

Read Genesis 18:1-8

1 The LORD appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day.

2 Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground.

3 He said, "If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by.

4 Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree.

5 Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way—now that you have come to your servant." "Very well," they answered, "do as you say."

6 So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. "Quick," he said, "get three seahs of the finest flour and knead it and bake some bread."

7 Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it.

8 He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree.

When Abraham was sitting at the entrance to his tent, what did he see (v. 1)? The Lord God appeared to him.

Who were the three men (v. 2)? We find out later that they were the Lord Himself and two angels (19:1).

What did Abraham do (v. 2b)? He hurried out to meet them and bowed down to them.

Why did Abraham bow low to the ground? He knew they were from heaven and one of them was the Lord Himself.

What did Abraham say (v. 3)? Please stay here with me for a while.

What did Abraham say (vv. 4-5)? (Read) Why don't you all wash up and rest and I'll get you something to eat.

What did the three men say to Abraham's offer? Okay. We will eat with you.

What did Abraham do next (vv. 6-8a)? (Read) He prepared their dinner.

What did Abraham do while the men ate (v. 8)? He stood off to the side while they were eating.

Why did he do that? Out of respect for his visitors. He knew they were from heaven.