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## *“The Problem of Cynicism Toward God”*

**Genesis 18:1-15**

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1. The LORD appears to Abraham. (Genesis 18:1-8)

## 2. The problem of cynicism hinders our relationship with God. (Genesis 18:9-15)

### Table Talk

- 1) Who does Abraham meet? (vv. 1-2) Why does this show us that we need to be careful about identifying ourselves with Abraham in this narrative?
- 2) How does Abraham welcome his guests? What does this say about hospitality in general? What does it say about welcoming God into our life and world? (vv. 3-8)
- 3) What can we be doing to show better hospitality to our neighbors? What can we do to show better hospitality to God Himself? How do we know that it took time and effort for Abraham and Sarah to show hospitality? (vv. 6-8)
- 4) What problem do Abraham and Sarah have that they see is impossible? (vv. 9-11)
- 5) How does Sarah express her cynicism? (v. 12) How do you express your cynicism?
- 6) What is God's answer to cynicism? (vv. 13-14) Why is Sarah afraid? (v. 15) What fears do you have that may be similar?