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## **“Reasonable Service”**

### **Abraham (Part 11)**

*“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.”*  
*(Romans 12:1 NKJV)*

### **Privileged to Serve God**

**Genesis 18:1-5** – (1) “And the LORD appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. (2) He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth (3) and said, ‘O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. (4) Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, (5) while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on— since you have come to your servant.’ So they said, ‘Do as you have said.’”

### **Whole Heart, Whole House Service**

**Genesis 18:6-8** – (6) “And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, ‘Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.’ (7) And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. (8) Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.”

<b>Those Who Wait upon the Lord will be Strengthened</b>
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### **Promise Reaffirmed**

**Genesis 18:9-15** – (9) “They said to him, ‘Where is Sarah your wife?’ And he said, ‘She is in the tent.’ (10) The LORD said, ‘I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.’ And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. (11) Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. (12) So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, ‘After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?’”

(13) The LORD said to Abraham, 'Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' (14) Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.' (15) But Sarah denied it, saying, 'I did not laugh,' for she was afraid. He said, 'No, but you did laugh.'"

### **Applications:**

**"Serve the LORD with gladness!..." (Psalm 100:2a)**

**"For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another." (Galatians 5:13)**

### **Questions to Ponder:**

**(1) Is the favor of the Lord upon me to serve Him? (1 Cor. 12:7; 1 Timothy 1:12)**

**(2) What is the quality of the service I render to the Lord? (John 2:17; Rom 12:11; Col. 3:23-24; Hag. 1:2-7)**

**(3) Is God looking for flawlessness or faithfulness?**