

## “A Lord Who Loves the Lost a Lot”

Arizona Camp Meeting, Camp Yavapines

June 13, 2017 (Pastor Ron du Preez)

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- a) Abraham, though imperfect, gladly obeyed God, by faith.
- b) He showed hospitality, and sacrificially loved the unlovable.
- c) He put his faith into practice: building altars; rescuing Lot.
- d) He persistently prayed, boldly and humbly, for a lost city.

B. Based on reflection on the story of Abraham (Genesis 18-19), the following picture emerges about Jesus in the Old Testament:

- 1) He is a \_\_\_\_\_ redeeming God (Genesis 18:20-21). Jesus Christ, who died for sinners, is “not willing that \_\_\_\_\_ should \_\_\_\_\_ but that \_\_\_\_\_ should come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9).
- 2) He is a \_\_\_\_\_ & trust-worthy Judge (Gen 18:23-26).
- 3) He is a \_\_\_\_\_ & loving God (Genesis 18:27; 19:16).
- 4) He is a very \_\_\_\_\_ compassionate God (Gen 18:23-32).
- 5) He’s a God who gives “\_\_\_\_\_” \_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 19). Jesus wants to “\_\_\_\_\_ to the uttermost.” (Heb 7:25); His followers will join in serving; this is the “joy of the Lord” (Matt 25:14-30).
- 6) He’s a God of \_\_\_\_\_ who punishes evil (Gen 19:24).
- 7) He is a \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Savior (Genesis 19:29).

“God remembered \_\_\_\_\_ and sent \_\_\_\_\_ out”! **PRAYER!**

What inspired Abraham’s prayer; and should motivate our prayers?

“Love for perishing souls inspired Abraham’s prayer. While he loathed the sins of that corrupt city, he desired that the sinners might be saved. His deep interest for Sodom shows the anxiety that *we* should feel for the impenitent. We should cherish hatred of sin, but pity and love for the sinner.... Where are those who with humility and persevering faith are pleading with God for him?” (PP 140)

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