



S E R M O N G U I D E

No Limits with Pastor Delman

A Prayer That Moves God

Genesis 18:20-33

INTRODUCTION

In today's key passage of Genesis 18 we see not just the significance of Abraham's promise, but also the strength of Abraham's prayer. Of the 650 prayers recorded in the Bible, there can be no question that this specific prayer stands in a category all by itself. It is a dialogue between a desperate man and a determined God concerning the fate of a community that departed from God's will and God's way. It is a marvelous picture of what happens when believers go to God in prayer. In it, Abraham makes audacious appeal to God to save his family, and he models for us what happens when you walk with God in faith and live in His power. Abraham had access to the throne room of heaven to ask what he wanted of God, in prayer. So in today's message, we are going to learn how we can follow Abraham's example in our own prayer life and see God move as we pray to Him.

KEY POINTS

1. Pray With A Sense Of Burden

While God may allow good people to suffer tragedy, disaster, or the diabolical deeds of others, God will not himself punish those who are unworthy of such a penalty. That would be inconsistent with His character. It is not the will of God that any man shall persist, and so Abraham raises his hand, and lifts his voice to speak on behalf of those who could not speak for themselves.

He questioned God with a burdened heart. So many people fail to get what they want in life, because they just "kinda want it." They don't want it bad enough. If you want to change the heart of God, he wants to know that it means something to you. Next time you go before the throne, go to God with a sense of burden!

2. Pray With Boldness

Like a child begging his parents for something, Abraham goes to God pleading with God to reconsider the terms of his decision. His reverence for God does not prevent him from approaching God with boldness. Verse 23 tells us that angels left, Abraham remained there standing before the Lord and when he did so, He came closer.

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. Would you consider yourself someone who prays with boldness? If not, what is keeping you from praying bold prayers?
2. How would you define what it looks like to pray with humility?
3. What is something you prayed for persistently and then you saw God answer that prayer? What can you learn from that experience?
