

# A Special Visit...

---

Genesis 18:3-5 "If I have found favor in your eyes, my Lord, do not pass your servant by. Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under the trees. Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed."

Have you ever had a special visitor come to your home? If you have then you know what I am talking about when I say you "get ready" for their arrival. Maybe you have gotten ready for your regional director, a visiting minister, family from the states, a teacher or old family friend. There are preparations for it. Your mom will make you clean up your room and help with chores. Special food is prepared. Mom gets out the good China. Guest towels are put in the bathroom that you aren't allowed to use. Your parents want everything to be just right.

I can remember times when my grandparents would come to visit us in the islands. My Mom would go crazy cleaning everything in sight and everything that was barely in sight. I remember her cleaning the glass bottles and jar that sat above our kitchen cabinets, the light fixtures, basically anything she could get her hands on. One night while we were all asleep she was standing in the middle of the kitchen table –cleaning the light fixture. She lost her footing and fell. The whole house woke up- ran into the dining room to find her sitting on the floor with dust cloth in hand. I remember my Dad telling ALL of us to go to bed.

It seems like when your time is precious you really put on your best face and enjoy every moment you have together. We really should live like this every day of our lives. We should prepare our hearts to spend time with the Lord- our special visitor. What about your friends and family members? Do you ever treat them special? Why not honor someone in your life today, do something to cheer them up- do something nice for them, or do your chores with our even being asked. Show them how much their time means to you. In Bible times when guests came to your home, you would wash their feet; this was an expression of hospitality and love. Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, the story is told in John 13:1-17. So today- make a plan for the people in your life to be treated to a special visit!