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² And I will make of you a great nation,
and I will bless you and make your name great,
so that you will be a blessing.

³ I will bless those who bless you,
and him who dishonors you I will curse,
and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

- Genesis 12:2-3

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“O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, ⁵ while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.”

So they said, “Do as you have said.”

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⁶ And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, “Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.”

⁷ And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly.

⁸ Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them.

And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.



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The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah.

¹² So Sarah laughed to herself, saying,

“After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?”

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16 Then the men set out from there,
and they looked down toward Sodom.
And Abraham went with them to set them on their way.

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¹⁷ The LORD said,

“Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do,
¹⁸ seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?

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19 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, so that the LORD may bring to Abraham what he has promised him.”

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23 Then Abraham drew near and said,
“Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?
24 Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city.
Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it
for the fifty righteous who are in it?

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25 Far be it from you to do such a thing,
to put the righteous to death with the wicked,
so that the righteous fare as the wicked!

Far be that from you!

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

26 And the LORD said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous
in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake.”

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²⁷ Abraham answered and said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes.

²⁸ Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking.

Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?”

And he said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.”

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29 Again he spoke to him and said,
“Suppose forty are found there.”
He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.”

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³⁰ Then he said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak.
Suppose thirty are found there.”
He answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.”

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³¹ He said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord.
Suppose twenty are found there.”
He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.”

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³² Then he said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there.”

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

³³ And the LORD went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

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⁴ ...do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?"

- Romans 2:4

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⁸ But do not overlook this one fact, beloved,
that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years,
and a thousand years as one day.

⁹ The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count
slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that
any should perish, but that all should reach repentance

- 2 Peter 3:8-9



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“Missions exists because worship doesn’t.
Missions is our way of saying: the joy of knowing Christ
is not a private, or tribal, or national or ethnic privilege.
It is for all. And that’s why we go.
Because we have tasted the joy of worshiping Jesus,
and we want all the families of the earth included....



Seeking the worship of the nations
is fueled by the joy of our own worship.
You can't commend what you don't cherish.
You can't proclaim what you don't prize.
Worship is the fuel and the goal of missions.”

- John Piper





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