

HE WILL DIRECT HIS CHILDREN

Genesis 18:1-19:38

Key verse: 18:18, 19

“Abraham will surely become a great and powerful nation, and all nations on earth will be blessed through him. For I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing what is right and just, so that the LORD will bring about for Abraham what he has promised him.”

God blessed Abraham and his family, but the end of Lot’s family life is tragic. God blessed Abraham and directed him how to educate his children. We can also learn the tragic end of the Lot’s family in this passage. May God help us to raise children by God’s grace and his help.

* FAMILY LIFE OF ABRAHAM (18:1-15)

1. How did Abraham show hospitality to the guests? Notice how his actions are described, the participation of his household, and the content of the meal. What does this event show about Abraham and his family? About the Lord? About Abraham's relationship to the Lord?

2. What was the message of good news they brought? What was Sarah's response to the good news? How and why did the Lord rebuke her? What did he want her to learn? (9-15)

* “FOR I HAVE CHOSEN HIM” (18:16-33)

3. Why did the Lord decide to tell Abraham what he was about to do? (16-19) What was God's promise and what must Abraham do to claim that promise? (18-19)

4. What did the Lord tell Abraham about Sodom (20,21)? What important lesson about God should Abraham's descendants learn from God's dealing with Sodom? What can we learn about prayer from Abraham? What can we learn about God from this conversation?

* THE LORD DESTROYS SODOM (19:1-38)

5. How did Lot show hospitality to the 2 angels? Compare and contrast Lot's treatment of the angels with that of Abraham. How did the people of Sodom treat Lot and his guests? What can you learn in verses 1-9 about Lot's life in Sodom? (See 2Pe 2:7,8)

6. What did God's servants decide to do? How did Lot respond to the angel's warning? Why was it so hard for him to leave? What request did he make? Why? Why did he finally leave? What does this show about God's grace? What happened to Sodom? To Lot's wife?

7. What was the problem of Lot's daughters? How did they rationalize their sin? Are there any modern parallels? What was the tragic fruit of this family? What can you learn from contrasting the faith and lives of Abraham and Lot and their influence to their descendants?