

# THE LIFE OF ABARAHAM



## 6. Abraham's Intercession Saves Lot

### Introduction

Abraham had given Lot a choice of which part of the land he would like. He chose the well-watered, fertile valley, near the city of Sodom. It wasn't long before he and his family were living right inside the city. However Sodom was a wicked city and God was about to destroy it. Abraham pleaded with the Lord to spare the city for the sake of his nephew Lot. Let's read this story now and see what we can learn from it.

Scripture Reading: Genesis 18:16-33

### A. ABRAHAM'S INTERCESSION FOR SODOM

- ✧ Who were the three men visiting Abraham? Genesis 18:1-2, 22, 19:1
- ✧ Why does the Lord reveal his plan concerning Sodom and Gomorrah to Abraham? Genesis 18:17-19



Describe Abraham's relationship with God. Genesis 18:22, 25, 27  
How did that impact his prayer for Sodom do you think? James 5:15  
What can we learn about prayer from Abraham's life?

Sometimes our prayers are not answered in the way we expect. Abraham's were not, and yet God saw the cry of his heart and saved Lot. As it says in James 5, "the prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective."

Scripture Reading: Genesis 19:1-29

### B. GOD'S JUDGEMENT ON SODOM

- ✧ Describe the situation the two angels find in Sodom in Genesis 19:4-8.
- ✧ What was God's attitude to what was happening in the city and how did he judge the city? Genesis 18:20, 24-25
- ✧ Why did God spare Lot's life, even though he had compromised by living in the city? Genesis 18:23, 19:29



The city of Sodom faced judgement, and yet we also see God's mercy in this story. In what ways did God show mercy? Discuss. Genesis 18:32, 19:10-13, 16

### Conclusion

The Bible predicts that in the last days the world will become more and more corrupt and God's judgment will fall, like it did in the time of Sodom. Although we live in the world, we are not to be like those in the world. Lot had compromised, yet God spared his life because Abraham had interceded for him. God is looking for those who will be like Abraham and intercede, or 'stand in the gap' for others. Will you be like Lot, or like Abraham?