PRAYER • INTERCESSION

For the Sake of the **One**

Genesis 18:16–33

WHERE WE'VE BEEN

The Lord's Prayer: “Lord, teach us to pray”

INWARD

✓ Confession

✓ Lament

UPWARD

✓ Adoration

OUTWARD

✓ Petition

Intercession

TODAY

Next week: Thanksgiving

Inward • Upward • Outward (Richard Foster, Prayer)

WHERE WE'RE GOING TODAY

INTERCESSION

Standing before God on behalf of someone else

Genesis 18:16–33

Abraham stands before the Lord for a city

Last week: “God, what about me?” This week: “God, what about them?”



God Lets You In

Genesis 18:16–21

GENESIS 18:17, 19

The LORD said, “Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do... For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice.”

GENESIS 18:20–21

Then the LORD said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know.”

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Draw Near, Stay Low

Genesis 18:22–27

GENESIS 18:22–25

Abraham still stood before the LORD. Then Abraham drew near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?... Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?”



Pray Who He Is

Genesis 18:25

THE JUST JUDGE

"Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?"

Genesis 18:25

FULL OF GRACE

"I will spare the whole place for their sake."

Genesis 18:26

Held together perfectly in Jesus

"...just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus." Romans 3:26



Pray Past Your Tribe

Genesis 18:23–26

GENESIS 18:26–27

And the LORD said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake.” Abraham answered and said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes.”



Don't Stop at Ten

Genesis 18:27–32

50 40 30 20 10

“Suppose ten are found there.”

“For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.”

Genesis 18:32

GENESIS 18:24, 26 • “SPARE”



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to lift up • to carry • to bear • to forgive

“He bore the sin of many.”

Isaiah 53:12

50 40 30 20 10 1

"For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." Genesis 18:32

"God will provide for himself the lamb." Genesis 22:8

"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" John 1:29

GENESIS 19:29

So it was that, when God destroyed the cities of the valley, God remembered Abraham and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow.



The One Is Still Praying

Hebrews 7:25

HEBREWS 4:14–16

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses… Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

HEBREWS 7:25

Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.