

Next Week's Prayers



"...The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much."

Jas. 5:16

▶ Prayer Exercise

Pray for our community

Pray for our State

Pray for our country

Pray for all nations

Pray for our church

Pray for your family

Pray for your neighbors



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Abraham's Prayer for Sodom
Genesis 18:20-33

Prayer Study #1

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Abraham's Prayer for Sodom (Gen. 18:20-33)

Sodom was a city of wickedness, and God had decided to destroy all who lived there. Abraham's prayer on behalf of such a degenerate place reveals some important aspects of prayer.

As with any Bible passages, it also leaves us with unanswered questions. "Why did God allow Abraham to push him for pardon?" "Would God have really spared the wicked, if just 10 good men could be found?" "How do we reconcile the biblical teaching of God's love and mercy, with the reality of God's justice and wrath?" Many of these questions are never answered directly, rather, they are left for us to deal with by faith.

What Can We Learn?

1. Prayer recognizes God's throne primarily as a source of grace (cf. Heb. 4:16f)
2. The appropriate attitude by which to approach God in prayer is one of humility (cf. 1 Pet 5:6).
3. Facing a God of justice and wrath, Abraham showed he had one privilege; he could pray for Sodom.
4. Abraham shows the power of intercessory prayer.

More About Prayer for Doubts

1. Intercession for others is an act of benevolence of one person toward another, without demanding that the one being prayed for deserve the prayer.
2. Intercessory prayer demonstrates the importance of good people in the world.
3. Intercession calls upon the goodness and kindness of God, tapping into his love, mercy and grace.

4. Intercession for others only happens when one bears a burden for those prayed for.

Questions to Ponder

1. Why did Abraham not just ask God to save the city if 10 righteous men could be found to start with?
2. Why did Abraham's request stop at 10?
3. In what way might we follow Abraham's example of prayer today?
4. If you were to pray for others what kind of things would you pray for?
5. List some things which you will pray about specifically regarding our community

