

THE FRIEND OF GOD

James 2:20-24

INTRO:

- A. Abraham was a man like we are, yet he was called the friend of God.
- B. What does it take to be the friend of God?
- C. Are you His friend or His foe?

I. FRIENDSHIP

- A. "Friendships multiply joys and divide griefs" H. G. Bohn
- B. A friend loves at all times. Proverbs 17:17
- C. A friend closer than a brother. Proverbs 18:24
- D. A friend does not deceive. Proverbs 27:5-9
- E. A friend gives comfort. Job 16:1-5

II. ABRAHAM & GOD

- A. Abraham believed God. James 2:23
- B. He obeyed God. Hebrews 11:8-10
- C. He trusted God. Hebrews 11:17-19
- D. He desired heaven. Hebrews 11:13-16
- E. He showed his faith by his works. James 2:21-24

III. FRIEND OR FOE?

- A. Friend of the world? James 4:4
 - 1. Love not the world. I John 2:15-17
- B. Enemies by wicked works. Colossians 1:21-22
- C. With Him or against Him. Matthew 12:20
- D. God or mammon. Matthew 6:24

CONCLUSION:

- A. At least three times Abraham is called the friend of God.
- B. To understand this we must see how much faith and trust he had toward God, and how that caused him to obey.
- C. We either choose to be His friends or His enemies. Which one is for you?