

THE MAN GOD WILL TALK TO

Genesis 18:16-19

INTRODUCTION: The “man-ness” of men. It’s the challenging part of what God has constituted men to be...

I A GLIMPSE INTO GOD’S THOUGHTS

A The question (vs 17):

- Not “Shall I tell Abraham...?”
- “Shall I hide from Abraham...?”
- “Should I hide from him...?” Or “Is it appropriate that I hide from him...?”
- He is saying, “How could I NOT reveal to him what I’m about to do?”

B The answer: God wants to reveal Himself & His plan

- God chose (vs 19a) Abraham; had known, revealed Himself to him
- The real question is if we are willing to hear what He has to say
- In this case – the unpleasant, unwelcome news that He was going to destroy an entire city

C God was asking Himself: Can I trust Abraham with what I want to reveal to him?

- Abraham was God’s choice to stand between life & death; disaster & survival
- God spoke to Abraham so that Abraham would speak to Him (intercession)

II ABRAHAM WAS A MAN

A An imperfect man; some examples:

- Had a divided spiritual heritage (Joshua 24:2)
- Sometimes lacked courage (Genesis 20:1-2)
- Failed to trust God to fulfill His promise of a son (Genesis 16:1-4)
- Meme about God already taking our stupidity into account

B A called man:

- To hear from God (vs 17)
- To be a great nation (expanding influence, fruitfulness; vs 18a)
- To be a blessing to many (vs 18b)
- To lead his household to God thru his words & actions (authority; vs 19a)
- To receive a blessing & fulfillment from God (vs 19b)

III A WORD TO OUR MEN

A God wants to speak to you; are you willing to hear Him?

- To stand between (intercession) between your family, generation, community, etc. & danger/judgment

B God wants to make you a blessing to others

- Continually expanding leadership & influence

C God want you to provide direction to others

- Point them to Jesus thru your word & example
- “But I’m not perfect” – Neither was Abraham, but he was called by God