

創世記結晶讀經（二）

第七篇

活在與神的交通裏

詩歌

讀經：創十八，代下二十7，賽四一8，雅二23

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- 創 18:5 我再拿一點餅來，你們可以加添心力，然後往前去。你們既到僕人這裏來，理當如此。他們說，就照你說的行吧。
- 創 18:6 亞伯拉罕急忙進帳棚見撒拉，說，你快快拿三細亞細面調和作餅。
- 創 18:7 亞伯拉罕又跑到牛羣裏，牽了一隻又嫩又好的牛犢來，交給僕人，僕人急忙豫備好了。
- 創 18:8 亞伯拉罕又取了奶酪和奶，並豫備好的牛犢來，擺在他們面前，自己在樹下站在旁邊，他們就喫了。
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Crystallization-Study of Genesis (2)

Message Seven

Living in Fellowship with God

Hymns

Scripture Reading: Gen. 18; 2 Chron. 20:7; Isa. 41:8; James 2:23

- Gen 18:1 And Jehovah appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre as he was sitting at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day.
- Gen 18:2 And he lifted up his eyes and looked, and there were three men standing opposite him. And when he saw them, he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them. And he bowed down to the earth
- Gen 18:3 And said, My Lord, if I have found favor in Your sight, please do not pass on from Your servant. Gen 18:4 Please let a little water be fetched, and do wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree.
- Gen 18:5 And let me fetch a morsel of bread that you may sustain yourselves. After that you may pass on, since you have come to your servant. So they said, Do as you have said.
- Gen 18:6 And Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah and said, Quickly prepare three measures of fine flour, knead it, and make cakes.
- Gen 18:7 And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, and he hurried to prepare it.
- Gen 18:8 And he took curds and milk and the calf which he had prepared, and set them before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.
- Gen 18:9 And they said to him, Where is Sarah your wife? And he said, There, in the tent.
- Gen 18:10 And He said, I will certainly return to you according to the time of life, and then Sarah your wife shall have a son. And Sarah was listening at the entrance of the tent, which was behind Him.
- Gen 18:11 Now Abraham and Sarah were old and advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah according to the manner of women.
- Gen 18:12 And Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I have become old, shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?
- Gen 18:13 And Jehovah said to Abraham, Why did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I indeed bear a child when I am old?
- Gen 18:14 Is anything too marvelous for Jehovah? At the appointed time I will return to you, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.
- Gen 18:15 Then Sarah denied it, saying, I did not laugh; for she was afraid. And He said, No, but you did laugh.
- Gen 18:16 And the men rose up from there and looked down upon Sodom. And Abraham walked with them to send them away.

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創 18:18 亞伯拉罕必要成為又大又強的國，並且地上的萬國都必因他得福。

創 18:19 我眷顧他，為要叫他吩咐他的子孫和他以後的家屬，遵守我耶和華的道，秉行公義和公理，使我論到亞伯拉罕的話，都成就在他身上。

創 18:20 耶和華說，所多瑪和蛾摩拉的罪甚重，聲聞於我。

創 18:21 我現在要下去，察看他們所行的，果然盡像那達到我耳中的聲音麼？若是不然，我也會知道。

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創 18:23 亞伯拉罕近前來，說，你真的要將義人與惡人一並剿滅麼？

創 18:24 假若那城裏有五十個義人，你還剿滅麼？不為城裏這五十個義人寬容那地方麼？

創 18:25 你絕不會將義人與惡人同殺，將義人與惡人一樣看待；這絕不是你所行的。審判全地的主豈不公平行事麼？

創 18:26 耶和華說，我若在所多瑪城裏見有五十個義人，我就要為他們的緣故寬容那地方。

創 18:27 亞伯拉罕回答說，我雖然是塵土爐灰，還敢對主說話。

創 18:28 假若這五十個義人缺了五個，你就因為缺了五個毀滅全城麼？祂說，我在那裏若見有四十五個，也不毀滅那城。

創 18:29 亞伯拉罕又對祂說，假若在那裏見有四十個怎麼樣？祂說，為這四十個的緣故，我也不作這事。

創 18:30 亞伯拉罕說，求主不要動怒，容我說，假若在那裏見有三十個怎麼樣？祂說，我在那裏若見有三十個，我也不作這事。

創 18:31 亞伯拉罕說，我還敢對主說話，假若在那裏見有二十個怎麼樣？祂說，為這二十個的緣故，我也不毀滅那城。

創 18:32 亞伯拉罕說，求主不要動怒，容我再說這一次，假若在那裏見有十個呢？祂說，為這十個的緣故，我也不毀滅那城。

創 18:33 耶和華與亞伯拉罕說完了話就走了；亞伯拉罕也回到自己的地方去了。

代下 20:7 我們的神啊，你不是曾把這地的居民從你民以色列人面前趕出去，將這地賜給你朋友亞伯拉罕的後裔永遠為業麼？

賽 41:8 惟你以色列我的僕人，雅各我所揀選的，我朋友亞伯拉罕的後裔；

雅 2:23 這就應驗經上所說的：『亞伯拉罕信神，這就算為他的義。』他又得稱為神的朋友。

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Gen 18:17 And Jehovah said, Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do,

Gen 18:18 Since Abraham will indeed become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth will be blessed in him?

Gen 18:19 For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him to keep the way of Jehovah by doing righteousness and justice, that Jehovah may bring upon Abraham what He has spoken concerning him.

Gen 18:20 And Jehovah said, The cry of Sodom and Gomorrah, how great it is; and their sin, how very heavy it is!

Gen 18:21 I shall go down and see whether they have done altogether according to its outcry, which has come to Me; and if not, I will know.

Gen 18:22 And the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before Jehovah.

Gen 18:23 And Abraham came near and said, Will You indeed destroy the righteous with the wicked?

Gen 18:24 Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will You indeed destroy and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous who are in it?

Gen 18:25 Far be it from You to do such a thing, to put to death the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous should be as the wicked. Far be it from You! Shall the Judge of all the earth not do justly?

Gen 18:26 And Jehovah said, If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare the whole place for their sake.

Gen 18:27 And Abraham answered and said, Now behold, I have taken it upon myself to speak to the Lord, though I am but dust and ashes.

Gen 18:28 Suppose the fifty righteous are lacking five, will You destroy the whole city because of five? And He said, I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.

Gen 18:29 And he spoke to Him yet again and said, Suppose forty are found there? And He said, I will not do it, because of the forty.

Gen 18:30 And he said, Oh may the Lord not be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there? And He said, I will not do it if I find thirty there.

Gen 18:31 And he said, Now behold, I have taken it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there? And He said, I will not destroy it, because of the twenty.

Gen 18:32 And he said, Oh let the Lord not be angry if I speak yet once more. Suppose ten are found there? And He said, I will not destroy it, because of the ten.

Gen 18:33 And Jehovah went away as soon as He had finished speaking with Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

2 Chron 20:7 Did You not, O our God, dispossess the inhabitants of this land before Your people Israel and give it forever to the seed of Abraham Your friend?

Isa 41:8 But you, Israel, My servant, / Jacob, whom I have chosen, / The seed of Abraham My friend;

James 2:23 And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "And Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him as righteousness"; and he was called the friend of God.

I. “Jehovah appeared to him [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre as he was sitting at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. And he lifted up his eyes and looked, and

面站着。他一看見，就從帳棚口跑去迎接他們』——創十八 1～2：

一 這三個人中的一人是耶和華神 (13 ~ 14、22)，也就是基督；另外兩個是天使 (22，十九 1)。

創 18:13 耶和華對亞伯拉罕說，撒拉爲甚麼笑，說，我既年邁，果真能生孩子麼？

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創 19:1 那兩個天使傍晚到了所多瑪；羅得正坐在所多瑪城門口，看見他們，就起來迎接，面伏於地下拜，

二 亞伯拉罕受割禮，天然的力量被了結之後，就活在與神親密的交通裏，成爲神的朋友——代下二十 7，賽四一 8，雅二 23。

代下 20:7 我們的神啊，你不是曾把這地的居民從你民以色列人面前趕出去，將這地賜給你朋友亞伯拉罕的後裔永遠爲業麼？

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貳 亞伯拉罕在神面前榮耀的代求，不是地上的人向天上的神禱告，乃是兩個朋友之間富有人性、親密的交談，是照着神心頭願望的揭示而有的親密談話——羅四 12，代下二十 7，賽四一 8，雅二 23，歌一 1～4，啓二 17，創十八，提前二 1、8：

羅 4:12 又作受割禮之人的父，就是那些不但受割禮，並且照我們祖宗亞伯拉罕，未受割禮時之信的腳蹤而行的人。

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there were three men standing opposite him. And when he saw them, he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them”—Gen. 18:1-2:

A. One of these three men was Jehovah God as Christ (vv. 13-14, 22); the other two were angels (v. 22; 19:1).

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Gen 19:1 And the two angels came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. And when Lot saw them, he rose up to meet them and bowed with his face to the ground.

B. After he was circumcised and his natural strength was terminated, Abraham lived in intimate fellowship with God and became God's friend—2 Chron. 20:7; Isa. 41:8; James 2:23.

2 Chron 20:7 Did You not, O our God, dispossess the inhabitants of this land before Your people Israel and give it forever to the seed of Abraham Your friend?

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II. The glorious intercession that Abraham made before God was not a prayer from man on earth to God in heaven; it was a human, intimate conversation between two friends, an intimate talk according to the unveiling of God's heart's desire—Rom. 4:12; 2 Chron. 20:7; Isa. 41:8; James 2:23; S. S. 1:1-4; Rev. 2:17; Gen. 18; 1 Tim. 2:1, 8:

Rom 4:12 And the father of circumcision to those who not only are of the circumcision, but who also walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham, which he had in uncircumcision.

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歌 1:1 歌中的歌，就是所羅門的歌。

歌 1:2 願他用口與我親嘴！因你的愛情比酒更美。

歌 1:3 你的膏油馨香；你的名如同倒出來的香膏，所以眾童女都愛你。

歌 1:4 願你吸引我，我們就快跑跟隨你——王帶我進了他的內室——
我們必因你歡喜快樂；我們要稱讚你的愛情，勝似稱讚美酒。她們愛你是理所當然的。

啓 2:17 那靈向眾召會所說的話，凡有耳的，就應當聽。得勝的，我必將那隱藏的嗎哪賜給他，並賜他一塊白石，上面寫着新名，除了那領受的以外，沒有人認識。

創 18 (從畧。)

提前 2:1 所以我勸你，第一要為萬人祈求、禱告、代求、感謝；

提前 2:8 所以，我願男人無忿怒，無爭論，舉起虔聖的手，隨處禱告。

一 甚至在成為肉體之前 (約一 14)，耶和華作為基督，就在人的形狀裏，帶着人的身體，向亞伯拉罕顯現，在人的水準上與他來往 (創十三 18，十八 1 ~ 2、13 ~ 15)。

約 1:14 話成了肉體，支搭帳幕在我們中間，豐豐滿滿的有恩典，有實際。我們也見過祂的榮耀，正是從父而來獨生子的榮耀。

創 13:18 亞伯蘭就搬了帳棚，來到希伯崙慢利的橡樹那裏居住，在那裏為耶和華築了一座壇。

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二 亞伯拉罕享受與神甜美的交通，那時他就從神領受關於以撒出生和所多瑪毀滅的啓示——9 ~ 22 節：

創 18:9 他們問亞伯拉罕說，你妻子撒拉在那裏？他說，在帳棚裏。

James 2:23 And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "And Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him as righteousness"; and he was called the friend of God.

S.S. 1:1 The Song of Songs, which is Solomon's.

S.S. 1:2 Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth! / For your love is better than wine.

S.S. 1:3 Your anointing oils have a pleasant fragrance; / Your name is like ointment poured forth; / Therefore the virgins love you.

S.S. 1:4 Draw me; we will run after you - The king has brought me into his chambers - / We will be glad and rejoice in you; / We will extol your love more than wine. / Rightly do they love you.

Rev 2:17 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, to him I will give of the hidden manna, and to him I will give a white stone, and upon the stone a new name written, which no one knows except he who receives it.

Gen 18 (be omitted.)

1 Tim 2:1 I exhort therefore, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercessions, thanksgivings be made on behalf of all men;

1 Tim 2:8 I desire therefore that men pray in every place, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and reasoning;

A. *Even before the incarnation (John 1:14) Jehovah as Christ appeared to Abraham in a human form, with a human body, and communed with him on a human level (Gen. 13:18; 18:1-2, 13-15).*

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten from the Father), full of grace and reality.

Gen 13:18 And Abram moved his tent and came and dwelt by the oaks of Mamre, which are in Hebron, and there he built an altar to Jehovah.

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B. *As Abraham was enjoying sweet fellowship with God, he received a revelation from Him regarding the birth of Isaac and the destruction of Sodom—vv. 9-22:*

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1 以撒的出生與基督有關，所多瑪的毀滅與神對罪的審判有關；這意思是基督必須進來，罪必須出去。

2 這給我們看見，神的心意是要將基督作到我們裏面，藉着我們生出基督，並在我們的家庭生活、職業生活以及基督徒生活和召會生活中，毀除『所多瑪』——加一 15～16，二 20，四 19，林前五 8。

加 1:15 然而那把我從母腹裏分別出來，又藉着祂的恩典呼召我的神，

加 1:16 既然樂意將祂兒子啓示在我裏面，叫我把祂當作福音傳在外邦人中，我就即刻沒有與血肉之人商量，

加 2:20 我已經與基督同釘十字架；現在活着的，不再是我，乃是基督在我裏面活着；並且我如今在肉身裏所活的生命，是我在神兒子的信裏，與祂聯結所活的，祂是愛我，爲我捨了自己。

加 4:19 我的孩子們，我爲你們再受生產之苦，直等到基督成形在你們裏面。

Gen 18:10 And He said, I will certainly return to you according to the time of life, and then Sarah your wife shall have a son. And Sarah was listening at the entrance of the tent, which was behind Him.

Gen 18:11 Now Abraham and Sarah were old and advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah according to the manner of women.

Gen 18:12 And Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I have become old, shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?

Gen 18:13 And Jehovah said to Abraham, Why did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I indeed bear a child when I am old?

Gen 18:14 Is anything too marvelous for Jehovah? At the appointed time I will return to you, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.

Gen 18:15 Then Sarah denied it, saying, I did not laugh; for she was afraid. And He said, No, but you did laugh.

Gen 18:16 And the men rose up from there and looked down upon Sodom. And Abraham walked with them to send them away.

Gen 18:17 And Jehovah said, Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do,

Gen 18:18 Since Abraham will indeed become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth will be blessed in him?

Gen 18:19 For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him to keep the way of Jehovah by doing righteousness and justice, that Jehovah may bring upon Abraham what He has spoken concerning him.

Gen 18:20 And Jehovah said, The cry of Sodom and Gomorrah, how great it is; and their sin, how very heavy it is!

Gen 18:21 I shall go down and see whether they have done altogether according to its outcry, which has come to Me; and if not, I will know.

Gen 18:22 And the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before Jehovah.

1. The birth of Isaac is related to Christ, and the destruction of Sodom is related to God's judgment upon sin; this means that Christ must come in and that sin must go out.

2. This shows that God's intention is to work Christ into us, to bring Christ forth through us, and to destroy the "Sodom" in our home life, in our work life, and in our Christian and church life —Gal. 1:15-16; 2:20; 4:19; 1 Cor. 5:8.

Gal 1:15 But when it pleased God, who set me apart from my mother's womb and called me through His grace,

Gal 1:16 To reveal His Son in me that I might announce Him as the gospel among the Gentiles, immediately I did not confer with flesh and blood,

Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

Gal 4:19 My children, with whom I travail again in birth until Christ is formed in you,

林前 5:8 所以我們守這節，不可用舊酵，也不可用惡毒邪惡的酵，只用純誠真實的無酵餅。

3 在我們與神親密的交通裏，我們領受啓示，看見一切的不可能對基督都成為可能——創十八 14，路十八 27。

創 18:14 耶和華豈有難成的事麼？到了約定的日期，明年這時候，我必回到你這裏，撒拉必生一個兒子。

路 18:27 耶穌說，在人所不能的事，在神卻能。

三 神向亞伯拉罕啓示祂要毀滅所多瑪的心意，因為祂在尋找代求的人——創十八 17 ~ 22，參來七 25，賽五九 16，結二二 30：

創 18:17 耶和華說，我所要作的事，豈可瞞着亞伯拉罕麼？

創 18:18 亞伯拉罕必要成為又大又強的國，並且地上的萬國都必因他得福。

創 18:19 我眷顧他，為要叫他吩咐他的子孫和他以後的家屬，遵守我耶和華的道，秉行公義和公理，使我論到亞伯拉罕的話，都成就在他身上。

創 18:20 耶和華說，所多瑪和蛾摩拉的罪甚重，聲聞於我。

創 18:21 我現在要下去，察看他們所行的，果然盡像那達到我耳中的聲音麼？若是不然，我也會知道。

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來 7:25 所以，那藉着祂來到神面前的人，祂都能拯救到底；因為祂是長遠活着，為他們代求。

賽 59:16 祂見沒有一人，祂詫異無人代求；就用自己的膀臂施行拯救，以公義扶持自己。

結 22:30 我在他們中間尋找一人重修牆垣，在我面前為這地站在破口防堵，使我不滅絕這地，卻找不着一個。

1 當神要毀滅所多瑪時，祂的心關切住在所多瑪的羅得——創十三 12，十四 12，十九 1。

創 13:12 亞伯蘭住在迦南地；羅得住在平原的城邑，並且漸漸挪移帳棚，直到所多瑪。

創 14:12 又把亞伯蘭的姪兒羅得和羅得的財物擄掠去了，當時羅得正住在所多瑪。

創 19:1 那兩個天使傍晚到了所多瑪；羅得正坐在所多瑪城門口，看見他們，就起來迎接，面伏於地下拜，

1 Cor 5:8 So then let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

3. In our intimate fellowship with God, we receive the revelation that all the impossibilities become possibilities with Christ—Gen. 18:14; Luke 18:27.

Gen 18:14 Is anything too marvelous for Jehovah? At the appointed time I will return to you, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.

Luke 18:27 But He said, The things that are impossible with men are possible with God.

C. God revealed to Abraham His intention to destroy Sodom, because He was seeking an intercessor—Gen. 18:17-22; cf. Heb. 7:25; Isa. 59:16; Ezek. 22:30:

Gen 18:17 And Jehovah said, Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do,

Gen 18:18 Since Abraham will indeed become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth will be blessed in him?

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Gen 18:21 I shall go down and see whether they have done altogether according to its outcry, which has come to Me; and if not, I will know.

Gen 18:22 And the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before Jehovah.

Heb 7:25 Hence also He is able to save to the uttermost those who come forward to God through Him, since He lives always to intercede for them.

Isa 59:16 And He saw that there was no man, / And He was appalled that there was no intercessor. / Therefore His arm accomplished salvation for Him, / And His righteousness sustained Him.

Ezek 22:30 And I sought a man among them who would build up the wall and stand in the breach before Me for the sake of the land so that I would not destroy it, but I found no one.

1. While God intended to destroy Sodom, His heart was concerned for Lot, who was dwelling in Sodom—Gen. 13:12; 14:12; 19:1.

Gen 13:12 Abram dwelt in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelt in the cities of the plain and moved his tent as far as Sodom.

Gen 14:12 And they took Lot, Abram's brother's son, and his possessions and departed, for he was dwelling in Sodom.

Gen 19:1 And the two angels came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. And when Lot saw them, he rose up to meet them and bowed with his face to the ground.

- 2 神想要拯救羅得，好保護經由路得（她是摩押女子，是羅得的後裔）而有的基督家譜（37，得一4，太一5），但若沒有代求的人，祂就無法作這事。

創 19:37 大女兒生了兒子，給他起名叫摩押，他是現今摩押人的始祖。

得 1:4 這兩個兒子娶了摩押女子為妻，一個名叫俄珥巴，一個名叫路得，在那裏住了約有十年。

太 1:5 撒門從喇合氏生波阿斯，波阿斯從路得氏生俄備得，俄備得生耶西，

- 3 因此，在神與亞伯拉罕親密的交通中，祂未題羅得的名字，卻奧秘的啓示了祂心頭的願望；亞伯拉罕站在耶和華面前的目的，是要為羅得代求——創十八22。

創 18:22 二人轉身離開那裏，向所多瑪走去；但亞伯拉罕仍舊站在耶和華面前。

四 創世記十八章陳明代求之基本原則的清楚啓示：

創 18（從畧。）

- 1 正確的代求不是由人發起，乃是由於神的啓示；因此，正確的代求說出神的願望並完成神的旨意——17、20～21節，十九27～29，詩二七4～8，來四16，七25，雅五17。

創 18:17 耶和華說，我所要作的事，豈可瞞着亞伯拉罕麼？

創 18:20 耶和華說，所多瑪和蛾摩拉的罪甚重，聲聞於我。

創 18:21 我現在要下去，察看他們所行的，果然盡像那達到我耳中的聲音麼？若是不然，我也會知道。

創 19:27 亞伯拉罕清早起來，到了他從前站在耶和華面前的地方，

創 19:28 向所多瑪和蛾摩拉與平原的全地觀望，不料，那地方煙氣上騰，如同燒窯的煙氣一般。

創 19:29 當神毀滅平原諸城的時候，祂記念亞伯拉罕，正在傾覆羅得所住之諸城的時候，就打發羅得從傾覆之中出來。

詩 27:4 有一件事，我曾求耶和華，我仍要尋求；就是一生一世住在耶和華的殿中，瞻仰祂的榮美，在祂的殿裏求問。

詩 27:5 因為在我遭難的日子，祂必將我隱藏在祂的遮蔽處；祂必把我藏匿在祂帳幕的隱密處，將我高舉在磐石上。

詩 27:6 現在我得以昂首，高過四圍的仇敵。我要在祂的帳幕裏獻歡呼的祭；我要唱詩，歌頌耶和華。

2. God wanted to save Lot in order to protect Christ's genealogy through Ruth, a Moabitess and a descendant of Lot (v. 37; Ruth 1:4; Matt. 1:5), but He could not do so without an intercessor.

Gen 19:37 And the firstborn bore a son and called his name Moab; he is the father of the Moabites to this day.

Ruth 1:4 And they took wives for themselves from among the Moabite women. One's name was Orpah, and the second's name was Ruth. And they dwelt there about ten years.

Matt 1:5 And Salmon begot Boaz of Rahab, and Boaz begot Obed of Ruth, and Obed begot Jesse,

3. Thus, in His intimate fellowship with Abraham, in a mysterious way, without mentioning Lot's name, God revealed His heart's desire; Abraham's purpose in standing before Jehovah was to intercede for Lot—Gen. 18:22.

Gen 18:22 And the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before Jehovah.

D. Genesis 18 presents a clear revelation of the basic principles of intercession:

Gen 18 (be omitted.)

1. The proper intercession is not initiated by man but by God's revelation; thus, proper intercession expresses God's desire and carries out God's will—vv. 17, 20-21; 19:27-29; Psalms 27:4-8; Hebrews 4:16; 7:25; James 5:17.

Gen 18:17 And Jehovah said, Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do,

Gen 18:20 And Jehovah said, The cry of Sodom and Gomorrah, how great it is; and their sin, how very heavy it is!

Gen 18:21 I shall go down and see whether they have done altogether according to its outcry, which has come to Me; and if not, I will know.

Gen 19:27 And Abraham rose up early in the morning and went to the place where he had stood before Jehovah.

Gen 19:28 And he looked down upon Sodom and Gomorrah and upon all the land of the plain. And as he looked, there it was: the smoke of the land was going up like the smoke of a furnace.

Gen 19:29 And when God destroyed the cities of the plain, God remembered Abraham and sent Lot out from the midst of the overthrow, when He overthrew the cities among which Lot dwelt.

Psa 27:4 One thing I have asked from Jehovah; / That do I seek: / To dwell in the house of Jehovah / All the days of my life, / To behold the beauty of Jehovah, / And to inquire in His temple.

Psa 27:5 For He will conceal me in His shelter / In the day of trouble; / He will hide me in the hiding place of His tent; / He will raise me up upon a rock.

Psa 27:6 And now my head is lifted up / Above my enemies who surround me. / And I will offer in His tent / Sacrifices of shouts of joy: / I will sing and psalm to Jehovah.

詩 27:7 耶和華啊，我用聲音呼籲的時候，求你垂聽，並求你恩待我，應允我。

詩 27:8 你說，你們當尋求我的面；那時我的心向你說，耶和華啊，你的面我正尋求。

來 4:16 所以我們只管坦然無懼的來到施恩的寶座前，為要受憐憫，得恩典，作應時的幫助。

來 7:25 所以，那藉着祂來到神面前的人，祂都能拯救到底；因為祂是長遠活着，為他們代求。

雅 5:17 以利亞是與我們性情相同的人，他懇切禱告，求不要降雨，雨就三年零六個月不降在地上。

2 表面上，亞伯拉罕是為所多瑪代求；實際上，他是用暗示為羅得代求（創十四 12，十八 23，十九 1、27～29）；這給我們看見，我們該為流蕩到世界中的神子民代求。

創 14:12 又把亞伯蘭的姪兒羅得和羅得的財物擄掠去了，當時羅得正住在所多瑪。

創 18:23 亞伯拉罕近前來，說，你真的要將義人與惡人一並剿滅麼？

創 19:1 那兩個天使傍晚到了所多瑪；羅得正坐在所多瑪城門口，看見他們，就起來迎接，面伏於地下拜，

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3 代求是照着神心裏的願望與神親密的談話；為此我們必須學習逗留在神面前——十八 22～33，太六 6。

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創 18:24 假若那城裏有五十個義人，你還剿滅麼？不為城裏這五十個義人寬容那地方麼？

創 18:25 你絕不會將義人與惡人同殺，將義人與惡人一樣看待；這絕不是你所行的。審判全地的主豈不公平行麼？

創 18:26 耶和華說，我若在所多瑪城裏見有五十個義人，我就要為他們的緣故寬容那地方。

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Psa 27:7 Hear, O Jehovah, when I call with my voice, / And be gracious to me and answer me.

Psa 27:8 When You say, Seek My face, / To You my heart says, Your face, O Jehovah, will I seek.

Heb 4:16 Let us therefore come forward with boldness to the throne of grace that we may receive mercy and find grace for timely help.

Heb 7:25 Hence also He is able to save to the uttermost those who come forward to God through Him, since He lives always to intercede for them.

James 5:17 Elijah was a man of like feeling with us, and he earnestly prayed that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the earth for three years and six months.

2. Apparently, Abraham was interceding for Sodom; actually, he was interceding for Lot by implication (Gen. 14:12; 18:23; 19:1, 27-29), showing that we should intercede for God's people who have drifted into the world.

Gen 14:12 And they took Lot, Abram's brother's son, and his possessions and departed, for he was dwelling in Sodom.

Gen 18:23 And Abraham came near and said, Will You indeed destroy the righteous with the wicked?

Gen 19:1 And the two angels came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. And when Lot saw them, he rose up to meet them and bowed with his face to the ground.

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Gen 19:29 And when God destroyed the cities of the plain, God remembered Abraham and sent Lot out from the midst of the overthrow, when He overthrew the cities among which Lot dwelt.

3. Intercession is an intimate conversation with God according to the inward intention of His heart; for this we must learn to linger in the presence of God—18:22-33; Matt. 6:6.

Gen 18:22 And the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before Jehovah.

Gen 18:23 And Abraham came near and said, Will You indeed destroy the righteous with the wicked?

Gen 18:24 Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will You indeed destroy and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous who are in it?

Gen 18:25 Far be it from You to do such a thing, to put to death the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous should be as the wicked. Far be it from You! Shall the Judge of all the earth not do justly?

Gen 18:26 And Jehovah said, If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare the whole place for their sake.

Gen 18:27 And Abraham answered and said, Now behold, I have taken it upon myself to speak to the Lord, though I am but dust and ashes.

創 18:28 假若這五十個義人缺了五個，你就因為缺了五個毀滅全城麼？祂說，我在那裏若見有四十五個，也不毀滅那城。

創 18:29 亞伯拉罕又對祂說，假若在那裏見有四十個怎麼樣？祂說，為這四十個的緣故，我也不作這事。

創 18:30 亞伯拉罕說，求主不要動怒，容我說，假若在那裏見有三十個怎麼樣？祂說，我在那裏若見有三十個，我也不作這事。

創 18:31 亞伯拉罕說，我還敢對主說話，假若在那裏見有二十個怎麼樣？祂說，為這二十個的緣故，我也不毀滅那城。

創 18:32 亞伯拉罕說，求主不要動怒，容我再說這一次，假若在那裏見有十個呢？祂說，為這十個的緣故，我也不毀滅那城。

創 18:33 耶和華與亞伯拉罕說完了話就走了；亞伯拉罕也回到自己的地方去了。

太 6:6 你禱告的時候，要進你的密室，關上門，禱告你在隱密中的父，你父在隱密中察看，必要報答你。

4 代求是照着神義的法則：

- a 在亞伯拉罕為羅得的代求裏，他不是照着神的愛和神的恩向神懇求，乃是照着神義的法則向神挑戰。
- b 神的義比祂的愛和恩更約束祂——創十八 23 ~ 32，羅一 17。

創 18:23 亞伯拉罕近前來，說，你真的要將義人與惡人一併剿滅麼？

創 18:24 假若那城裏有五十個義人，你還剿滅麼？不為城裏這五十個義人寬容那地方麼？

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創 18:30 亞伯拉罕說，求主不要動怒，容我說，假若在那裏見有三十個怎麼樣？祂說，我在那裏若見有三十個，我也不作這事。

創 18:31 亞伯拉罕說，我還敢對主說話，假若在那裏見有二十個怎麼樣？祂說，為這二十個的緣故，我也不毀滅那城。

創 18:32 亞伯拉罕說，求主不要動怒，容我再說這一次，假若在那裏見有十個呢？祂說，為這十個的緣故，我也不毀滅那城。

Gen 18:28 Suppose the fifty righteous are lacking five, will You destroy the whole city because of five? And He said, I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.

Gen 18:29 And he spoke to Him yet again and said, Suppose forty are found there? And He said, I will not do it, because of the forty.

Gen 18:30 And he said, Oh may the Lord not be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there? And He said, I will not do it if I find thirty there.

Gen 18:31 And he said, Now behold, I have taken it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there? And He said, I will not destroy it, because of the twenty.

Gen 18:32 And he said, Oh let the Lord not be angry if I speak yet once more. Suppose ten are found there? And He said, I will not destroy it, because of the ten.

Gen 18:33 And Jehovah went away as soon as He had finished speaking with Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

Matt 6:6 But you, when you pray, enter into your private room, and shut your door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

4. Intercession is according to God's righteous way:

- a. In Abraham's intercession for Lot, he did not beg God according to His love and grace; he challenged God according to His righteous way.
- b. God's righteousness binds Him much more than His love and grace do—Gen. 18:23-32; Rom. 1:17.

Gen 18:23 And Abraham came near and said, Will You indeed destroy the righteous with the wicked?

Gen 18:24 Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will You indeed destroy and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous who are in it?

Gen 18:25 Far be it from You to do such a thing, to put to death the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous should be as the wicked. Far be it from You! Shall the Judge of all the earth not do justly?

Gen 18:26 And Jehovah said, If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare the whole place for their sake.

Gen 18:27 And Abraham answered and said, Now behold, I have taken it upon myself to speak to the Lord, though I am but dust and ashes.

Gen 18:28 Suppose the fifty righteous are lacking five, will You destroy the whole city because of five? And He said, I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.

Gen 18:29 And he spoke to Him yet again and said, Suppose forty are found there? And He said, I will not do it, because of the forty.

Gen 18:30 And he said, Oh may the Lord not be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there? And He said, I will not do it if I find thirty there.

Gen 18:31 And he said, Now behold, I have taken it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there? And He said, I will not destroy it, because of the twenty.

Gen 18:32 And he said, Oh let the Lord not be angry if I speak yet once more. Suppose ten are found there? And He said, I will not destroy it, because of the ten.

羅 1:17 因為神的義在這福音上，本於信顯示與信，如經上所記：『義人必本於信得生並活着。』

- 5 亞伯拉罕的代求不是結束於亞伯拉罕的說話，乃是結束於神的說話；這表明真正的代求是神在我們的說話裏說話——創十八 33，約十五 7，羅八 26 ~ 27。

創 18:33 耶和華與亞伯拉罕說完了話就走了；亞伯拉罕也回到自己的地方去了。

約 15:7 你們若住在我裏面，我的話也住在你們裏面，凡你們所願意的，祈求就給你們成就。

羅 8:26 況且，那靈也照樣幫同擔負我們的軟弱；我們本不曉得當怎樣禱告，只是那靈親自用說不出來的歎息，為我們代求。

羅 8:27 那鑒察人心的，曉得那靈的意思，因為祂是照着神為聖徒代求。

三 我們要維持活在與神的交通裏，就需要勝過世界放蕩生活的麻醉影響——路十七 26 ~ 32，創十九：

路 17:26 挪亞的日子怎樣，人子的日子也要怎樣；

路 17:27 人喫喝嫁娶，直到挪亞進方舟的那日，洪水就來，把他們全都毀滅了。

路 17:28 又好像羅得的日子，人喫喝買賣，栽種蓋造，

路 17:29 到羅得出所多瑪的那日，就有火與硫磺從天上降下來，把他們全都毀滅了。

路 17:30 人子顯現的日子，也要這樣。

路 17:31 當那日，人在房頂上，器具在屋子裏，不要下來拿；在田地裏的，也照樣不要回去。

路 17:32 你們要回想羅得的妻子。

創 19（從畧。）

- 一 羅得失敗了，因為他離開了那作神見證人並有神見證的亞伯拉罕，流蕩到邪惡之城所多瑪——十三 5 ~ 13，十四 12，彼後二 6 ~ 9。

創 13:5 與亞伯蘭同行的羅得，也有牛羣、羊羣、帳棚。

創 13:6 那地容納不下他們；因為他們的家產甚多，使他們不能同住一起。

創 13:7 當時，迦南人與比利洗人住在那地居住。牧養亞伯蘭牲畜的人和牧養羅得牲畜的人起了爭執。

Rom 1:17 For the righteousness of God is revealed in it out of faith to faith, as it is written, "But the righteous shall have life and live by faith."

5. Abraham's intercession did not terminate with Abraham's speaking but with God's, showing that genuine intercession is God's speaking in our speaking—Gen. 18:33; John 15:7; Rom. 8:26-27.

Gen 18:33 And Jehovah went away as soon as He had finished speaking with Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

John 15:7 If you abide in Me and My words abide in you, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you.

Rom 8:26 Moreover, in like manner the Spirit also joins in to help us in our weakness, for we do not know for what we should pray as is fitting, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

Rom 8:27 But He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to God.

III. To maintain our living in fellowship with God, we need to overcome the stupefying effect of the world's indulgent living—Luke 17:26-32; Gen. 19:

Luke 17:26 And even as it happened in the days of Noah, so will it be also in the days of the Son of Man:

Luke 17:27 They were eating, they were drinking, they were marrying, they were being given in marriage, until the day in which Noah entered into the ark and the flood came and destroyed them all.

Luke 17:28 Likewise, even as it happened in the days of Lot: they were eating, they were drinking, they were buying, they were selling, they were planting, they were building;

Luke 17:29 But on the day in which Lot went out from Sodom, it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all.

Luke 17:30 It will be in the same way on the day in which the Son of Man is revealed.

Luke 17:31 In that day, he who will be on the housetop and his goods in the house, let him not come down to take them away; and he who is in the field, likewise, let him not turn back to the things behind.

Luke 17:32 Remember Lot's wife.

Gen 19 (be omitted.)

- A. Lot became defeated because he separated himself from Abraham, with whom was God's witness and testimony, and drifted into the wicked city of Sodom—13:5-13; 14:12; 2 Pet. 2:6-9.

Gen 13:5 And Lot, who went with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents.

Gen 13:6 And the land could not support them that they might dwell together, for their possessions were so great that they could not dwell together.

Gen 13:7 And there was strife between the herdsmen of Abram's livestock and the herdsmen of Lot's livestock. And at that time the Canaanites and the Perizzites dwelt in the land.

創 13:8 亞伯蘭就對羅得說，你我不可相爭，你的牧人和我的牧人也不可相爭，因為我們是弟兄。

創 13:9 遍地不都在你面前麼？請你離開我；你向左，我就向右；你向右，我就向左。

創 13:10 羅得舉目看見約但河的全平原，直到瑣珥，都是滋潤的；那地在耶和華毀滅所多瑪、蛾摩拉以前，如同耶和華的園子，也像埃及地。

創 13:11 於是羅得為自己選擇約但河的全平原，往東遷移；他們就彼此分離了。

創 13:12 亞伯蘭住在迦南地；羅得住在平原的城邑，並且漸漸挪移帳棚，直到所多瑪。

創 13:13 所多瑪人在耶和華面前罪大惡極。

創 14:12 又把亞伯蘭的姪兒羅得和羅得的財物擄掠去了，當時羅得正住在所多瑪。

彼後 2:6 又判定了所多瑪、蛾摩拉的罪，將二城毀滅，焚燒成灰，給那些想要過不敬虔生活的人立為鑒戒；

彼後 2:7 只搭救了那常為不法之人的淫行抑鬱的義人羅得；

彼後 2:8 （因為那義人定居在他們中間，看見聽見不法的行為，他的義魂就天天感到痛苦。）

彼後 2:9 主知道搭救敬虔的人脫離試煉，把不義的人留在刑罰之下，等候審判的日子；

二 迦勒底的吾珥是偶像之地，埃及是有屬世豐富和享樂之地，而所多瑪是罪惡之城，在迦南地周圍形成三角邊界；神所呼召的人居住在這三角地帶之內，必須留意，免得墮落回到偶像之城，下到屬世的享樂之地，或流蕩到罪惡之城去——耶二 13，約壹五 21，提後三 1 ~ 5。

耶 2:13 因為我的百姓，作了兩件惡事，就是離棄我這活水的泉源，為自己鑿出池子，是破裂不能存水的池子。

約壹 5:21 孩子們，你們要保守自己，遠避偶像。

提後 3:1 但你要知道，末後的日子必有艱難的時期來到；

提後 3:2 因為那時人要成為愛自己者、愛錢財者、自誇者、狂傲的、毀謗者、違背父母的、忘恩負義的、不聖的、

提後 3:3 無親情的、不解怨的、好說謊言者、不能自約的、性情兇暴的、不愛良善者、

提後 3:4 賣主賣友者、鹵莽行事的、為高傲所蒙蔽的、寧願作愛宴樂者，不願作愛神者；

提後 3:5 有敬虔的外形，卻否認了敬虔的能力；這等人你要躲開。

Gen 13:8 And Abram said to Lot, Let there please be no strife between me and you and between my herdsmen and your herdsmen, for we are brothers.

Gen 13:9 Is not the whole land before you? Please separate yourself from me. If you go to the left, then I will go to the right. Or if you go to the right, then I will go to the left.

Gen 13:10 And Lot lifted up his eyes and saw the entire plain of the Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere—this was before Jehovah had destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah like the garden of Jehovah, like the land of Egypt, as you go to Zoar.

Gen 13:11 So Lot chose for himself the entire plain of the Jordan, and Lot journeyed east; and they separated themselves from each other.

Gen 13:12 Abram dwelt in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelt in the cities of the plain and moved his tent as far as Sodom.

Gen 13:13 Now the men of Sodom were very wicked and sinful toward Jehovah.

Gen 14:12 And they took Lot, Abram's brother's son, and his possessions and departed, for he was dwelling in Sodom.

2 Pet 2:6 And having reduced to ashes the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, condemned them to ruin, having set them as an example to those who intend to live an ungodly life,

2 Pet 2:7 And rescued righteous Lot, who had been oppressed by the licentious manner of life of the lawless

2 Pet 2:8 (For that righteous man, who settled down among them, in seeing and hearing tormented his righteous soul day after day with their lawless works);

2 Pet 2:9 The Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of trial and how to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment,

B. *Ur of Chaldea as a place of idols, Egypt as a place of worldly riches and pleasures, and Sodom as a city of sin form a triangular boundary around the land of Canaan; God's called ones live within this triangle and must be careful lest they fall back to the city of idols, go down to the place of worldly pleasures, or drift into the city of sin—Jer. 2:13; 1 John 5:21; 2 Tim. 3:1-5.*

Jer 2:13 For My people have committed two evils: / They have forsaken Me, / The fountain of living waters, / To hew out for themselves cisterns, / Broken cisterns, / Which hold no water.

1 John 5:21 Little children, guard yourselves from idols.

2 Tim 3:1 But know this, that in the last days difficult times will come.

2 Tim 3:2 For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boasters, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

2 Tim 3:3 Without natural affection, implacable, slanderers, without self-control, savage, not lovers of good,

2 Tim 3:4 Traitors, reckless, blinded with pride, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,

2 Tim 3:5 Having an outward form of godliness, though denying its power; from these also turn away.

三 邪惡的所多瑪人放棄了神，神就任憑他們陷入『可恥的情慾』；這是人背叛神並棄絕良心的最終結果——創十九 4 ~ 11，羅一 21 ~ 27，二 14 ~ 15，提前四 2：

創 19:4 他們還沒有躺下，所多瑪城裏各處的人，連老帶少，都來圍住那房子，

創 19:5 呼叫羅得說，今晚到你這裏來的人在那裏？把他們帶出來給我們，我們可以親近他們。

創 19:6 羅得出到門口，把門關上，到眾人那裏，

創 19:7 說，我的弟兄們，請你們不要作這惡事。

創 19:8 我有兩個女兒，還沒有和男人親近，讓我領出來，照你們看為好的而行；只是這兩個人既然到我舍下，不要向他們作甚麼。

創 19:9 但眾人說，走開吧！又說，這個人來寄居，還作起審判官了！現在我們要害你比害他們更甚。眾人就極力擁擠羅得，向前要攻破房門。

創 19:10 但那兩個人伸出手來，將羅得拉進屋裏，把門關上，

創 19:11 並且使門外的人，無論老少，眼都昏迷；他們耗盡了力氣，也尋不着房門。

羅 1:21 因為他們雖然知道神，卻不當作神榮耀祂，也不感謝祂，反倒在他們的推想上變為虛妄，他們無知的心就昏暗了。

羅 1:22 他們自稱是智慧的，反成了愚拙的，

羅 1:23 將不能朽壞之神的榮耀，改換為必朽壞的人、飛禽、走獸和爬物之像的樣式。

羅 1:24 所以神任憑他們逞着心裏的情慾，陷入污穢中，以致彼此玷辱自己的身體。

羅 1:25 他們將神的真實換為虛謊，去敬拜事奉受造之物，不敬拜事奉那創造者；祂乃是當受頌讚的，直到永遠。阿們。

羅 1:26 因此，神任憑他們陷入可恥的情慾：他們的女人把順性的用處換為逆性的用處；

羅 1:27 男人也是如此，棄了女人順性的用處，慾火中燒，彼此貪戀，男和男行可恥的事，就在自己身上受這妄為當得的報應。

羅 2:14 沒有律法的外邦人，若順着本性行律法上的事，他們雖然沒有律法，自己就是自己的律法；

羅 2:15 他們顯出那寫在他們心裏律法的功用，他們的良心同作見證，並且他們的思想互相控告或者也辯護。）

提前 4:2 這乃是藉着說謊之人的假冒，他們自己的良心猶如給熱鐵烙過；

C. In their giving up God, the wicked Sodomites were given up by God to “passions of dishonor”; this is the ultimate issue of man’s rebelling against God and rejecting his conscience —Gen. 19:4-11; Rom. 1:21-27; 2:14-15; 1 Tim. 4:2:

Gen 19:4 But before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, surrounded the house, both young and old, all the people from every quarter;

Gen 19:5 And they called to Lot and said to him, Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us that we may know them.

Gen 19:6 And Lot went out to them at the entrance and shut the door behind him.

Gen 19:7 And he said, Please, my brothers, do not act so wickedly.

Gen 19:8 I have here two daughters who have not known a man. Please, let me bring them out to you, and do to them as is fitting in your eyes; only do not do anything to these men, inasmuch as they have come under the shelter of my roof.

Gen 19:9 But they said, Stand aside. Then they said, This one came here to sojourn, and already he is acting like a judge. Now we will treat you worse than we would have them. And they pressed hard against the man, against Lot, and came near in order to break down the door.

Gen 19:10 But the men stretched out their hand and brought Lot into the house to them and shut the door.

Gen 19:11 And they struck the men who were at the entrance of the house with blindness, both small and great, so that they wearied themselves trying to find the entrance.

Rom 1:21 Because though they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God or thank Him, but rather became vain in their reasonings, and their heart, lacking understanding, was darkened.

Rom 1:22 Professing to be wise, they became fools

Rom 1:23 And changed the glory of the incorruptible God into the likeness of an image of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and reptiles.

Rom 1:24 Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to uncleanness, so that they dishonor their bodies among themselves,

Rom 1:25 Who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshipped and served the creation rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

Rom 1:26 Therefore God gave them up to passions of dishonor; for their females exchanged the natural use for that which is contrary to nature;

Rom 1:27 And likewise also the males, leaving the natural use of the female, burned in their craving toward one another, males with males committing unseemliness and fully receiving in themselves the retribution of their error which was due.

Rom 2:14 For when Gentiles, who have no law, do by nature the things of the law, these, though they have no law, are a law to themselves,

Rom 2:15 Who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness with it and their reasonings, one with the other, accusing or even excusing them)

1 Tim 4:2 By means of the hypocrisy of men who speak lies, of men who are branded in their own conscience as with a hot iron,

1 在神完全的救恩裏，我們蒙神洗除所多瑪一切的罪，蒙神聖別、稱義並悅納——林前六 9～11。

林前 6:9 你們豈不知，不義的不能承受神的國麼？不要受迷惑，無論是淫亂的、拜偶像的、姦淫的、作變童的、同性戀的、

林前 6:10 偷竊的、貪婪的、醉酒的、辱罵的、勒索的，都不能承受神的國。

林前 6:11 你們中間有人從前也是這樣，但在主耶穌基督的名裏，並在我們神的靈裏，你們已經洗淨了自己，已經聖別了，已經稱義了。

2 我們若榮耀神、感謝神、敬拜神並事奉神，就必蒙保護，脫離各種的惡事——羅一 21、25。

羅 1:21 因為他們雖然知道神，卻不當作神榮耀祂，也不感謝祂，反倒在他們的推想上變為虛妄，他們無知的心就昏暗了。

羅 1:25 他們將神的真實換為虛謊，去敬拜事奉受造之物，不敬拜事奉那創造者；祂乃是當受頌讚的，直到永遠。阿們。

四 羅得願意犧牲他的兩個童貞女兒，以滿足所多瑪人的情慾；這表明羅得住罪惡之城所多瑪相當長一段時間，已經失去了道德感和羞恥感——創十九 8、11～13、30～38：

創 19:8 我有兩個女兒，還沒有和男人親近，讓我領出來，照你們看為好的而行；只是這兩個人既然到我舍下，不要向他們作甚麼。

創 19:11 並且使門外的人，無論老少，眼都昏迷；他們耗盡了力氣，也尋不着房門。

創 19:12 那兩個人對羅得說，你這裏還有甚麼人？無論是女婿，是兒女，還是這城中一切屬你的人，你都將他們從這地方帶出去。

創 19:13 我們就要毀滅這地方；因為他們罪惡的聲音在耶和華面前甚大，耶和華差我們來，要毀滅這地方。

創 19:30 羅得因為怕住在瑣珥，就同他兩個女兒從瑣珥上去，住在山裏；他和兩個女兒住在一個洞裏。

創 19:31 大女兒對小女兒說，我們的父親老了，地上又無人按着世上的常規，來親近我們。

創 19:32 來，我們可以叫父親喝酒，與他同寢。這樣，我們就可從他存留後裔。

創 19:33 於是，那夜她們叫父親喝酒，大女兒就進去和她父親同寢；她幾時躺下，幾時起來，父親都不知道。

創 19:34 第二天，大女兒對小女兒說，我昨夜與父親同寢。今夜我們再叫他喝酒，你可以進去與他同寢。這樣，我們就可從

1. In God's complete salvation we can be washed from all the sinful things of Sodom, sanctified by God, and justified, accepted, by God—1 Cor. 6:9-11.

1 Cor 6:9 Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be led astray; neither fornicators nor idolaters nor adulterers nor effeminate nor homosexuals

1 Cor 6:10 Nor thieves nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor the rapacious will inherit the kingdom of God.

1 Cor 6:11 And these things were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.

2. If we glorify God, thank God, worship God, and serve God, we will be protected from every kind of evil—Rom. 1:21, 25.

Rom 1:21 Because though they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God or thank Him, but rather became vain in their reasonings, and their heart, lacking understanding, was darkened.

Rom 1:25 Who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshipped and served the creation rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

D. Lot's willingness to sacrifice his two virgin daughters to satisfy the Sodomites' lust shows that Lot, having dwelt a considerable time in the sinful city of Sodom, had lost his sense of morality and shame — Gen. 19:8, 11-13, 30-38:

Gen 19:8 I have here two daughters who have not known a man. Please, let me bring them out to you, and do to them as is fitting in your eyes; only do not do anything to these men, inasmuch as they have come under the shelter of my roof.

Gen 19:11 And they struck the men who were at the entrance of the house with blindness, both small and great, so that they wearied themselves trying to find the entrance.

Gen 19:12 And the men said to Lot, Whom else do you have here? A son-in-law or your sons and your daughters or anyone you have in the city—bring them out of the place.

Gen 19:13 For we are about to destroy this place, because their outcry has become so great before Jehovah that Jehovah has sent us to destroy it.

Gen 19:30 Then Lot went up out of Zoar and dwelt in the mountains, and his two daughters with him, for he was afraid to dwell in Zoar. And he and his two daughters dwelt in a cave.

Gen 19:31 And the firstborn said to the younger, Our father is old, and there is not a man on the earth to come in to us after the manner of all the earth.

Gen 19:32 Come, let us make our father drink wine; and let us lie with him, that we may preserve alive seed from our father.

Gen 19:33 And they made their father drink wine that night. And the firstborn went in and lay with her father, and he did not know when she lay down or when she arose.

Gen 19:34 And the next day the firstborn said to the younger, I have now lain with my father last night. Let us make him drink wine tonight also; and you go in, and lie with him, that we may preserve alive seed

父親存留後裔。

創 19:35 於是，那夜她們又叫父親喝酒，小女兒起來與她父親同寢；
她幾時躺下，幾時起來，父親都不知道。

創 19:36 這樣，羅得的兩個女兒，都從她們父親懷了孕。

創 19:37 大女兒生了兒子，給他起名叫摩押，他是現今摩押人的始祖。

創 19:38 小女兒也生了兒子，給他起名叫便亞米，他是現今亞捫人的始祖。

- 1 整個世界對羞恥和道德的感覺，都已經被麻醉了；因為青年人多半生長在罪惡的氣氛中，他們的感覺已經被麻醉了——約壹 5:19。

約壹 5:19 我們曉得我們是屬神的，而整個世界都臥在那惡者裏面。

- 2 但他們若是進入召會生活，留在召會生活純潔的氣氛中幾個月，他們就不願意回罪惡的世界去。

- 3 我們都必須逃出所多瑪，把那邪惡的氣氛關在門外。

五 羅得不願意逃離邪惡被定罪的城；但主有憐憫，將他從所多瑪拉出來，像從火中抽出柴來一樣——創十九 16，參亞三 2，猶 19 ~ 23。

創 19:16 但羅得遲延不走。那兩個人因為耶和華憐憫羅得，就抓着他的手和他妻子的手，並他兩個女兒的手，把他們領出來，安置在城外；

亞 3:2 耶和華對撒但說，撒但哪，耶和華責備你！就是揀選耶路撒冷的耶和華責備你！這不是從火中抽出來的一根柴麼？

猶 19 這就是那些製造分裂，屬魂而沒有靈的人。

猶 20 親愛的，你們卻要在至聖的信仰上建造自己，在聖靈裏禱告，

猶 21 保守自己在神的愛中，等候我們主耶穌基督的憐憫，以至於永遠的生命。

猶 22 有些人疑惑不定，你們要憐憫他們，

猶 23 要把他們從火中搶出來，搭救他們；有些人你們要存畏懼的心憐憫他們，連那被肉體玷污的裏衣也當憎惡。

六 『要回想羅得的妻子』，這對貪愛世界的信徒，是個嚴肅的警告——路十七 31 ~ 32，創十九 15 ~ 17、26，路十四 34 ~ 35，約壹二 27 ~ 28。

from our father.

Gen 19:35 And they made their father drink wine that night also. And the younger one arose and lay with him, and he did not know when she lay down or when she arose.

Gen 19:36 Thus both the daughters of Lot became pregnant by their father.

Gen 19:37 And the firstborn bore a son and called his name Moab; he is the father of the Moabites to this day.

Gen 19:38 And the younger, she also bore a son and called his name Ben-ammi; he is the father of the children of Ammon to this day.

1. Throughout the whole world the sense of shame and morality has been drugged; because most of the young people were raised in a sinful atmosphere, their senses have been drugged—1 John 5:19.

1 John 5:19 We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies in the evil one.

2. But if they would come into the church life and remain in its pure atmosphere for a few months, they would never return to the sinful world.

3. We all must escape Sodom and shut our doors to its evil atmosphere.

E. Lot had no willingness to escape from the evil and condemned city, but the Lord was merciful, pulling him out of Sodom like wood plucked out of a fire—Gen. 19:16; cf. Zech. 3:2; Jude 19-23.

Gen 19:16 But he lingered; so the men seized his hand and the hand of his wife and the hand of his two daughters, Jehovah being merciful to him, and they brought him out and set him outside the city.

Zech 3:2 And Jehovah said to Satan, Jehovah rebuke you, Satan! Indeed, Jehovah, who has chosen Jerusalem, rebuke you! Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?

Jude 19 These are those who make divisions, soulish, having no spirit.

Jude 20 But you, beloved, building up yourselves upon your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,

Jude 21 Keep yourselves in the love of God, awaiting the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

Jude 22 And on some have mercy, on those who are wavering;

Jude 23 Save them by snatching them out of the fire. On others have mercy in fear, hating even the inner garment spotted from the flesh.

F. “Remember Lot’s wife” is a solemn warning to the world-loving believers—Luke 17:31-32; Gen. 19:15-17, 26; Luke 14:34-35; 1 John 2:27-28.

路 17:31 當那日，人在房頂上，器具在屋子裏，不要下來拿；在田地裏的，也照樣不要回去。

路 17:32 你們要回想羅得的妻子。

創 19:15 天明了，天使催逼羅得說，起來，帶着你的妻子和你在這裏的兩個女兒出去，免得你因這城裏的罪孽同被剿滅。

創 19:16 但羅得遲延不走。那兩個人因為耶和華憐憫羅得，就抓着他的手和他妻子的手，並他兩個女兒的手，把他們領出來，安置在城外；

創 19:17 領他們出來以後，就說，逃命吧！不可回頭看，也不可在平原上任何一處站住。要往山上逃跑，免得你被剿滅。

創 19:26 羅得的妻子在後邊回頭一看，就變成了一根鹽柱。

路 14:34 鹽本是好的，但若是連鹽也失了味，可用甚麼叫它再鹹？

路 14:35 或用在田裏，或堆在糞裏，都不合式，只好扔在外面。有耳可聽的，就應當聽。

約壹 2:27 你們從祂所領受的膏油塗抹，住在你們裏面，並不需要人教導你們，乃有祂的膏油塗抹，在凡事上教導你們；這膏油塗抹是真實的，不是虛謊的，你們要按這膏油塗抹所教導你們的，住在祂裏面。

約壹 2:28 現在，孩子們，你們要住在主裏面；這樣，祂若顯現，我們就可以坦然無懼，當祂來臨的時候，也不至於蒙羞離開祂。

Luke 17:31 In that day, he who will be on the housetop and his goods in the house, let him not come down to take them away; and he who is in the field, likewise, let him not turn back to the things behind.

Luke 17:32 Remember Lot's wife.

Gen 19:15 And when the morning dawned, the angels urged Lot, saying, Rise up; take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you be destroyed in the iniquity of the city.

Gen 19:16 But he lingered; so the men seized his hand and the hand of his wife and the hand of his two daughters, Jehovah being merciful to him, and they brought him out and set him outside the city.

Gen 19:17 And when they had brought them outside, He said, Escape for your life. Do not look behind you, neither stay anywhere in the plain. Escape to the hills, lest you be destroyed.

Gen 19:26 But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.

Luke 14:34 Therefore salt is good; but if even the salt becomes tasteless, with what will its saltiness be restored?

Luke 14:35 It is fit neither for the land nor for the manure pile; they will throw it out. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

1 John 2:27 And as for you, the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone teach you; but as His anointing teaches you concerning all things and is true and is not a lie, and even as it has taught you, abide in Him.

1 John 2:28 And now, little children, abide in Him, so that if He is manifested, we may have boldness and not be put to shame from Him at His coming.