

Trekking Through the Torah

VAYERA

First Aliyah - Beresheet 18.1-14

VERSES 1-3-WHEN ADONAI APPEARS

Most people today do not experience actual "theophanies", but G-d does make Himself known to man. What ways does Adonai "appear" to us?

What can we learn from Avraham's response to Adonai's appearance? Take note of his actions- he raised his eyes, he looked, he ran, he prostrated, he said.

Discuss Avraham's request-"please don't leave your servant." Where else in Scripture do we see similar requests?

VERSES 4-8-HOSPITALITY

"He watched carefully over its preparation and was even involved himself in it. Such is the way of the righteous; they promise little but perform much" (Bava Metsia 87a).

Read Messianic Jews (Hebrews) 13:1-2. Our story in Beresheet is an example of this principle. Why is hospitality so important to Adonai?

"Hospitality is when someone feels at Home in your presence."

"Hospitality isn't about your house it's about your heart."

"Hospitality to wayfarers is greater than welcoming the Divine Presence" (Shab. 127a).

Look up these verses on hospitality and write down what they teach us.

Romans 12:13

Messianic Jews (Hebrews) 13:16

Yochanan Gimmel (3 John) 1.4-8

Kefa Aleph (1 Peter) 4:9

Traits of Avraham's hospitality:(from Be Obedient by Warren Wiersbe)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Often in today's society, we see or experience very little hospitality. What could be a reason for this? What can we do to cultivate a spirit of hospitality in our homes and in our congregation?

VERSES 9-12 ASSURANCE OF THE PROMISE

Why do we, like Sarah, often laugh to ourselves and mutter under our breath when we hear G-d's promises for us personally?

Why do we struggle with the supernatural?

How can we overcome doubt and unbelief?

VERSES 13-14. THE G-D OF THE IMPOSSIBLE

What impossible situation are you facing? What has Adonai spoken in His word about what you are facing?

Application: What from this teaching can you apply in your life? How are you going to apply it? (S.M.A.R.T. S= specific, M = measurable, A = achievable, R =relevant, T = time)
