

The Blessed Life
Genesis 18

How to use this Scripture Engagement



Pray to Begin

Before you start each lesson, ask the Lord to use it to grow you in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.



Read the Bible passage

Invite God to open your eyes and deepen your understanding of His Word as you read the passage.



Study the Scripture Engagement Guide

Go through the Scripture Engagement study provided to reflect on the meaning, context, and personal application of the passage you've read.



Reflect on the Scripture Engagement Questions

After every teaching, consider the Scripture Engagement questions listed for personal reflection and application and for your small group discussions.



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Heavenly Father,

As we open Your Word, slow our hearts and sharpen our understanding. Help us not only to read this passage, but to understand Your character, Your justice, and Your mercy. Teach us what it means to walk closely with You, to stand before You on behalf of others, and to trust You when judgment and grace meet. Shape our thinking so we see You rightly.

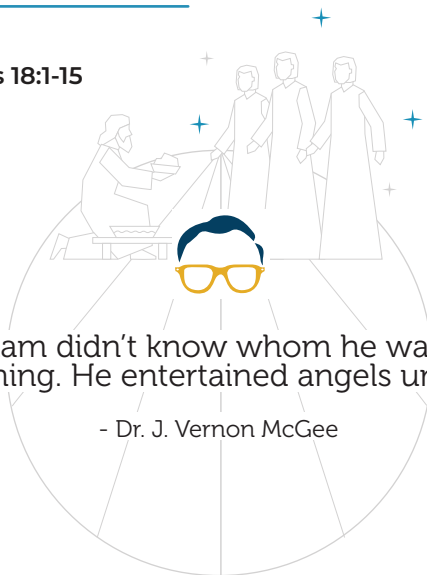
In Jesus' name, Amen.



God Reaffirms His Promise



Genesis 18:1-15



"Abraham didn't know whom he was really entertaining. He entertained angels unawares."

- Dr. J. Vernon McGee

Fourteen years have passed since God last spoke to Abraham.

Now, under the blazing sun at Mamre, three heavenly visitors came to Abraham.

Though ninety-nine and weary, Abraham runs to meet them and bows low. He prepares a feast of bread, butter, milk, and tender calf and stands by as his guests eat. Unknown to him, he is hosting heaven's messengers, and one of them is the Lord Himself.

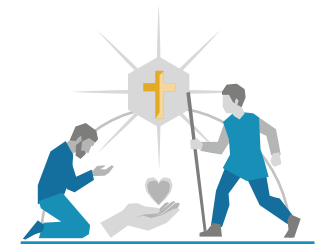


Have you ever considered that serving others may be the way that God meets with you?

Spiritual Truths



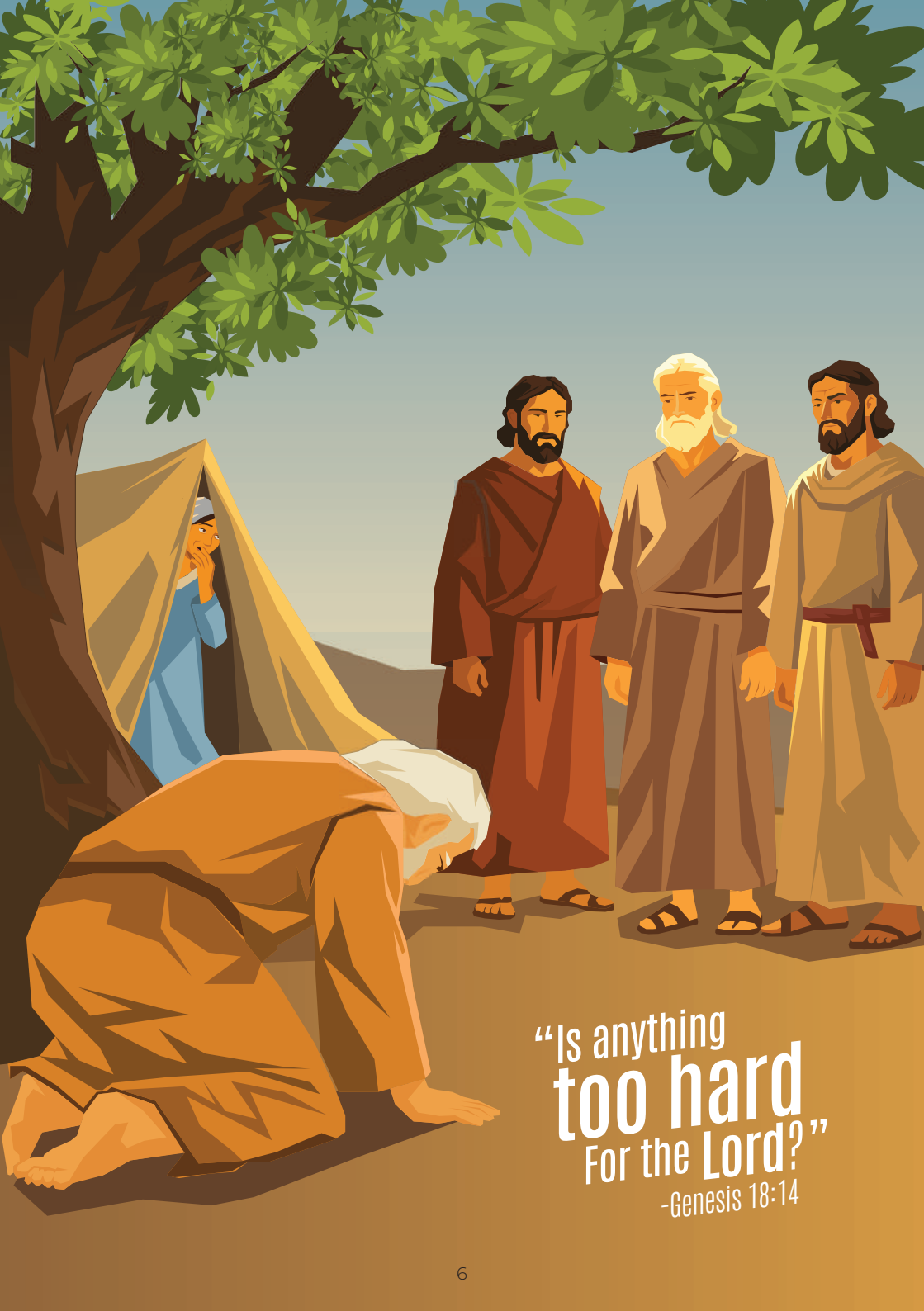
Fellowship with God
is not limited by age, strength, or circumstance.



Fellowship with God
produces humility, generosity, and readiness.

As the meal ends, the Lord asks, "Where is Sarah your wife?" and delivers a **renewed promise**.

Listening from the tent door, Sarah laughs within herself. This is the laughter which says that it is just too good to be true. But God hears even the quiet laughter of the heart and gently asks -



“Is anything
too hard
For the Lord?”
-Genesis 18:14

Sarah is frightened by the Lord’s question and denies laughing, but she **cannot avoid the truth**.



Why did the question frighten Sarah?

Spiritual Truths

God knows the frailty of human faith. He turns our **doubt into delight**, our **fear into fulfillment**.



God’s promises are not dependent on our faith but on **His Word alone**. At the appointed time, His Word never fails.

Fellowship with God includes **truth, humility, and loving correction**.



Sarah’s hidden laughter later becomes a **testimony of joy**. The child of promise will be named Isaac, which means laughter.



Reflection

Question 1

What does Abraham's eagerness to serve reveal about a heart in fellowship with God?



Application

Question 2

Write down some situations in your life that seem impossible to you.

Read the list of situations you have written and cross off the things that are not hard for God.



God Reveals His Judgment



Genesis 18:16-21



“Whatever God does is right, and if you don't think He is right, the trouble is not with God, but with you.”

As the visitors rise to leave, Abraham walks with them a little way. From the high plains, the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah lie below. Then the Lord speaks to Himself -

“Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing?” *Genesis 18:17*

God reveals the reasons why He chooses to share His plan with Abraham:

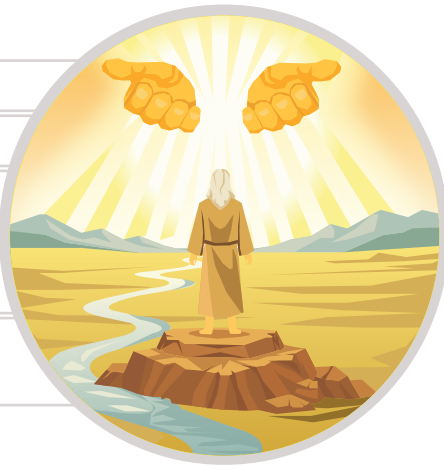
Abraham will become a **great nation**.

All nations will be **blessed through him**.

Abraham's **influence spans generations**.

Abraham **leads his household in Righteousness and discipline**.

God wants Abraham to **fully understand His character**.



The Lord explains that the outcry against Sodom's sin is great and grievous. He will “go down and see”, showing **His perfect justice and patience**. He never judges in haste.





Reflection

Question 1

Why is it important to understand God's character before understanding His judgment?



Application

Question 2

The world around us is full of injustice and unrighteousness. Sometimes we may wish the wrath of God to intervene. Write down ways in which we can stand up against sin, and advocate for people who suffer from injustice.

Draw your Application



Abraham Intercedes Before God



Genesis 18:22-33

As the angels depart toward Sodom, Abraham stands still before the Lord, and the most remarkable conversation unfolds. **Abraham intercedes** -

“Will You also destroy the righteous with the wicked?” *Genesis 18:23*

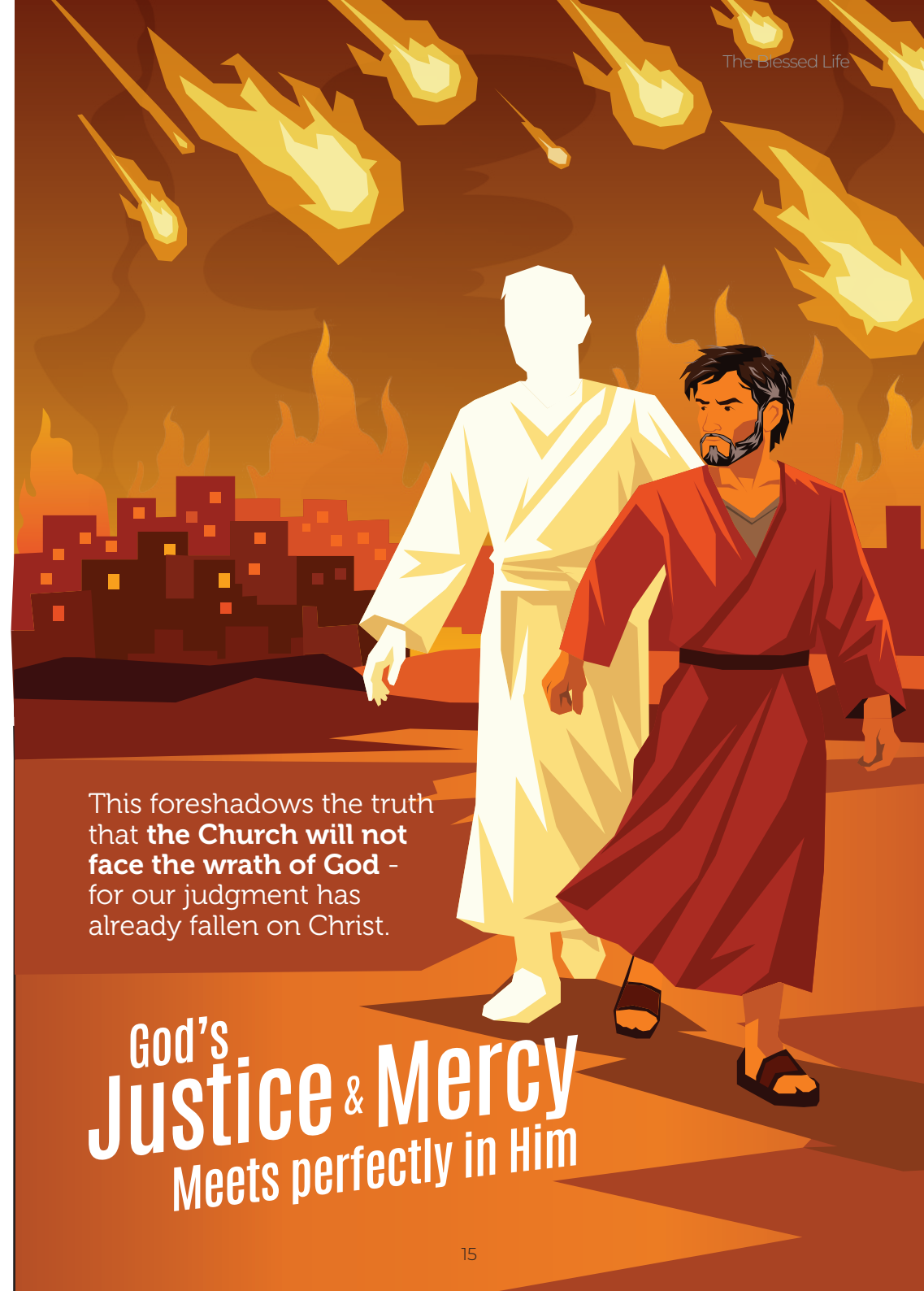
He pleads from fifty righteous down to forty-five, forty, thirty, twenty, and finally ten. Each time, God agrees to spare the city for the sake of the righteous few.

Intercession is born out of fellowship. Abraham does not argue with God; he appeals to God's character.



Abraham appeals to God's justice and mercy -
“Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?” *Genesis 18:25*

Though Abraham stops at ten, God's mercy goes even further. He will not destroy the righteous with the wicked. When judgment comes, He removes Lot before fire falls.



This foreshadows the truth that **the Church will not face the wrath of God** - for our judgment has already fallen on Christ.

God's
Justice & Mercy
 Meets perfectly in Him



Reflection & Application

Question 1

What does this passage teach about the patience and fairness of God in dealing with sin?

Question 2

Who is God placing on your heart to intercede for persistently?

Draw your Application



Overview

1

Sodom and Gomorrah picture a world under judgment.

2

The moral condition of the world today resembles Sodom, though it does not determine the timing of Christ's return.

3

The Church will not experience God's wrath:

- Christ bore our judgment.
- God removes the righteous before judgment falls.

4

God's character remains consistent throughout Scripture.

Your Takeaway

Integrating **'God's Intelligence'** in my life.

McGee's Quote



“ There are two kinds of believers - those who live a blessed life in fellowship with God, and those who live a blasted life out of His will. The difference is simply where you choose to stand.

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