

Read the Word

PART 1: GENESIS 18:22–33

²²Then the men turned away from there and went toward Sodom, but **Abraham** still stood before the **LORD**. ²³And Abraham came near and said, “Would You also destroy the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose 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?”

²⁵Far 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?”

²⁶So the LORD said, “If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes.”

²⁷Then Abraham answered and said, “Indeed now, I who am but dust and ashes have taken it upon myself to speak to the Lord: ²⁸Suppose there were five less than the fifty righteous; would You destroy all of the city for lack of five?”

So He said, “If I find there **forty-five**, I will not destroy it.”

²⁹And he spoke to Him yet again and said, “Suppose there should be **forty** found there?”

So He said, “I will not do it for the sake of forty.”

³⁰Then he said, “Let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak: Suppose **thirty** should be found there?”

So He said, “I will not do it if I find thirty there.”

³¹And he said, “Indeed now, I have taken it upon myself to speak to the Lord: Suppose **twenty** should be found there?”

So He said, “I will not destroy it for the sake of twenty.”

³²Then he said, “Let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak but once more: Suppose **ten** should be found there?”

And He said, “I will not destroy it for the sake of ten.” ³³So the LORD went His way as soon as He had finished speaking with Abraham; and Abraham returned to his place.

PART 2: GENESIS 19:15–17

¹⁵ When the morning dawned, the angels urged Lot to **hurry**, saying, “Arise, **take your wife and your two daughters** who are here, lest you be **consumed** (_____) in the punishment of the city.” ¹⁶ And while he lingered, the men took hold of **his hand**, his **wife’s hand**, and the hands of his two **daughters**, the LORD being **merciful** to him, and they brought him out and set him outside the city. ¹⁷ So it came to pass, when they had brought them outside, that he said, “**Escape for your life! Do not look behind** you nor stay anywhere in the plain. **Escape to the mountains**, lest you be destroyed.”

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²³ The **sun had risen** upon the earth when Lot entered Zoar. ²⁴ Then the LORD rained **brimstone and fire** on Sodom and Gomorrah, from the LORD out of the heavens. ²⁵ So He overthrew those cities, all the **plain**, all the **inhabitants** (_____) of the cities, and what **grew on the ground**. ²⁶ But his wife **looked back** behind him, and she **became a pillar of salt**.