

EPISODE NO. 21

Gen. 18:16-33

Abraham Pled for the Evil City of Sodom

16 Then the men got up from there and looked down, in the direction of the town of Sodom. Abraham walked with them for a while to say good-bye. 17 Then the Always-Present One said, “Should I hide from Abraham what I’m about to do? No. 18 He and his descendants will most certainly become an important, strong nation. Through him, all the nations of the earth will be blessed. 19 I have a special relationship with him. He is to command his descendants and his household to obey My way, to do the right thing, and to be fair. Then I can bring upon Abraham what I promised him.”

20 Then the Always-Present One said, “The complaint against the towns of Sodom and Gomorrah is very loud! Their sins are very serious. 21 I will now go down and find out if the complaint about their actions which I have received is true or not. If it is not true, I will know it.”

22 Then the men turned away and headed for Sodom. Abraham was still standing in the presence of the One Who Is Always Present. 23 Abraham came closer and said, “Would You destroy the good people along with the bad people!? 24 Maybe there are 50 good people inside the town? Would You still destroy them? Could You not spare the place because of the 50 good people who live there? 25 Surely You would not do such a thing!? To kill good people along with bad people!? If you did so, good people and bad people would be treated the same! Please don’t do it! Is not the Judge of the whole world fair?” Yes!

26 Then the Always-Present One said, “If I find 50 good people inside the town of Sodom, then I will spare the place because of them.”

27 Then Abraham answered, “Even though I am only dust and ashes, listen, I have taken it upon myself to speak to my Lord. 28 What if there are just 5 less than 50 good people? Would You destroy the whole town for the lack of 5 people?”

The Always-Present One said, “I will not destroy Sodom if I find 45 good people there.”

29 Abraham continued to speak to Him. He said, “What if there are only 40 good people there?”

The Always-Present One said, “I will not destroy it because of the 40 good people.”

30 Then Abraham said, “Please, don’t be angry, my Lord. I want to say more to You. What if only 30 good people are found there?”

Then the Always-Present One said, “I will not destroy the town if I find 30 good people there.”

31 Abraham answered, “Listen, I will now take it upon myself to speak to You. What if only 20 good people are found there?”

Then the Always-Present One said, “I will not destroy the town if there are 20 good people.”

32 Finally, Abraham said, “Please, don’t be angry. I want to speak to You just one more time. What if only 10 good people can be found there?”

Then the Always-Present One said, “I will not destroy Sodom if there are 10 good people.”

33 After the Always-Present One finished speaking to Abraham, He went away. And Abraham went back home.