



“and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”—and he was called a friend of God.” – James 2:23

“No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.” – John 15:15

“And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart.” – Luke 18:1

“Then Abraham drew near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?” – Genesis 18:23

“It is now established that the judgment on Sodom and Gomorrah, the paradigm for God's future judgments, is just. The Lord investigates the accusations thoroughly (18:22), ensures two objective witnesses, involves the faithful in his judgment, displays active compassion for the suffering, and prioritizes divine mercy over indignant wrath... The Lord himself will not appear again in this act; in the next scene he will rain down the judgment from heaven (see 19:24).” – Bruce Waltke