

# Oak Hill Baptist Church



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## The Plight of Sodom

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### Genesis 18:16–33 NASB95

Then the men rose up from there, and looked down toward Sodom; and Abraham was walking with them to send them off. The LORD said, “Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, since Abraham will surely become a great and mighty nation, and in him all the nations of the earth will be blessed? “For I have chosen him, so 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 upon Abraham what He has spoken about him.” And the LORD said, “The outcry of Sodom and Gomorrah is indeed great, and their sin is exceedingly grave. “I will go down now, and see if they have done entirely according to its outcry, which has come to Me; and if not, I will know.” Then the men turned away from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham was still standing before the LORD. Abraham came near and said, “Will You indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? “Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will You indeed sweep *it* away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous who are in it? “Far be it from You to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous and the wicked are *treated* alike. Far be it from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth deal justly?” So the LORD said, “If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare the whole place on their account.” And Abraham replied, “Now behold, I have ventured to speak to the Lord, although I am *but* dust and ashes. “Suppose the fifty righteous are lacking five, will You destroy the whole city because of five?” And He said, “I will not destroy *it* if I find forty-five there.” He spoke to Him yet again and said, “Suppose forty are found there?” And He said, “I will not do *it* on account of the forty.” Then he said, “Oh may the Lord not be angry, and I shall speak; suppose thirty are found there?” And He said, “I will not do *it* if I find thirty there.” And he said, “Now behold, I have ventured to speak to the Lord; suppose twenty are found there?” And He said, “I will not destroy *it* on account of the twenty.” Then he said, “Oh may the Lord not be angry, and I shall speak only this once; suppose ten are found there?” And He said, “I will not destroy *it* on account of the ten.” As soon as He had finished speaking to Abraham the LORD departed, and Abraham returned to his place.

**Chosen** - יָדָעַ (yā·dā‘): v.; ≡ Str 3045; TWOT 848—1. LN 28.1–28.16 (qal) know, i.e., possess information about ([Ge 4:9](#)); (nif) become known ([Ex 2:14](#)); (piel) show ([Job 38:12](#)); 2. LN 27.1–27.26 (qal) find out, i.e., acquire information by whatever means ([Dt 13:4](#)[EB 3]); (nif) be aware, discovered ([Lev 4:14](#)); (hof) be made aware ([Lev 4:23](#), [28](#); [Isa 12:5](#)+); 3. LN 28.28–28.56 (nif) revealed, i.e., what is well known ([Eze 20:5](#)); (hif) reveal, make known ([Ge 41:39](#)); (hitp) make oneself known ([Ge 45:1](#); [Nu 12:6](#)+); 4. LN 87.19–87.57 (qal pass.) respected,

formally, known, i.e., pertaining to having a high status and honor ([Dt 1:13](#), [15+](#)); (nif) respected ([Pr 31:23](#)); 5. LN 27.1–27.26 (qal) familiar with, i.e., to acquire information by experience ([Isa 53:3](#)); 6. LN 32.1–32.10 (qal) understand, i.e., to comprehend a situation through observation ([1Sa 24:12](#)[EB 11]); 7. LN 31.26–31.28 (qal) acknowledge, i.e., to indicate that one knows an object ([Dt 33:9](#)); 8. LN 23.61–23.65 (qal) know, i.e., have sexual relations ([Ge 4:25](#)); 9. LN 30.39–30.52 (qal) concern, i.e., think about objects or events, with a focus on responding ([Ge 39:6](#)); 10. LN 30.86–30.107 (qal) choose, i.e., to select an object for special favor ([Ge 18:19](#));

**Command** - צִוָּה (šā·wā(h)): v.; ≡ Str 6680; TWOT 1887—1. LN 33.323–33.332 (piel) command, order, tell, instruct, give direction, decree, i.e., state with force/authority what others must do ([Ge 2:16](#)); (pual) commanded, directed, be ordered ([Ge 45:19](#); [Ex 34:34](#); [Lev 8:35](#); [10:13](#); [Nu 3:16](#); [36:2](#); [Eze 12:7](#); [24:18](#); [37:7+](#))

### Deuteronomy 30:1 NASB95

“So it shall be when all of these things have come upon you, the blessing and the curse which I have set before you, and you call *them* to mind in all nations where the LORD your God has banished you,

**Grave** - כָּבֵד (kā·bēd): v.; ≡ Str 3513; TWOT 943—1. LN 86.1–86.3 (qal) be heavy, weigh much, i.e., have an object be physically heavy ([Job 6:3](#); [Eze 27:25](#)); (hif) make heavy, feel heavy ([La 3:7](#)); 2. LN 87.4–87.18 (qal) honor, honored ([Job 14:21](#)), note: in some contexts, implying a raising or changing of financial status; (nif) distinguished, honored, be renowned, i.e., be in the state or gain for oneself a high status among a group of any size ([Ge 34:19](#)); (piel) distinguish, honor ([Ex 20:12](#)); (pual) be honored ([Pr 13:18](#); [27:18](#); [Isa 28:13+](#)); (hif) honor ([Isa 8:23](#)[EB 9:1]); 3. LN 87.19–87.57 (qal) glorify, glorified, i.e., a state of being great and wonderful ([Isa 66:5](#)); (nif) glorified ([Ex 14:4](#)); (piel) glorify, bring glory ([Ps 86:9](#)); 4. LN 57.25–57.35 (qal) be wealthy, i.e., have an accumulation of valuables, considerably above the normal amounts ([Ge 13:2](#)); (hif) make wealthy ([Hab 2:6](#)); 5. LN 78.1–78.27 (qal) high degree, be intense, be fierce, formally, heavy, i.e., be of degree of intensity which is relatively high, as an extension of an object being heavy or pressing ([Ge 18:20](#); [1Sa 5:6](#))

### Genesis 13:10 NASB95

Lot lifted up his eyes and saw all the valley of the Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere—*this was* before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah—like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt as you go to Zoar.