

ROOTS
A Study in Genesis



LESSON 13 GENESIS 18-20

1. What verse, truth or insight from **Genesis 16-17** came to your mind this week, and how did that shape your thoughts, emotions or actions?

2. As you read **Genesis 18-20**, ask God in prayer to give you insight and understanding about His goodness and mercy.

3. a) Read **Genesis 18:1-15**. Where and how does God confirm the promises He already made to Abraham (see **Genesis 17:19, 21**)?

b) Who do you think the three men were? Was Abraham aware of who they were? Give verses to support your thoughts.

4. In Abraham's day, to share a meal was a place of intimate friendship. What do the following verses say about Abraham's and the Lord's relationship:
 - **2 Chronicles 20:7**

 - **Isaiah 41:8**

5. a) Read **V9-15**. What do you think was at the root of Sarah's laughter? Write a truth based on God's response. (See also **Mark 10:26-27**.)

b) Both Sarah and Abraham (in **Genesis 17:17**) laughed at the promise of a child. How do **Hebrews 11:11** and **James 2:23-24** comfort you in your own times of inward or outward doubting of God's promises?

- c) From what you know of the promises of God for believers, is there one that you inwardly “laugh” at in unbelief? Knowing God not only sees us, but also sees inside us, take some time to talk with Him about this.
6. a) Read **V16-33**. What strikes you about Abraham’s request of God, and how does his example spur you on in prayer? Be specific.
- b) Give one or more truths you learn about God’s judgment of the world from this passage.
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7. a) From **Genesis 19:1-9**, what examples and warnings do you learn from Lot’s response to the visiting angels and how he dealt with cultural pressure?
- b) Many people think of the sins of Sodom and Gomorrah only in sexual terms. What more does **Ezekiel 16:49-50** say about the depravity of Sodom?
8. Read **Gen 19:10-29**. Where do you see God’s merciful answer to Abraham’s prayer in **Ch. 18**, and what do you learn about Lot from **2 Peter 2:7-8**?
9. **Gen. 19:30-38** gives the dark conclusion to Lot’s story in the Old Testament, and may bring up many emotions for you. Though Lot was a righteous man, his sin and the influence of Sodom had grave consequences. Reflect on where you, as a believer, may be profoundly influenced by the world even as you experience sorrow for the way it is going.
10. **Genesis 20** is inserted here as a sub-story, as we read about Abraham repeating the same sin he had committed in Egypt (**Genesis 12**). What old sin are you uniquely susceptible to, and how have you seen God be merciful to you, as He was to Abraham?

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11. a) What new sprouts of hope, trust and belief have sprung up from any part of this lesson because of in whom you are **ROOTED**? Explain.
- b) Share with the Lord (and/or others) if there are any sins that have surfaced *or re-surfaced* for you from this passage that you would like God to **UPROOT** so that you grow in true repentance?
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“GOSPEL GLIMPSES” ”: Throughout the Book of Genesis, we will see previews of Jesus, and a foreshadowing of the Gospel (The Salvation Story).

1. From the judgment of Sodom and Gomorrah, we learn that God judges sin and the wages of sin are death: physical, spiritual and eternal. How do the following verses help you understand every person's need for a Savior?
 - **Malachi 4:1, 2**

 - **Romans 3:9-12, 23**

 - **Ephesians 2:1-3**
2. Our need for a Savior is a sobering truth, but gratefully God has made a way of rescue. How do the following verses grow your heart's gratitude for His loving provision of Jesus as Savior?
 - **Acts 17:30-31**

 - **Romans 6:23**

 - **Ephesians 2:4-9**

 - **1 Corinthians 15:54-57**
3. a) Write out the Suggested Memory Verse: **Genesis 18:14a**

b) Respond to God in prayer about any aspect of His wrath, judgment and salvation that has been

stirred in you through this passage and lesson

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