

A Journey in Intercessory Prayer

(Genesis 18:9-33)

Introduction. (Gen. 13-17)

Abram (Abraham) Hagar Sarah

Divine Appointment (Gen. 18: 9-19)

failure hope hiding affirmation

Divine Intentions (Gen. 18:20-21)

Drawing Near (Gen. 18:22-33) as a friend

- (a) Character of God
- (b) Compassion
- (c) Humility
- (d) Boldness
- (e) Persistence

Life Response

1. The character of God should always impact our prayers as well as the promises of God.
2. The failure of Sarah's fleshly/cultural option for a son was necessary to expose her and her husband's unbelief and move them to walking by faith (Heb. 11:11) alone 13 years later. God needed Sarah and Abraham on the same page!
3. Successful prayer needs the one praying to be humble before God, bold in doing God's will, persistent in praying, showing compassion toward others entrapped in sin, and a serious student/follower of God's Word. Prayer is not a chant of the same words day in and day out.
4. "Truly, thou art a God who hides Himself (Isa. 45:15)." That is His option not ours! When we hide, we lose!
5. We cannot afford to ignore the bondage of sin in today's culture. That bondage is real! It will take more than our testimony, a presentation of the gospel, but also some apologetics.
6. Draw near to Him and pray until you have prayed. We must linger before Him and pray without ceasing not letting busyness and culture still His voice. We cannot afford to miss our awesome God and fellowship with Him.