

Genesis 18:16-33

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1. God decides to let Abraham in on His plan to _____ Sodom and Gomorrah. It was full of sin.
2. There comes a time when God, in His _____ and _____, must punish sin.
3. Abraham chooses to stand before the Lord to pray for _____ people in a sinful place. Ultimately, Abraham's petition is for _____, his nephew, from whom he had separated.
4. Abraham is not delusional about Sodom and Gomorrah's evil. He calls it what it is, and prays for God to be _____ anyway.
5. God's mercy does not _____ God's justice and righteousness. Therefore, God can be merciful and _____ His righteousness.
6. God doesn't promise to _____ Sodom, but Abraham knows God. He knows that God's _____ will lead to their destruction, since God is both just and righteous.
7. Believers in relationship with God should petition God:
 - a. _____
 - b. for those whom they are no longer or are not in _____.
 - c. to spare _____ people in _____ spaces.
8. God's _____ of this people also places the weight of God's _____ on them.
9. Abraham boldly holds God to do what is just. God, "you can't throw the _____ out with the bath water." Believers do not have the luxury of _____ thought. In spaces where there are things to be destroyed, there are also things to be _____.

10. Abraham is bold and _____ at the same time. He holds God to God's character and understands that he is but "_____ and _____."
11. Abraham _____ mercy on the bad for the benefit of the good. Prayer, especially _____, seeks to get God to appeal to mercy for those who may be collateral damage.
12. It is not our _____ to keep God just or determine God's actions. Our duty is to appeal to what we know about God for the benefit of others. Ultimately, God will have the last word, and work God's plans according to what God deems just.
13. God has discriminatory _____. We have the freedom to _____. We have the ability to influence God's considerations and actions, not _____ what God does and how.
14. Abraham does not make this a personal matter, but a matter of God's _____. You and I need to seek to _____ God to the point that we become _____ for holy outcomes and not just desperate manipulators of the _____.
15. We must yield to God as the _____ word. Abraham sought to appeal to God with a specific number, but that is not what was most _____. Ultimately, God answered his petition and _____ with his request.
16. The surprise continuation of chapter 19 maintains God's justice and righteousness, while honoring the _____ of Abraham. Though God's work fits no _____, God is big enough to both honor the petitions of His children and hold to His principles.