

# Walk Through the Bible

## GENESIS 18-19

### OVERVIEW

In Genesis chapter 18, the Lord and two angels appear before Abraham in human form, to reveal the promise of a child to Sarah. When Sarah laughs, the Lord insists that nothing is too hard for Him to accomplish. Next, the Lord reveals to Abraham that He will destroy the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah because of their sinfulness. After a lengthy discussion, the Lord promises not to destroy Sodom if He finds 10 righteous people in the city.

Genesis chapter 19 immediately demonstrates the lack of righteousness in the city of Sodom. Scripture reveals that every man, young and old, attempts to attack God's angels in human form. As the angels rescue Lot, God's judgment falls, upon Sodom and Gomorrah, destroying everything. Lot and his daughters flee to a cave in the hills, where Lot's two daughters come up with a plan to conceive children by making their father drunk.

### DISCUSSION

- Abraham did not hesitate to show hospitality to the three visitors who walked by his tent (**Genesis 18:1-8**). How important is hospitality in the Christian life?
- Why did God say that He would not hide anything from Abraham (**Genesis 18:17-19**)?
- Why do you think Abraham was so adamant about God sparing Sodom for 10 people (**Genesis 18:32-33**)?
- According to **Ezekiel 16:49**, what was the sin of Sodom?
- Do you think the behavior found in the city of Sodom was driven by their lust or some other evil (**Genesis 19:4-9**)?
- Why do you think Lot's sons-in-law refused to listen to him (**Genesis 19:10-14**)?
- How is the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah connected to the Garden of Eden?

