

# Abraham Pleads for Sodom

## Genesis 18:23–33

**Characters:** Narrator, Abraham, the Lord

**Narrator:** <sup>23</sup>And Abraham came near and said,

**Abraham:** Would You also destroy the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup>Suppose there were fifty righteous within the city; would You also destroy the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous that were in it? <sup>25</sup>Far be it from You to do such a thing as this, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous should be as the wicked; far be it from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?

**The Lord:** <sup>26</sup>If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes.

**Narrator:** <sup>27</sup>Then Abraham answered and said,

**Abraham:** Indeed now, I who am but dust and ashes have taken it upon myself to speak to the Lord: <sup>28</sup>Suppose there were five less than the fifty righteous; would You destroy all of the city for lack of five?

**The Lord:** If I find there forty-five, I will not destroy it.

**Abraham:** <sup>29</sup>Suppose there should be forty found there?

**The Lord:** I will not do it for the sake of forty.

**Abraham:** <sup>30</sup>Let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak: Suppose thirty should be found there?

**The Lord:** I will not do it if I find thirty there.

**Abraham:** <sup>31</sup>Indeed now, I have taken it upon myself to speak to the Lord: Suppose twenty should be found there?

**The Lord:** I will not destroy it for the sake of twenty.

**Abraham:** <sup>32</sup>Let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak but once more: Suppose ten should be found there?"

**The Lord:** I will not destroy it for the sake of ten.

**Narrator:** <sup>33</sup>So the LORD went His way as soon as He had finished speaking with Abraham; and Abraham returned to his place.