

## Hospitality

Hebrews 13:2 (ESV)

*“Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers,  
for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.”*

When it comes to the subject of angels, this New Testament scripture references something that is very important in the heavens. Hebrews also tells us that earthly designs can exist to show how heaven is designed.

*“...since there are those who offer the gifts according to the Law; who serve as a **copy and shadow of the heavenly things**, just as Moses was warned by God when he was about to erect the tabernacle; for, “See,” He says, “that you make all things according to the pattern shown to you on the mountain.”*

Hebrews 8:4-5

Hospitality is first shown extravagantly in the scriptures concerning Abraham.

(The following are not in chronological order but in order of importance.)

- √ Abraham's Vineyard
- √ Abraham's visit to Ishmael's home
- √ The 3 men's visit with Abraham at the oaks of Mamre

There is no excuse for a lack of hospitality.

- √ Sodom's inhospitable laws are what brought their destruction by heaven.
- New Moon feast and Shabbat are with for heavenly beings

The New Moon Feasts are about hospitality. The surmounting strength of hospitality is found *“where two or three are gathered together in My name, there I am in their midst.”* Matthew 18:20 (LITV)

## ***Abraham's Hospitality***

### **Jasher 22: 11-13**

11. And Abraham planted a large grove in Beersheba, and he made to it four gates facing the four sides of the earth, and he planted a vineyard in it, so that if a traveler came to Abraham, he entered any gate which was in his road, and remained there and ate and drank and satisfied himself and then departed.

12. For the house of Abraham was always open to the sons of men that passed and repassed, who came daily to eat and drink in the house of Abraham.

13. And any man who had hunger and came to Abraham's house, Abraham would give him bread that he might eat and drink and be satisfied, and anyone that came naked to his house he would clothe with garments as he might choose, and give him silver and gold and make known to him the Lord who had created him in the earth; this did Abraham all his life.

# ***The Hospitality of Ishmael's Wife Unto Abraham***

## **Jasher Chapter 21**

20. And God gave Ishmael flocks and herds and tents on account of Abraham his father, and the man increased in cattle.

21. And Ishmael dwelt in deserts and in tents, traveling and resting for a long time, and he did not see the face of his father.

22. And in some time after, Abraham said to Sarah his wife, I will go and see my son Ishmael, for I have a desire to see him, for I have not seen him for a long time.

23. And Abraham rode upon one of his camels to the wilderness to seek his son Ishmael, for he heard that he was dwelling in a tent in the wilderness with all belonging to him.

24. And Abraham went to the wilderness, and he reached the tent of Ishmael about noon, and he asked after Ishmael, and he found the wife of Ishmael sitting in the tent with her children, and Ishmael her husband and his mother were not with them.

25. And Abraham asked the wife of Ishmael, saying, Where has Ishmael gone? and she said, He has gone to the field to hunt, and Abraham was still mounted upon the camel, for he would not get off to the ground as he had sworn to his wife Sarah that he would not get off from the camel.

26. And Abraham said to Ishmael's wife, My daughter, give me a little water that I may drink, for I am fatigued from the journey.

27. And Ishmael's wife answered and said to Abraham, We have neither water nor bread, and she continued sitting in the tent and did not notice Abraham, neither did she ask him who he was.

28. But she was beating her children in the tent, and she was cursing them, and she also cursed her husband Ishmael and reproached him, and Abraham heard the words of Ishmael's wife to her children, and he was very angry and displeased.

29. And Abraham called to the woman to come out to him from the tent, and the woman came and stood opposite to Abraham, for Abraham was still mounted upon the camel.

30. And Abraham said to Ishmael's wife, When thy husband Ishmael returneth home say these words to him,

31. A very old man from the land of the Philistines came hither to seek thee, and thus was his appearance and figure; I did not ask him who he was, and seeing thou wast not here he spoke unto me and said, When Ishmael thy husband returneth tell him thus did this man say, When thou comest home put away this nail of the tent which thou hast placed here, and place another nail in its stead.

32. And Abraham finished his instructions to the woman, and he turned and went off on the camel homeward.

33. And after that Ishmael came from the chase he and his mother, and returned to the tent, and his wife spoke these words to him,

34. A very old man from the land of the Philistines came to seek thee, and thus was his appearance and figure; I did not ask him who he was, and seeing thou wast not at home he said to me, When thy husband cometh home tell him, thus saith the old man, Put away the nail of the tent which thou hast placed here and place another nail in its stead.

35. And Ishmael heard the words of his wife, and he knew that it was his father, and that his wife did not honor him.

36. And Ishmael understood his father's words that he had spoken to his wife, and Ishmael hearkened to the voice of his father, and Ishmael cast off that woman and she went away.

37. And Ishmael afterward went to the land of Canaan, and he took another wife and he brought her to his tent to the place where he then dwelt.

38. And at the end of three years Abraham said, I will go again and see Ishmael my son, for I have not seen him for a long time.

39. And he rode upon his camel and went to the wilderness, and he reached the tent of Ishmael about noon.

40. And he asked after Ishmael, and his wife came out of the tent and she said, He is not here my lord, for he has gone to hunt in the fields, and to feed the camels, and the woman said to Abraham, Turn in my lord into the tent, and eat a morsel of bread, for thy soul must be wearied on account of the journey.

41. And Abraham said to her, I will not stop for I am in haste to continue my journey, but give me a little water to drink, for I have thirst; and the woman hastened and ran into the tent and she brought out water and bread to Abraham, which she placed before him and she urged him to eat, and he ate and drank and his heart was comforted and he blessed his son Ishmael.

42. And he finished his meal and he blessed the Lord, and he said to Ishmael's wife, When Ishmael cometh home say these words to him,  
43. A very old man from the land of the Philistines came hither and asked after thee, and thou wast not here; and I brought him out bread and water and he ate and drank and his heart was comforted.  
44. And he spoke these words to me: When Ishmael thy husband cometh home, say unto him, The nail of the tent which thou hast is very good, do not put it away from the tent.  
45. And Abraham finished commanding the woman, and he rode off to his home to the land of the Philistines; and when Ishmael came to his tent his wife went forth to meet him with joy and a cheerful heart.  
46. And she said to him, An old man came here from the land of the Philistines and thus was his appearance, and he asked after thee and thou wast not here, so I brought out bread and water, and he ate and drank and his heart was comforted.  
47. And he spoke these words to me, When Ishmael thy husband cometh home say to him, The nail of the tent which thou hast is very good, do not put it away from the tent.  
48. And Ishmael knew that it was his father, and that his wife had honored him, and the Lord blessed Ishmael.

## **Jasher Chapter 22**

1. And Ishmael then rose up and took his wife and his children and his cattle and all belonging to him, and he journeyed from there and he went to his father in the land of the Philistines.  
2. And Abraham related to Ishmael his son the transaction with the first wife that Ishmael took, according to what she did.  
3. And Ishmael and his children dwelt with Abraham many days in that land, and Abraham dwelt in the land of the Philistines a long time.

## ***Abrahams Hospitality At the Oaks of Mamre***

### **Genesis 18:1-8 (LITV)**

And Yahovah appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre. And he was sitting at the door of the tent in the heat of the day.

And he lifted up his eyes and looked; and, behold, three men were standing by him. And he saw, and he ran to meet them from the entrance of the tent. And he bowed to the ground. And he said, My Lord, if now I have found favor in Your sight, I beg You, do not leave from near Your servant. Please allow a little water to be taken and You wash Your feet, and rest under the tree, and I will bring a bite of bread and will sustain Your heart. Then You may pass on, for this is why You have passed over to Your servant.

And they said, Do so, as you have said.

And Abraham ran into the tent to Sarah and said, Hurry, prepare three measures of fine meal, knead it and make cakes, and Abraham ran to the herd and brought a son of the herd, tender and good, and gave it to a youth. And he hurried to prepare it, and he took curds and milk and the son of the herd which he had prepared, and he set before them.

He stood by them under the tree. And they ate.

# ***Hospitality and Sodom's Sin***

## **Jasher Chapter 19**

25. And a poor man came into the city to seek a maintenance, and he remained in the city some days, and all the people of Sodom caused a proclamation of their custom not to give this man a morsel of bread to eat until he dropped dead upon the earth, and they did so.

26. And Paltith, the daughter of Lot, saw this man lying in the streets starved with hunger, and no one would give him anything to keep him alive, and he was just at the point of death.

27. And her soul was filled with pity on account of the man, and she fed him secretly with bread for many days, and the soul of this man was revived.

28. For when she went forth to fetch water, she would put the bread in the water pitcher, and when she came to the place where the poor man was, she took the bread from the pitcher and gave it to him to eat; so she did many days.

29. And all the people of Sodom and Gomorrah wondered how this man could bear starvation for so many days.

30. And they said to each other, This can only be that he eats and drinks, for no man can bear starvation for so many days or live as this man has, without even his countenance changing; and three men concealed themselves in a place where the poor man was stationed, to know who it was that brought him bread to eat.

31. And Paltith daughter of Lot went forth that day to fetch water, and she put bread into her pitcher of water, and she went to draw water by the poor man's place, and she took out the bread from the pitcher and gave it to the poor man and he ate it.

32. And the three men saw what Paltith did to the poor man, and they said to her, It is thou then who hast supported him, and therefore has he not starved, nor changed in appearance nor died like the rest.

33. And the three men went out of the place in which they were concealed, and they seized Paltith and the bread which was in the poor man's hand.

34. And they took Paltith and brought her before their judges, and they said to them, thus did she do, and it is she who supplied the poor man with bread, therefore did he not die all this time; now therefore declare to us the

punishment due to this woman for having transgressed our law.

35. And the people of Sodom and Gomorrah assembled and kindled a fire in the street of the city, and they took the woman and cast her into the fire, and she was burned to ashes.

36. And in the city of Admah there was a woman to whom they did the like.

37. For a traveler came into the city of Admah to abide there all night, with the intention of going home in the morning, and he sat opposite the door of the house of the young woman's father, to remain there, as the sun had set when he had reached that place; and the young woman saw him sitting by the door of the house.

38. And he asked her for a drink of water, and she said to him, Who art thou? and he said to her, I was this day going on the road, and reached here when the sun set, so I will abide here all night, and in the morning I will arise early and continue my journey.

39. And the young woman went into the house and fetched the man bread and water to eat and drink.

40. And this affair became known to the people of Admah, and they assembled and brought the young woman before the judges, that they should judge her for this act.

41. And the judge said, The judgment of death must pass upon this woman because she transgressed our law, and this therefore is the decision concerning her.

42. And the people of those cities assembled and brought out the young woman, and anointed her with honey from head to foot, as the judge had decreed, and they placed her before a swarm of bees which were then in their hives, and the bees flew upon her and stung her that her whole body was swelled.

43. And the young woman cried out on account of the bees, but no one took notice of her or pitied her, and her cries ascended to heaven.

44. And the Lord was provoked at this and at all the works of the cities of Sodom, for they had an abundance of food, and had tranquility amongst them, and still would not sustain the poor and the needy, and in those days their evil doings and sins became great before the Lord.

45. And the Lord sent for two of the angels that had come to Abraham's house to destroy Sodom and its cities.

*“He said to them, ‘Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him at midnight and says to him, “Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine has come to me from a journey, and I have nothing to set before him.” From inside, he answers and says, “Do not bother me. The door has already been shut, and my children and I are in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything.”*

*I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his shamefacedness, he will get up and give him as much as he needs.”*

Luke 11:5-8

αἰδώς aidōs; perhaps from “α” (as a negative particle) (through the idea of downcast eyes); bashfulness, i.e. (towards men), modesty or (towards God) awe: — reverence, **shamefacedness**.

AV (2) - **shamefacedness** - reverence

A sense of shame or honor, modesty, bashfulness, reverence, regard for others, respect.

This is the hospitality of the Middle East nations' people.

Let's continue with what Jesus is teaching us on prayer:

Luke 11:9-13

*“So I say to you, **ask**, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who **asks**, receives; and he who seeks, finds, and to him who knocks, it will be opened.*

*Now, suppose one of you fathers is **asked** by his son for a fish; he will not give him a snake instead of a fish, will he? Or if he is **asked** for an egg, he will not give him a scorpion, will he? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?”*

“Ask” (Greek: αἰτέω aiteō): This word has the history of being more like a demand in the sense of placing something in action that demands response. Kind of like flipping the light switch on placed a demand upon the electrical generation plant. Once enacted there is a corresponding action. So, it becomes a demand for judgment.

It is also an example of the depths of true hospitality – the meaning of which has been lost in the culture of the western world. We talk about the LAW of hospitality, which implies a foundational principle that must be adhered to in a civilized society. Violation of these laws builds a poverty mindset and leads to the lawless living seen in Sodom.