

## Genesis 18:16-33 • Abraham prayed for Sodom • Intercessory prayer • High quality prayer

## #1 God revealed something with a reason

And the Lord said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing, since Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? Genesis 18:17-18



### **#2 Intercessory Prayer** is about Unselfishness

And the Lord said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grave, I will go down now and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry against it that has come to Me; and if not, I will know." Genesis 18:20-21



### History between Abraham & Lot (1)

- CHAPTER 11 <sup>31</sup> And Terah took his son Abram and his grandson Lot, the son of Haran, and his daughter-in-law Sarai, his son Abram's wife, and they went out with them from Ur of the Chaldeans to go to the land of Canaan; and they came to Haran and dwelt there.
- CHAPTER 12 4 So Abram departed as the Lord had spoken to him, and Lot went with him. And Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.
- CHAPTER 13 <sup>7</sup> And there was strife between the herdsmen of Abram's livestock and the herdsmen of Lot's livestock. The Canaanites and the Perizzites then dwelt in the land.

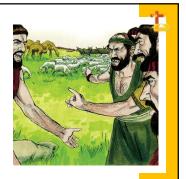




## History between Abraham & Lot (2)

- CHAPTER 13 So Abram said to Lot, "Please let there be no strife between you and me, and between my herdsmen and your herdsmen; for we are brethren. 3/s not the whole land between to we are brethren. 3/s not the whole land between you? Please separate from me. If you take the left, then I will go to the right, or, if you go to the right, then I will go to the left."

  CHAPTER 13 \*\*19 And Lot lifted his eyes and saw all the plain of ordant, that it was well watered everywhere (before the Loso destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah) like the garden of the Loso, like the land of Egypt as you go toward Zoar. "Then Lot chose for himself all the plain of lordan, and Lot journeyed east. And they separated from each other.



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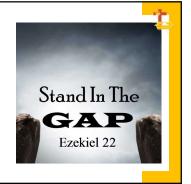
- Unselfishness / selfless
- Jesus said: "But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you." Mat.5:44



# The Same Problem Still Exist "Sodom & Gomorrah" still alive, even will become worse in the end times What we must do? Follow Abraham! Be merciful to those who doubt; save others by snatching them from the fire; to others show mercy, mixed with fear—hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh. Jude 1:22-23

## #3 Intercessory is a Good Sacrifice

<sup>30</sup> So I sought for a man among them who would make a wall, and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one.



## 1 Timothy 2

<sup>1</sup> Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, <sup>2</sup> for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. <sup>3</sup> For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.



## #4 Intercessory Prayer is something that Jesus love to do

Therefore Jesus is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. Hebrews 7:25

