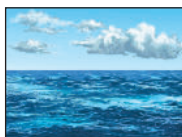


Story 9. Abraham Intercedes for Lot  
Genesis 18:16-33

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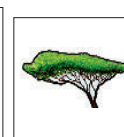
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This narrative takes place immediately after the previous one. When Abram walks with his guests for a short distance to send them on their way, the Lord revealed the real reason for his visit. As the two messengers continue on their journey, Abraham enters into an intense negotiation with the Lord to be merciful and spare the cities where Lot and his family are living. And that is where this story begins.

Then the men departed from Abraham's home,  and made their way to the descent that would take them to Sodom.  And Abraham walked with them to send them on their way. 

And the Lord said, "Should I tell Abraham what I am about to do—should I hide it from him? Seeing that Abraham will become a great and powerful nation—and that every nation on the earth will be blessed through him—that's why I chose him—knowing that he would instruct his children and his household who come after him—to walk in the ways of the Lord—by practicing what is right and what is just—so I could do for Abraham everything that I promised him."

So the Lord said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin is so wicked—I am going down to see if they've done everything that's been reported to me. If not—I will know."

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Then Abraham stepped closer and said, "Are you going to destroy the righteous right along with the wicked? What if there are fifty righteous people in the city—are you going to destroy the entire city—won't you spare the city for the sake of the fifty righteous who live there? It can't be possible for you to do such a thing—to send the righteous to their death right along with the wicked—treating the righteous and the wicked the same? It's not possible—certainly the Judge of the entire earth will do what is right—won't you?" **(Remove)**  **(Add)** 


And the Lord said, “If I can find fifty righteous people in the city of Sodom—I will spare the city for their sake.” Abraham answered and said, “Listen, I have taken it upon myself to speak to Jehovah—I who am nothing but dust and ashes. But, what if five out of the fifty are missing—are you going to destroy the entire city because five are missing?”

And Jehovah said, “If I find forty-five in the city—I won’t destroy it.”

And Abraham spoke to the Lord again, “What if you only find forty?” And Jehovah answered, “For the sake of forty—I won’t do it.”

Then Abraham said, “Oh Lord—please, don’t be angry with me—let me speak—what if you only find thirty? Jehovah answered, “I won’t do it—not if I find thirty there.”

And Abraham said, “Listen, I have taken it upon myself to talk to the Lord—suppose you find twenty.” Jehovah answered, “For the sake of twenty—I will not destroy the city.”

Then Abraham spoke, “I beg you—Lord—don’t be angry with me and I will speak one last time. What if you only find ten?” And the Lord answered, “On account of the ten—I won’t destroy the city.” **(Remove)** 

And when they finished speaking—the Lord went on His way and Abraham returned home.