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A FRIEND OF GOD
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James 2:23

And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness."

And he was called the friend of God.

2 Chronicles 20:7; Isaiah 41:8; Proverbs 18:24

1. A friend of God is willing to entertain strangers who have the mark of righteousness.

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1 Then the Lord appeared to him by the terebinth trees of Mamre, as he was sitting in the tent door in the heat of the day. **2** So he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing by him; and when he saw them he ran from the tent door to meet them, and bowed himself to the ground, **3** and said, "My Lord, if I have now found favor in Your sight, do not pass on by Your servant. **4** Please let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. **5** And I will bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh your hearts. After that you may pass by, inasmuch as you have come to your servant." They said, "Do as you have said." **6** So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quickly, make ready three measures of fine meal; knead it and make cakes." **7** And Abraham ran to the herd, took a tender and good calf, gave it to a young man, and he hastened to prepare it. **8** So he took butter and milk and the calf which he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree as they ate.

Hebrews 13:1 - Let brotherly love continue. **2 Do not forget to entertain strangers**, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels.

2. If you are a friend of God, you will know His truth for what He wants to do in your life. Mark 8:36

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9 Then they said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" So he said, "Here, in the tent." **10** And He said, "I will certainly return to you according to the time of life, and behold, Sarah your wife shall have a son." (Sarah was listening in the tent door which was behind him.)

11 Now Abraham and Sarah were old, well advanced in age; and Sarah had passed the age of childbearing. **12** Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, "After I have grown old, shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?" [called him lord, respect]

13 And the Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, saying, 'Shall I surely bear a child, since I am old?' **14 Is anything too hard for the Lord?** At the appointed time I will return to you, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son." **15** But Sarah denied it, saying, "I did not laugh," for she was afraid. And He said, "No, but you did laugh!"

3. God's friend will be told by God what He is planning to do

John 15:13-15; Matthew 24:15-18; James 4:1-10; Daniel 9:24-27

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16 Then the men rose from there and looked toward Sodom, and Abraham went with them to send them on the way. **17** And the Lord said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing, **18** since Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? **19 For I have known him**, in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the Lord, to do righteousness and justice, that the Lord may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him."

Are you a friend of God?