Genesis 18

Part 1

Application

Practice Hospitality

* Practice of hospitality is all but lost
* E.g. – Experience as pastor hosting people and their comments of never having been invited to the pastors home
* Cultural and safety considerations
* What drives us to extend this level of hospitality?
	+ LOVE FOR GOD
	+ Resulting in love for others
	+ Stewardship mentality…what own nothing, but are merely caretakers of it for God who owns all
	+ Servant mentality
	+ Eternal/gospel centered mentality

Heb 13:2

**2**Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.[[1]](#footnote-1)

***God calls us to reject the temptation to deny our sin but rather He gives grace to confess and by His power, he promises to cleanse us from it.***

What reasons might we have for wanting to cover up our sin? What motivates us to deny and hide?

This reveals a crucial point about humanity. Our pride is a powerful and dangerous thing.

How do we respond when confronted with our sin? Humble repentance or prideful denial?

And if you respond with prideful denial, why did you respond as you did? The answer will reveal your god, your idol.

How do we respond to the truths and promises of God? In obedient faithfulness or doubtful disbelief?

Perhaps God would be calling you to confess and repent of sins in your life that you are attempting to hide.

Today is the day to confess and expose, to repent and turn away.

Step 1 – Personal confession and repentance and prayer

 Provide a few moments for people to pray personally.

Step 2 – Seek out someone to confess to and seek prayer, accountability, and support. Spiritual growth is a community project.

1. [*The Holy Bible: English Standard Version*](https://ref.ly/logosres/esv?ref=BibleESV.Heb13.2&off=0&ctx=erly+love+continue.+~2%C2%A0v%EF%BB%BFDo+not+neglect+t). (2016). (Heb 13:2). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)