

Genesis 18:1-2 (ESV) ¹ And the LORD appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. ² He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth

Worship is a Reverence of God. Genesis 18:1

Worship is a Response to God. Genesis 18:2

Genesis 18:33 (ESV) And the LORD went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

Sodom was morally corrupt. Genesis 18:16-21

Genesis 13:13 (ESV) Now the men of Sodom were wicked, great sinners against the LORD.

Genesis 18:21 (ESV) I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know."

The compassion of God reminds us of the result of interceding.

Genesis 18:22 (ESV) So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD.

- **Persistent Prayer Genesis 18:23-32**
- **Persuasive Prayer Genesis 18:33**

Genesis 19:1-38

Galatians 6:7 (ESV) Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap.

GOD SHOWS GRACE TO LOT!

2 Peter 2:7-8 (ESV) ⁷ and if he rescued righteous Lot, greatly distressed by the sensual conduct of the wicked ⁸ (for as that righteous man lived among them day after day, he was tormenting his righteous soul over their lawless deeds that he saw and heard);

Genesis 19:1 (ESV) The two angels came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw them, he rose to meet them and bowed himself with his face to the earth

Genesis 19:7 (ESV) and said, "I beg you, my brothers, do not act so wickedly.

God's judgment fell.

Genesis 19:23-26 (ESV) ²³ The sun had risen on the earth when Lot came to Zoar. ²⁴ Then the LORD rained on Sodom and Gomorrah sulfur and fire from the LORD out of heaven. ²⁵ And he overthrew those cities, and all the valley, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground. ²⁶ But Lot's wife, behind him, looked back, and she became a pillar of salt.

Genesis 20:1-18

Oswald Chambers wrote: "Abraham is never presented as a saint or a type of sanctification. Phases of his life may be used to present these, but Abraham himself is a type of the life of faith in its failures and in its successes."

John Phillips writes, "Truly, the Holy Spirit does not gloss over the sins and shortcomings of even the greatest saints."

Genesis 20:2-3 (ESV) ² And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, "She is my sister." And Abimelech king of Gerar sent and took Sarah. ³ But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night and said to him, "Behold, you are a dead man because of the woman whom you have taken, for she is a man's wife."

Genesis 12:10 (ESV) Now there was a famine in the land. So Abram went down to Egypt to sojourn there, for the famine was severe in the land.

Genesis 20:1 (ESV) From there Abraham journeyed toward the territory of the Negeb and lived between Kadesh and Shur; and he sojourned in Gerar.

2 Timothy 2:22 (ESV) So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.