

## **GOD'S PLANS CONCERNING SODOM**

### **Genesis 18:16-33**

After predicting that Abraham would have a son by Sarah, Abraham's three visitors prepared to leave. Notice now what took place as they left:

**A. God's Plans Concerning Sodom and Gomorrah:** Read Genesis 18:16-21

1. After the visitors had finished their meal, what did they do? Genesis 18:16a

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2. As Abraham went with them, what did the Lord ask? Genesis 18:17

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3. What two things did God say would surely happen to Abraham?  
Genesis 18:18

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

4. What did He say He knew Abraham would do? Genesis 18:19a

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5. Therefore, what would his descendants do? Genesis 18:19b

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5. What would this make possible for God to do for Abraham?  
Genesis 18:19c

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6. What two things had God noticed about Sodom and Gomorrah?  
Genesis 18:20

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

8. Therefore, what did God plan to do? Genesis 18:21

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**B. Abraham's Reaction to God's Plans:** Read Genesis 18:22-33

1. As two of the men went toward Sodom, who remained with Abraham? Genesis 18:22

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2. What did Abraham then ask the Lord? Genesis 18:23

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3. How many righteous people did Abraham think might be in the city?  
Genesis 18:24

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4. Did Abraham think that God would destroy these along with the wicked? Genesis  
18:25a

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5. Why? Genesis 18:25b

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6. What did the Lord then promise Abraham? Genesis 18:26  
If: \_\_\_\_\_ then: \_\_\_\_\_

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7. What did Abraham realize about himself in relation to the Lord?  
Genesis 18:27

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8. Yet notice that Abraham continued to plead with the Lord. Why do you suppose he did this? (*THINK!*)

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9. To what numbers did Abraham reduce his estimate of the righteous who might be in the city, and what promise did he receive from the Lord each time?

a. Genesis 18:28 \_\_\_\_\_

b. Genesis 18:29 \_\_\_\_\_

c. Genesis 18:30 \_\_\_\_\_

d. Genesis 18:31 \_\_\_\_\_

e. Genesis 18:32 \_\_\_\_\_

10. How many righteous people could have saved the whole city from destruction? Genesis 18:32b

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11. Did Abraham seem to feel that God would be fair in destroying the city if less than ten righteous people were found in it?

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12. For whom do you think Abraham was especially concerned?

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13. Do you think he believed there were ten righteous people in the city of Sodom?

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14. List all those you know of whom Abraham might have considered to be righteous:

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**NOTE:** Several possible persons are mentioned in the following lesson. List each here as you discover him or her.

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15. What two things happened as soon as God had finished this conversation with Abraham? Genesis 18:33

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. What caused Abraham to speak so boldly, so repeatedly, so insistently to God concerning Sodom and Gomorrah? Why do you think he stopped when he did?

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2. Has God determined to destroy the wicked of my day? (See John 3:36; Romans 1:18; 2 Thessalonians 1:8, 9) Am I concerned for any who are dear to me, who live among these? Enough to pray to God about them, boldly, repeatedly, insistently--until I am sure that my responsibility for them in prayer has been fulfilled?

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