

Abraham Prays for Lot

Genesis 18:23-33; 19:29

The Bible tells us that Abraham loved and obeyed the Lord God. But Abraham had a very BIG problem.

One day God told Abraham that fire was going to come down from Heaven and burn up Two Whole Cities! Those cities were full of people who did VERY bad things. Abraham knew it was right for God to punish sin – But he also knew that in one of those cities, Sodom, lived a man who truly loved God. That man was his nephew, Lot. I wonder what happened.

God told Abraham about how bad the sin in Sodom was. Abraham could tell that God was going to get rid of the bad people. Abraham said to God, “You wouldn’t punish a whole city if there were FIFTY good people living there who really and truly loved YOU, would You? Won’t you save the city if FIFTY good people live there?” God said He would look for FIFTY good people in the city and not destroy the city if there were fifty people who loved Him.

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Abraham did a lot of praying. Do you think God minded that Abraham prayed so much?

Of course not! God WANTS us to pray for others. He WANTS us to pray for other people every day. The Bible tells us so.

How do you think God answered Abraham’s prayer? Do you think God destroyed the cities? Yes, God had to destroy the cities. But God answered Abraham’s prayer. God made it possible for Lot and his wife and two daughters to leave the city before it was destroyed.

Abraham was right to pray for Lot and for the people who lived in the cities. God IS happy when people who love Him pray to Him for other people. God heard and answered Abraham's prayer.

Bible Verse to Learn

“Hear my voice, O God, in my prayer” (Psalm 64:1).