



Grace Assembly Of God

Chapter-By-Chapter Bible Reading Devotional

Scripture:	Genesis 19	Title:	"God hears and responds to our intercession"
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Summary of Chapter:	God decided to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah because of their sin and unrepentance. Lot and his family were deeply influenced by the culture of that city. But because of Abraham's intercession, God was merciful to Lot and decided to save his family.		
Key Verses	How does it speak to me?		
<p><i>²⁹ But God had listened to Abraham's request and kept Lot safe, removing him from the disaster that engulfed the cities on the plain.</i></p> <p><i>Genesis 19:29</i></p>	<p>This chapter reminded me of a talk I had with my brother about a month ago. We were talking about worldly values and other topics related to both young adults and adults today and how even some Christians had picked up such values and drifted away from God. Genesis Chapter 19 talks about the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah due to their sin and unrepentance. In this passage, we found out that in order to save the two guests at his house, Lot offered in return his two daughters. Even though his intention was good, his action was unrighteous. His values were corrupted by the ungodly values of the people. Nonetheless, there was angelic intervention because of the intercession of Abraham.</p> <p>I have a family member who used to believe in Jesus but have drifted far away in recent years. He easily gets agitated at the mere mention of the bible. Yet, my family and I continued to pray and intercede. Even though the barrier hasn't been totally broken yet, we see God's hand in this. Today, he is more receptive when the Bible is mentioned and even asks questions about it. I'm keeping my faith and still praying. I hope this gives you encouragement just as it has for me.</p> <p>Indeed, God hears and responds to our intercession. Perhaps we have a loved one today that has drifted far away from God or has yet to even know Him. Worry not. Take heart in knowing that it does not matter how deep the entrenchment is, or how far away they are from Him. Our Lord is a merciful God who hears and responds to our prayers. Just like He did so for Abraham.</p>		
APPLICATION QUESTIONS:			
Adult:	Has there been a point in time where you gave up praying for a loved one who is unsaved or has drifted away from God? What did this passage tell you about God? What can you do?		
Youth:	Is there a friend you know who used to believe in Jesus but has now drifted away? Set aside time to pray from him/her regularly.		
Child:	Today we learn that God hears and responds to our prayers. Is there a friend or family member who has yet to know Jesus? Pray for him/her.		
PRAYER :			
Praying Scripture:	Dear heavenly Father, I thank you for being a merciful God and one who hears and respond to our prayers. I pray for _____ (a loved one who has drifted away or yet to know the Lord) and that your love will continue to touch him/her.		
Thanksgiving Prayer:	I/We thank you for _____ (something that God has guided us in for the past week)		
Intercessory Prayer:	I/We want to pray for _____ (e.g. guidance, wisdom, family members, work or study, leaders, nation, etc)		
Salvation Prayer:	I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones _____ (can add one name per day). In Jesus Name I/we pray. Amen.		

