

“God and Man at Table”

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Sermon Text: Genesis 18

Let's review!

Almighty God dramatically communicated his promises through:

Names:

God's self-naming - El-Shaddai (God - Almighty)

Abram's new name - Abraham (father of a multitude)

Sarai's new name - Princess (designating royalty)

The name of the promised Seed - Isaac (laughter)

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Signs and seals

Circumcision of all baby boys in the household.

Now we come to Chapter 18 of Genesis - another instance of God dramatically communicating the reality of his promise—the promise of the Son, the Seed - Isaac—to Abraham and Sarah.

A Meal of Fellowship and Peace

The fact stated here is that God sat down and ate with Abraham and during this meal announced the soon coming birth of the long promised baby boy - Promised Seed.

We are given the identity of the visitors- YHWH (the self-existent one)--

The subject of this meeting was the promised Son- the Seed- Isaac- “He laughs”- this time she laughed!

The purpose was to assure Abraham and Sarah of the promise through an intimate meeting and restatement of the promise! This meal sealed the promise.

Genesis 26

Leviticus 3 and 7; John 6:47-58; Luke 22: 14-20; Luke 24:28–32; Revelation 3:20; Revelation 19:6-9

This meal rebukes doubt!

This meal marks/seals the promise!

Two simple applications:

1. Meals at Christian gatherings are significant- a sign of gospel peace, reconciliation, being family in Christ—Fellowship meals are normal for Christians.
2. The Lord's Supper is a meal where we sit down with God at his invitation.