



THE FOOTSTEPS OF FAITH
THE JUSTICE OF GOD
GENESIS 18:16-33

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1. Do _____ (vv. 16-19)

Genesis 18:16-33 (ESV)

16 Then the men set out from there, and they looked down toward Sodom. And Abraham went with them to set them on their way. 17 The LORD said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, 18 seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? 19 For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice, so that the LORD may bring to Abraham what he has promised him." 20 Then the LORD said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, 21 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."

2. Value _____ (vv. 20-21)

22 So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. 23 Then Abraham drew near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? 24 Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? 25 Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" 26 And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake."

3. Plead _____ (vv. 22-33)

27 Abraham answered and said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. 28 Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." 29 Again he spoke to him and said, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." 30 Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." 31 He said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." 32 Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." 33 And the LORD went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

4. Defer _____ (vv. 16-33)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. **Read 1 Peter 4:17.** As we begin to study a passage that deals with judgment on these ancient wicked cities, why is it so important for us to examine ourselves?
2. **Read 1 Peter 2:9-12.** Which passions that wage war against your flesh could do the most damage to your witness to the way of the Lord, righteousness, and justice? How will you fight against these passions this week?
3. **Read Romans 2:4.** How do you see God's patience at work in your own life—especially as God led you to salvation? How can you reflect that patience to the lost around you?
4. Think about the things you pray for the most. Are these requests that you can connect to the character of God or the promises of God? How can you make these ideas more central to your own prayers?
5. **Read Job 42:2-6.** In what ways have you perhaps had to wrestle with the justice of God? What about Job's final response can be instructive for us in those moments?

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.

Bridges, Jerry. *Trusting God*. NavPress, 1988.
Ryle, J.C. *Holiness*. Banner of Truth, 2014.
Torrey, R.A. *The Power of Prayer*. Zondervan, 1971.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that Compass Bible Church would be a holy congregation and a bright light in a dark world.
Pray that God would protect and build up a righteous remnant in our country.
Pray for ongoing fruit from Resurrection Week 2024.
Pray for Edi Demo's family as they return to Albania this month.
Pray that God will provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground project.

REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	Old Testament	New Testament
4/8	Judges 10-12	John 4
4/9	Judges 13-16	John 5
4/10	Judges 17-19	John 6:1-21
4/11	Judges 20-21	John 6:22-71
4/12	1 Samuel 1-3	John 7
4/13	1 Samuel 4-7	John 8:1-30