



THE BOOK OF  
**GENESIS**

# ***ABRAHAM, THE FRIEND OF GOD***

## ***GENESIS 18***

Abraham is given this special title in **2 Chronicles 20:7**, **Isaiah 41:8**, and **James 2:23**; and he is the only person in the Bible to have it.

As God's close friend, we find Abraham ministering in three different areas:

- To the Lord—as a worshipper **v. 1-8**
- To his own home—as a watchman **v. 9-15**
- To a lost world—as a witness **v. 16-33**

# I. ABRAHAM WORSHIPPED THE LORD v. 1-8

1. Abraham served the Lord *personally*.
2. He also ministered *immediately*.
3. Abraham ministered to the Lord *speedily*.
4. Abraham served the Lord *generously*.
5. Abraham's service was marked with *humility*.
6. Finally, he served the Lord *cooperatively*.

## II. ABRAHAM, THE WATCHMAN v. 9-15

Because Abraham was faithful to the Lord, he became a channel of blessing to his wife, and eventually, to his family. **v. 19**

- Sarah had an important role to play in the working out of God's plan of salvation for the world. **Heb. 11:11-12**
- Abraham taught his family the correct answer to this question, *"Is anything too hard for the Lord?"* (**Gen. 18:14**) Of course not!
- Echoing the apostle Paul. **Eph. 3:20-21**

### **III. HE MINISTERED TO A LOST WORLD— HIS WITNESS v. 16-33**

- Abraham belonged to that select company of God's people known as *intercessors*, individuals like Moses, Samuel, Elijah, Jeremiah, the apostles, and our Lord Jesus Himself. **Rom. 8:34-35**
- Abraham was burdened for Sodom and his nephew Lot; his prayer was based on the justice of God. **v. 25**
- God ultimately will punish unrepentant wickedness. **Jude 7; Rom. 1:27**

# ***CONFRONTING THE SIN OF SODOM***

The words “sodomy” and “sodomize” are synonyms for these homosexual practices.

- The men did not try to hide their sin. **Isa. 3:9**
- Nor would they repent of it. **Jer. 23:14**
- Jesus used it as a warning for people in the end times. **Luke 17:28-32**
- Just like God, Abraham did not want to see all of these people perish forever, so he witnessed to them (**2 Peter 3:9; 1 Tim. 2:4; Eze. 33:11**), even if only 10 believed him.



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