**Gen 18-19: What Sodom And Gomorrah Teach Us About God’s Wrath…**

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### #1) God Does Not SHY Away From It.

***16****When the men got up to leave, they looked down toward Sodom, and Abraham walked along with them to see them on their way.****17****Then the Lord said, “Shall I hide from Abraham what* ***I am about to do****?*

***18****Abraham will surely become a great and powerful nation, and all nations on earth will be blessed through him.****19****For I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing what is right and just, so that the Lord will bring about for Abraham what he has promised him.”* Genesis 18:18-19

**#2) God ACTS Once Iniquity Reaches A Certain Point.**

***20****Then the Lord said, “The* ***outcry*** *against* ***Sodom and Gomorrah*** *is so great and their* ***sin so grievous******21****that I will go down and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has reached me. If not, I will know.”* ***22****The men turned away and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the Lord.*Genesis 18:20-22

(See Genesis 15:16; Ezekiel 16:47-50)

**#3) God Hears (Abraham’s) Our PRAYERS For The City.**

 ***23****Then Abraham approached him and said: “Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked?****24****What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it?****25****Far be it from you to do such a thing—to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?”* ***26****The Lord said, “If I find* ***fifty righteous people*** *in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake.”* ***27****Then Abraham spoke up again: “Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, though I am nothing but dust and ashes,****28****what if the number of the righteous is five less than fifty? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five people?” “If I find* ***forty-five*** *there,” he said, “I will not destroy it.”*

Genesis 18:23-33

**#4) Don’t Give Up INFLUENCING The City For God.**

*The two angels arrived at Sodom in the evening, and* ***Lot was sitting in the gateway of the city****. When he saw them, he got up to meet them and* ***bowed down*** *with his face to the ground.* Genesis 19:1

***3****But he insisted so strongly that they did go with him and entered his house. He prepared a meal for them, baking bread without yeast, and they ate.****4****Before they had gone to bed,* ***all the men*** *from every part of the city of Sodom—both* ***young and old****—surrounded the house.****5****They called to Lot, “Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us so that* ***we can have sex*** *with them.”* Genesis 19:2-5

***6****… Don’t do this wicked thing.****8****Look, I have two daughters who have never slept with a man.* ***Let me bring them out to you,*** *and you can do what you like with them. But don’t do anything to these men, for they have come under the protection of my roof.”* ***9****“Get out of our way,” they replied. “This fellow came here as a foreigner, and now he wants to play the judge! We’ll treat you worse than them.” They kept bringing pressure on Lot and moved forward to break down the door.* Genesis 19:6-9

**#5) Even Those Closest To Us Will Not Repent And BELIEVE.**

***14****So Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law, who were* ***pledged to marry his daughters****. He said, “Hurry and get out of this place, because the Lord is about to destroy the city!” But his sons-in-law thought he was* ***joking****.* Genesis 19:14

**#6) Even During Judgment, God Is MERCIFUL To The Faithful.**

***16****When* ***he hesitated****, the men grasped his hand and the hands of his wife and of his two daughters and led them safely out of the city, for the****Lord***

***was merciful*** *to them.* ***24****Then* ***the Lord rained down burning sulfur on Sodom and Gomorrah****—from the Lord out of the heavens.* ***25****Thus he*

*overthrew those cities and the entire plain, destroying all those living in the cities—and also the vegetation in the land.****26****But Lot’s wife* ***looked back,****and she became a* ***pillar of salt****.* Genesis 19:23-26