

GENESIS-18

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THEME:

God's sovereign reign over the affairs of man

TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

The Decree of God

INTRODUCTION;

The development of a man of faith, Abraham

Good intentions ain't good enough

Hebrews 11:8-10

By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. ⁹ By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: ¹⁰ For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

Chapter 18

is divided into three main sections of "revelation"

remembering that in Genesis we are beginning to establish our understanding concerning the nature of God.

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| I.) | Verses 1-16 | <i>His Everlasting Covenant</i> |
| II.) | Verses 17-22 | <i>His Coming Judgment</i> |
| III.) | Verses 23-33 | <i>His Promised Hope</i> |

In The Doctrine of God.
Attributes, Nature

Decree of God;

*" The decree of God is His eternal purpose,
according to the counsel of His own will, whereby,
for His own glory He has foreordained all things to
come to pass according to His foreknowledge of
things whether actual or possible. "*

I.) Verses 1-16 *His Everlasting Covenant*

Verse 1

The **LORD** (*Yahweh*) (*Jehovah*)

Appeared HEB;
present, unveil himself

The **custom** *was to sit in the tent door and pray*

A physical revelation of Yahweh, Jehovah God
(*Yahshua*)

John 1:18

No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son,
which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

Angles, God's secret messengers;

Hebrews 13:2

Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby
some have entertained angels unawares.

Verse 2

Bowed HEB; *shachah*

To worship. It's first appearance in Scripture and it's
regarding the worship God.

Verse 6

The Fellowship Offering

Matthew 13:33

Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.

Verse 12

Sarah laughed *within herself*

*Saying I'm sure now that I past **childbearing** age and to top it off
to have **pleasure**, that's a great joke.*

Verse 14

We so often belittle God by our understanding
of things and Their *degree of difficulty* **6.3**

Our Material Universe Understanding of Things;

God is outside our physical laws

Philippians 4:12-13

I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. ¹³ I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

II.) Verses 17-22 *His Coming Judgement*

Verse 17

Amos 3:7

Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his
secret unto his servants the prophets.

The Judgement was to be a witness to Abraham and to his descendants.

- Remember, Sodom had seen Gods hand of deliverance earlier. They had heard of the testimony of Melchizedek

Luke 12:48b

For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.

Hebrews 2:3

How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;

The United States of America are rising to a level where
God will say enough.

There appears a point in time where God say's that enough,
and Judgment falls.

- *I became a true American last fall returning from Russia*

The increase of crime and the type-of-crime is escalating
uncontrollable;

- Currently, 3-5 people are killed in L.A. per day
- We have violence every 20 second on television
- Violent crimes against children record high in California
- Sexual assault / advancement every 15 sec.
- Globally, for every 15 years of war/1 year of peace

Jude 7

Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

Verse 20

Their sins cried for judgement.

(in a very twisted way we see this with many criminals who really want to be stopped)

Numbers 32:23

ye have sinned against the LORD:
and be sure your sin will find you out.

matsa'

to catch, to deliver, to be enough, to make present, to take hold of.

Galatians 6:7

Don't be fooled, God will not ultimately be made fun of,
for whatever you sow in your life, You will reap that very thing

What a horrible responsibility NOW !!!

_____Me personally_____

T.V.(?)

Fellowship (?)

Church (?)

Music (?)

Worship (?)

Ephesians 5:16

Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

Colossians 4:5

Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time._

exagorazo (ex-ag-or-ad'-zo);

- To buy back,
- To regain control
- To bring back from loss

Verse 23

Note Abraham's loving concern for the righteous
the question of the story is....

" Is Abraham more concerned for the righteous than God "

NO

*God is showing us by His word, through Abraham that He will never JUDGE the wicked with the
RIGHTEOUS*

What about the Tribulation and the Church;

1Thessalonians 4:13-16

But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. ¹⁴ For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. ¹⁵ For this we say unto you by the word of

the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first....

Ignorance in this area is from not knowing
what the tribulation period is all about.

THE LAST SEVEN YEARS ARE JEWISH IN NATURE

- A.) It's God's final dealing with human government
- B.) It's God's final dealing with Israel in turning toward Him in faith
- C.) It's God's establishment of the nation Israel to govern over the earth by Yashuah Hamashea(Jesus the Messiah, Christ)
- D.) It's God's purging of the world from those who reject Him
- E.) It's God's Wrath, indignation and judgement revealed from heaven

God does not desire to bring judgement;

Ezekiel 33:11

I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

2 Peter 3:8-10

But, beloved, be not *ignorant* of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹ The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. ¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

III.) Verses 23-33 *His Promised Hope*

Abraham attempts to strike a deal with God

Beautiful Example of intercession *toward us*

Ezekiel 22:30

And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.

Verse 25

Shall not the judge of all the earth do right ?

A testimony of their friendship

verse 19

"known"

Revelation 3:10

Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

Some struggle with Luke 17 or Matthew 24 & 25

Turn to Luke 17:20-37

Job 34:20

In a moment shall they die, and the people shall be troubled at midnight, and pass away: and the mighty shall be taken away without a hand.

Proverbs 29:1

He, that being often reprov'd hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.

2 Thessalonians 2:8-12

And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: ⁹ Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, ¹⁰ And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. ¹¹ And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: ¹² That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

Verse 32

Haggle 1A technique
(Intercession)

He personally knew ten **(10)** righteous believers

- Genesis 19:12 **(4)** Mr. & Mrs. Lot and their two sons
- Genesis 19:14 **(4)** Two married daughters and their husbands
- Genesis 19:8 **(2)** Their two unmarried daughters

Genesis 19:22

Haste thee, escape thither; *for I cannot do any thing till thou be come thither.*
Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar.

Judgment hasn't yet fallen upon America because of the believers still present. God is blessing America for only one reason... He loves His own.

Labans' flocks grew because of Jacobs presence
Potiphar prospered because of Joesph
All life was saved because Paul was onboard the ship in Acts.

1 Peter 4:17

For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?

Do not misdiagnose your spiritual dilemma that you are currently experiencing

Boy the Devil is sure mean,
I can believe the temptation s that have been hitting me

Why ?

Things aren't going my way.....
I lost my Job.....
My health is failing.....