

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS

AUGUST 10, 2022

GENESIS 18:16-33

INTRODUCTION:

1. After the three heavenly guests enjoy the hospitality of Abraham, they turned their attention to the main purpose for which they have come.
 - a) **GENESIS 18.16:** *“Then the men of rose from there and looked toward Sodom.”*
 - b) **GENESIS 18.21:** *“I will now go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry against it.”*
2. Sodom and Gomorrah would become a memorial of God’s righteous judgment.

I. THE CITY OF SODOM

- A. The history of Sodom.
 1. **GENESIS 18.16:** *“Then the men rose from there and looked toward Sodom”*
 2. Sodom is one of five cities located in the plain south of the Dead Sea.
 - a) Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah, Zeboiim, and Bela (Zoar). (Gen. 14.2)
 - b) These cities made up the southeastern border of Canaan. (Gen. 13.19)
 - c) Of the five cities, only four of them were destroyed. (Gen. 19.18-22; Deut. 29.23)
 3. Abraham’s relationship with Sodom.
 - a) Abraham rescued Lot and all the captives from Sodom. (Gen. 14.11ff)
 - b) The king of Sodom offered Abraham a reward. (Gen. 14.21-24)
- B. God’s judgment of Sodom.
 1. **GENESIS 18.17:** *“And the LORD said, ‘Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing’”*
 2. Why did God choose to reveal His plan for Sodom to Abraham?
 - a) **GENESIS 18.18:** Because of his role in God’s plan of salvation.
 - b) **GENESIS 18.19:** To emphasize to Abraham the importance of obedience.
 - c) **GENESIS 18.20,21:** God reveals His plan to Abraham.
 3. The wickedness of Sodom and Gomorrah. (Gen. 13.10-13; 18.20,25; 19.7)

II. THE CONVERSAVTION WITH GOD

- A. Abraham appealed to God’s justice.
 1. **GENESIS 18.23:** *“Would You also destroy the righteous with the wicked?”*
 2. Abraham presents God with three ever narrowing scenarios. (Gen. 18.24-33)
 3. **GENESIS 18.24-26:** *“Shall the Judge of all the earth do right?”*
 4. Consider the righteousness of God. (1 John 2.1; 1 Pet. 2.23; Heb. 5.13; 2 Pet. 3.13)
- B. Abraham displayed great humility.
 1. **GENESIS 18.27:** *“Indeed now, I am but dust and ashes”*
 2. **GENESIS 18.27:** *“speak to the Lord”* (Adonay – literally, “Master”)
 3. Consider our humble approach to God. (James 4.6,10; 1 Pet. 5.6)
- C. He depended on God’s patience.
 1. **GENESIS 18.30-32:** *“Let not the Lord be angry”*
 2. God is slow to anger. (Jonah 4.2; 2 Pet. 3.9)
- D. Did God find at least ten people who were righteous? (Gen. 19.13,24,25)
 1. **GENESIS 19.4:** *“both young and old, all the people from every quarter”*
 2. **GENESIS 19.24,25:** *“So He overthrew those cities”*