

Questions God Asks: Is Anything too Hard for the LORD?

(Genesis 18:1-14)



A Lenten Series on The Questions God Asks His people

Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed
time I will return to you...

(Genesis 18:14a)

+ Call to Worship +

God's invisible attributes, namely, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made.

Romans 1:20

“He determines the number of the stars; He gives to all of them their names. Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; His understanding is beyond measure.”

Psalms 147:4-5

These are but the fringes of His ways, and how small a whisper do we hear of Him! But the thunder of his power who can understand?”

Job 26:7-14

“Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh. Is anything too hard for Me?

Jeremiah 32:27

“Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.”

Isaiah 41:10

Who is God except the Lord? Who but our God is a solid rock? God is my strong fortress, and He makes my way perfect.”

2 Samuel 22:33

Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us,

Ephesians 3:20-21

to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

+ Confession and Forgiveness +

P Heavenly Father, as we come before your presence tonight, we confess that we have daily sinned against you in thought, word, and deed.

Come to us with grace and mercy. And forgive us for Jesus' sake.

C Merciful Father, you have shown yourself merciful, kind, and slow to anger. For you have not made empty promises to us. But you accomplish the very thing you say. We thank you for pronouncing forgiveness upon us in Jesus. We thank you for sending Your son who lived perfectly and fulfilled all righteousness on our behalf. And we thank you for calling us into your church in which you daily and richly forgive us our sins. Give us confidence and strength in knowing that we are your people, cherished, loved, and forgiven through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

+ Hymn 797 vv.1-4 +

Praise the Almighty

+ Scripture Readings +

Old Testament Reading:

Genesis 18:1–14

¹ 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. ²He 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 ³and said, “O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, ⁵while 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.” ⁶And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, “Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.” ⁷And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. ⁸Then 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.

⁹They said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?” And he said, “She is in the tent.” ¹⁰The 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. ¹¹Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. ¹²So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?” ¹³The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ ¹⁴Is 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.”

P This is the word of our Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading:

Ephesians 1:17–23

¹⁷that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²²And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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Gospel Reading:

Matthew 28:16–20

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

+ Hymn 798 vv.1-4 +

The God of Abraham Praise

+ Sermon +

Title: Why Do You Cry to Me?

Text: Exodus 14:5–25

+ Hymn 724 vv.1-4 +

If God Himself Be for Me

+ Prayers +

+ Lord's Prayer +

+ Benediction +

+ Hymn 745 +

In God, My Faithful God