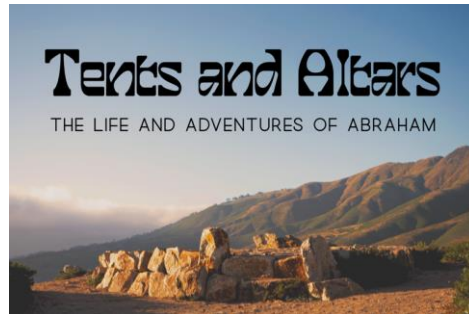


9DISCIPLE'S QUEST

If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine.

John 8:31



July 16, 2023

Genesis 18:16 – 19:29

Depravity, Intercession, Judgment

Main Idea

Upon hearing from the LORD that He would imminently destroy wicked Sodom for its depravity, Abraham interceded for the small number of righteous people who he imagined must have lived among the wicked. Abraham's supposition however proved to be wrong – not even ten righteous people lived in the depraved city, and the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah by raining down brimstone and fire from heaven. First, however, He delivered Lot through His two angels, remembering Abraham's intercession.

Outline

1. Depravity
2. Intercession
3. Judgment

Questions for further contemplation and application after the message:

#1 What did Abraham ask God for in 18:23 – 32?

Did the Lord reward Abraham's intercession? How?

#2 Read Matthew 5:13. Bearing in mind that salt was used as a preservative, how would you describe the influence that Jesus says His people are to have in the community in which they live?

Without this preserving kind of influence from believers, what should we expect to see happen in the world around us?

Practically speaking, how can we be preserving salt in a depraved and decaying world?

#3 How did Lot's ill-advised choice to live in wicked Sodom to begin with subsequently impact his decision making?

Why does keeping bad company corrupt good morals?

#4 What practical lessons should we take away from God's judgment and destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah?

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