**Lesson 13 Genesis 18 & 19**

**Sodom & Gomorrah Destroyed**

**Chapter 18**

1. Who were the three men? Give verses in Gen. 18 and 19:1 to prove your point.

2. Did Sarah finally believe? What verse proves or disproves it?

3. Could she conceive if she did not believe? Hebrews 11:11

11 By faith he received power to generate, even though he was past the normal age—and Sarah herself was sterile—for he thought that the one who had made the promise was trustworthy.

4. In Gen.18:20-33 what important principles of God’s judgment of the world are given in this entire passage? Give at least two.

20 So the LORD said: The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great, and their sin so grave,

21 that I must go down to see whether or not their actions are as bad as the cry against them that comes to me. I mean to find out.

22 As the men turned and walked on toward Sodom, Abraham remained standing before the LORD.

23 Then Abraham drew near and said: “Will you really sweep away the righteous with the wicked?

24 Suppose there were fifty righteous people in the city; would you really sweep away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people within it?

25 Far be it from you to do such a thing, to kill the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous and the wicked are treated alike! Far be it from you! Should not the judge of all the world do what is just?”

26 The LORD replied: If I find fifty righteous people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake.

27 Abraham spoke up again: “See how I am presuming to speak to my Lord, though I am only dust and ashes!

28 What if there are five less than fifty righteous people? Will you destroy the whole city because of those five?” I will not destroy it, he answered, if I find forty-five there.

29 But Abraham persisted, saying, “What if only forty are found there?” He replied: I will refrain from doing it for the sake of the forty.

30 Then he said, “Do not let my Lord be angry if I go on. What if only thirty are found there?” He replied: I will refrain from doing it if I can find thirty there.

31 Abraham went on, “Since I have thus presumed to speak to my Lord, what if there are no more than twenty?” I will not destroy it, he answered, for the sake of the twenty.

32 But he persisted: “Please, do not let my Lord be angry if I speak up this last time. What if ten are found there?” For the sake of the ten, he replied, I will not destroy it

33 The LORD departed as soon as he had finished speaking with Abraham, and Abraham returned home.

**Chapter 19**

5. *Challenge Question:* Was Abraham’s prayer answered at all? Gen.19

6. Since God already knew the number of righteous men in Sodom, why do you think he let Abraham continue in his prayers?

7. A. What verses in Gen.19 show that Lot could not influence either the men of Sodom or his son-in-law or his wife?

 B. What lessons do you learn from it for today?

8. A. How could Lot have prevented the tragic end for himself and his family?

 B. Itemize the total loss Lot and his family experienced because Lot chose to live with the Sodomites.

9. Give reasons for the total destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. See Ezekiel 16:49, Matthew 10:11-16 and Jude vs. 7,10.

Ezekiel 16:49

49 Now look at the guilt of your sister Sodom: she and her daughters were proud, sated with food, complacent in prosperity. They did not give any help to the poor and needy.

Matthew 10:11-16

11 Whatever town or village you enter, look for a worthy person in it, and stay there until you leave.

12 As you enter a house, wish it peace.

13 If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; if not, let your peace return to you.\*

14 Whoever will not receive you or listen to your words—go outside that house or town and shake the dust from your feet.

15 Amen, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

16 “Behold, I am sending you like sheep in the midst of wolves; so be shrewd as serpents and simple as doves

Jude 7,10

7 Likewise, Sodom, Gomorrah, and the surrounding towns, which, in the same manner as they, indulged in sexual promiscuity and practiced unnatural vice,\* serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire.

10 But these people revile what they do not understand and are destroyed by what they know by nature like irrational animals.

10. What warrants the deliverance of Lot? See 2 Peter 2:6-9.

 6 and if he condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah [to destruction], reducing them to ashes, making them an example for the godless [people] of what is coming;

 7 and if he rescued Lot, a righteous man oppressed by the licentious conduct of unprincipled people

 8 (for day after day that righteous man living among them was tormented in his righteous soul at the lawless deeds that he saw and heard),

 9 then the Lord knows how to rescue the devout from trial and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment,