intercessor (vv.23-32).