

Open It!

What's your favorite city? What do you enjoy most about this city?

Discuss It!

How does God view Abraham (18:17-19)?

What plans did the LORD reveal to Abraham (18:16, 20-21)?

What do you learn about the ministry of intercessory prayer from Abraham's example and God's response (18:22-33)?

What do we learn about Lot in this account (19:1-22)? What do you find commendable or disappointing?

How many people had Lot influenced by his witness?

What do we learn about Lot's neighbors and the people of Sodom?

How did the two angels show mercy by intervening on Lot's behalf (19:1, 10-11, 12-13, 15-16, 18-20)?

How does the culture of Sodom and Gomorrah compare to ours today?

In what ways do we become desensitized to sin enjoying the comforts of life in these United States? What things have a spiritually dulling influence on us?

Live It!

Adoration – Express your love for the LORD who does not treat us as our sins deserve (Psalm 103:8-14).

Confession – Acknowledge as sin the ways you are like Lot prioritizing life in the world while putting your family at risk (1 John 2:15-17).

Intercession – Pray for All people beginning with your family, coworkers, and neighbors (1 Timothy 2:1-4).

Sermon Proposition

Like Abraham, we should intercede with God on behalf of people without hope in this world.

Because the LORD Has Chosen Us for this Purpose

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.

Genesis 18:19 (ESV)

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ² for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³ This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

1 Timothy 2:1-4 (ESV)

Because the LORD Is Merciful

As morning dawned, the angels urged Lot, saying, "Up! Take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you be swept away in the punishment of the city." ¹⁶ But he lingered. So the men seized him and his wife and his two daughters by the hand, the Lord being merciful to him, and they brought him out and set him outside the city.

Genesis 19:15–16 (ESV)

Because the LORD Remembers

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 when he overthrew the cities in which Lot had lived.

Genesis 19:27–29 (ESV)

New Testament application - See 2 Peter 2:4-9