

Study Notes and Questions for Genesis 18 and 19

- How does the hospitality of the Middle East as described in 18:1-5 differ from what we practice today?
- Who were the three men who came to visit Abraham? Cite the exact verses that reveal their identity.
- What promise did the Lord give in **18:10**?
- Based on the narrative, why do you think Sarah laughed when she heard she was to bear a child in her old age?
- What question did God ask Sarah in **18:14**?
- Explain why the question in **18:14** is critical to all believers?
- What did God reveal to Abraham in **18:20-21**?
- What do we learn about intercession from **18:23-32**?
- Abraham asked, “**Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?**” Why is that a critical question to be answered by all believers? (Read how this question is worded in at least two other Bible translations and note the differences.)
- Why do you think Lot urged the angels not to stay in the public square during the night?
- What did the men of Sodom want to do with the angels and how did Lot characterize their demands in **19:6**?
- What was the response given to Lot by the men of Sodom as recorded in **verse 9**?
- What was the response of the young men whom Lot warned about the impending destruction of the city in **verse 14**?
- Why do you think Lot lingered in the city even after being urged to flee?
- Why did Lot ask to flee to Zoar instead of fleeing to the hills? (19:18-19)
- How did God judge Sodom and Gomorrah? (19:23-25)
- What happened to Lot’s wife?
- Read **Luke 17:28–32**. What did Jesus in that passage encourage those listening to “remember Lot’s wife”?
- Why did Lot’s daughter decide they needed to become pregnant by their father?
- Looking back over this chapter, how many decisions do you find were motivated and guided by fear?