

God and His Friends
Genesis 18:16-19

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Main Idea: **God befriends us by His Word that calls us to trust and obedience.**

Introduction: Making something with a three year-old.

1. **God befriends us by His Word.** Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing? ... For I have known him.
 - a. Abraham the friend of God (Isa 41:8, 2Chr 20:7; James 2:23)
 - b. Jesus: “no longer do I call you servants” in Jn 15 ... and over and over again in Jn 17 “I have given them Your word”
 - c. God is befriending YOU! The Word has come near to you (Deu 29:29, 30:11-14; Rom 10:6-11). How are you responding to this very near word? Or is it far from your heart, and your mouth and your life?
2. **That Word calls us to trust.** “Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in Him” ... Yahweh is bringing to Abraham what He has spoken to him.
 - a. What is God bringing to you? ...
 - b. Does this same Word not tell you that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved?
 - c. That God is constituting you a holy nation? A royal priesthood?
 - d. That He who has begun the good work is bringing it to completion?
 - e. That He is the one who works in you both to will and to work unto His good pleasure?
 - f. But does that mean that we do nothing? No, it means that in dependence upon His grace, we do what He has called us to...
3. **That Word calls us to obey.** “That they keep the way of Yahweh to do righteousness and justice.”
 - a. Not to accomplish it themselves. God is the world-changer.
 - b. And what is the first place of righteousness and justice? In the worship and life of the household.
 - c. Job.
 - d. Ephesians 5-6 and the spiritual war.
 - e. 1Tim 2:15 and the glorious role of the wife—and by extension of every believer in every station of life.
 - f. The glorious role of church member (Eph 4:15-16).
 - g. The glorious role of Christ-knower, glory-knower, love-knower (Jn 17:20-26).
 - h. God is the world-changer. You be faithful in all your duties.

Conclusion: The Lord has taken upon Himself to send Christ in the world to save sinners and to bring to Christ every sinner that He is saving. He has befriended us by His Word, calling us first to trust in Him to accomplish His saving plan, and also *by grace through faith* to obey in the role that He has assigned us: doing righteousness and justice where He has placed us.