Genesis 18

Genesis 18:1-15 Concerning the Seed

Genesis 18:16-33 Concerning Sodom

Genesis 18:1-8 The LORD appears to Abraham

Genesis 18:9-15 The Laugh of Unbelief

Genesis 18:16-22 The LORD reveals His plan to Abraham

Genesis 18:23-33 Abraham pleads before the LORD

We see in this chapter:

Providing Refreshment for the LORD

Enjoying Fellowship with the LORD

Pleading for others before the LORD

Genesis 18:13,14 compare Hebrews 11:11 and 1Peter 3:6

“Friend of God” 2Chronicles 20:7; Isiah 41:8; James 2:23

Fellowship with God (intimacy – see John 14:23) leads to Intercession with God

We see the LORD answering the desire of Abraham’s heart in the deliverance of Lot. But He

didn’t answer in the way that Abraham wanted Him to. Compare Genesis 19:27-29. There weren’t 10! (Genesis 19:14,15) Lot and his wife (2), two daughters (2).

Abraham was a recipient of revealed truth regarding judgment to come. This moved him to intercessory prayer. Contrast this with the prophet Jonah who was glad for the impending destruction of Ninevah. See the Lord Jesus weeping over Jerusalem.

As believers, we have been taken in to His confidence. John 15:15. We don’t have to study the newspapers or cable news to know what the future holds.

18:1-15 Promised Seed 18:16-33 Intercession 19 Judgment (the righteous delivered)

Again, we observe as in Joshua 6 and 1 Kings 18,19 – the calm, dispassionate Lord {note what the still small voice *says* 1Kings 19:12}. Not explosive or in a tantrum. When judgment falls it is sure and deliberate with equilibrium and justice.

There is here a real lesson in prayer – being in tune with the Lord to know His mind.

John 14:13; 16:23; 15:7; 1John 5:14,15

Twice Lot was saved by Abraham – once by the sword (chapter 14) and once by intercession (chapter 18). Ephesians 6:17,18 1Timothy 2:1

Abraham’s prayer

Humble v.27

Persevering (6times beseeching the Lord)

Not presumptuous or demanding

Not answered like he asked for it to be

Chapter 18 – Abraham Chapter 19 – contrast Lot!

1. Divine visitation

2. Ministering to the Lord

3. Faith confirmed

4. Taken in to Divine confidence

5. Interceding for others