



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Genesis 18:16-33 (NAS)

Topic: "A Bargain With The Lord"

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- 16 Then the men rose up from there, and looked down toward Sodom; and Abraham was walking with them to send them off.
- 17 The LORD said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, since Abraham will surely become a great and mighty nation, and in him all the nations of the earth will be blessed?"
- 18 "For I have chosen him, so 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 upon Abraham what He has spoken about him."
- 19 And the LORD said, "The outcry of Sodom and Gomorrah is indeed great, and their sin is exceedingly grave.
- 20 "I will go down now, and see if they have done entirely according to its outcry, which has come to Me; and if not, I will know."
- 21 Then the men turned away from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham was still standing before the LORD.
- 22 Abraham came near and said, "Will You indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?"
- 23 "Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will You indeed sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous who are in it?"
- 24 "Far be it from You to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous and the wicked are treated alike. Far be it from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth deal justly?"
- 25 So the LORD said, "If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare the whole place on their account."
- 26 And Abraham replied, "Now behold, I have ventured to speak to the Lord, although I am but dust and ashes.
- 27 "Suppose the fifty righteous are lacking five, will You destroy the whole city because of five?" And He said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there."
- 28 He spoke to Him yet again and said, "Suppose forty are found there?" And He said, "I will not do it on account of the forty."
- 29 Then he said, "Oh may the Lord not be angry, and I shall speak; suppose thirty are found there?" And He said, "I will not do it if I find thirty there."
- 30 And he said, "Now behold, I have ventured to speak to the Lord; suppose twenty are found there?" And He said, "I will not destroy it on account of the twenty."
- 31 Then he said, "Oh may the Lord not be angry, and I shall speak only this once; suppose ten are found there?" And He said, "I will not destroy it on account of the ten."
- 32 As soon as He had finished speaking to Abraham the LORD departed, and Abraham returned to his place.

I. THE BARGAIN

- A. Abraham Making The Petitions
- B. The Lord Of The Universe Agreeing
- C. The First Record Of Intercessory Prayer

II. DIRECTIVES FOR PRAYER

- A. Knowledge Of Things God Has Brought To Our Attention
- B. Knowledge Of Who God Is
- C. Old Testament Examples *Hebrews 13:2*
- D. Abraham Made Multiple Petitions

III. THE DESIGN OF PRAYER

A. It Must Be Within The Will Of God

- 1. Jesus taught this *Matthew 6:10*
- 2. Jesus exemplified this *Matthew 26:42*

B. Prayer Is For The Friends Of God *James 2:23; Psalm 25:14; John 15:15*

C. To Know His Will For Prayer You Must Be In His Word And Obey It

IV. GOD'S PLAN

- A. To Bless The Nations Through Those Who Know Christ
- B. He Will Also Judge The Nations

V. GOD'S MERCY CALLS US TO PLEASD FOR THE LOST

- A. Christ's Purpose For Coming To Earth *Luke 19:10*
- B. Temporal Judgment May Include The Righteous And The Wicked *Luke 13:1-5*

CONCLUSION: We must see our responsibility to plead for lost sinners.