

Genesis 18:16-19:38
Shall Not the Judge of All the Earth Do What Is Just?
Righteousness and Justice

Deuteronomy 32:4 “The Rock, his work is **perfect**, for **all his ways are justice**. A **God of faithfulness** and **without iniquity**, **just** and **upright** is he.

Justification is an instantaneous legal act of God in which He (1) thinks of our sins as forgiven and Christ’s righteousness as belonging to us, and (2) declares us to be righteous in His sight.

Genesis 20:11 Abraham said, “**I did it because I thought...**

Judges 17:6 In those days **there was no king** in Israel. **Everyone did what was right in his own eyes**.

Proverbs 21:2 Every way of a man is **right in his own eyes**, but the **LORD weighs the heart**.

Matthew 9:36 When he (Jesus) saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were **harassed** and **helpless, like sheep without a shepherd**.

Genesis 11:27 Now these are the generations of Terah. Terah fathered Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and **Haran fathered Lot**.

Genesis 12:4 So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and **Lot went with him**. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

Genesis 13:1 So Abram went up from Egypt, he and his wife and all that he had, and **Lot with him**, into the Negeb.

Genesis 13:8 Then Abram said to Lot, “Let there be no strife between you and me, and between your herdsmen and my herdsmen, **for we are kinsmen**.

Genesis 13:9 Is not the whole land before you? Separate yourself from me. If you take the left hand, then I will go to the right, or if you take the right hand, then I will go to the left.”

Genesis 13:10 And Lot lifted up his eyes and saw that the **Jordan Valley** was well watered everywhere **like the garden of the LORD**, like the land of Egypt, **in the direction of Zoar**. (This was before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.)

Genesis 13:11 So **Lot chose for himself** all the Jordan Valley, and Lot journeyed east. Thus they separated from each other.

Genesis 13:12 Abram settled in the land of Canaan, while **Lot settled among the cities of the valley and moved his tent as far as Sodom**.

Genesis 13:13 Now the **men of Sodom were wicked, great sinners against the LORD**.

Genesis 14:12 They also took **Lot**, the son of Abram's brother, who was **dwelling in Sodom**, and his possessions, and went their way.

Genesis 18:1 And the **LORD appeared to him** (Abraham) by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day.

Genesis 18:2 He lifted up his eyes and looked, and **behold, three men** were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth

Genesis 18:16 Then the **men** set out from there, and they looked down toward **Sodom**. And Abraham went with them to set them on their way.

Genesis 18:17 The **LORD said**, "**Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do**,

Genesis 18:18 seeing that **Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation**, and **all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him**?

Genesis 18:19 **For I have chosen him**, that he may command his children and his household after him to **keep the way of the LORD** by doing **righteousness and justice**, so that the **LORD may bring to Abraham what he has promised him**."

Genesis 18:20 Then the LORD said, "Because the **outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great** and **their sin is very grave**,

Genesis 18:21 **I will go down to see** whether they have done altogether according to the **outcry that has come to me**. And if not, I will know.”

Genesis 11:5 And the **LORD came down to see** the city and the tower, **which the children** of man had **built**.

Genesis 18:22 So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but **Abraham still stood before the LORD**.

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Genesis 18:23 Then Abraham drew near and said, “**Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?**”

Genesis 18:24 Suppose there are **fifty righteous** within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and **not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it?**

Genesis 18:25 **Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked**, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! **Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?**”

Genesis 18:26 And the LORD said, “If I find at Sodom **fifty righteous** in the city, **I will spare the whole place for their sake.**”

Genesis 18:27 Abraham answered and said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes.

Genesis 18:28 Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And he said, “**I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.**”

Genesis 18:29 Again he spoke to him and said, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “**For the sake of forty I will not do it.**”

Genesis 18:30 Then he said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” He answered, “**I will not do it, if I find thirty there.**”

Genesis 18:31 He said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “**For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.**”

Genesis 18:32 Then he said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, **“For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.”**

Romans 3:10 as it is written: **“None is righteous, no, not one;**

Genesis 18:33 And the **LORD went his way**, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

Genesis 19:1 The **two angels** came to Sodom in the evening, and **Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom**. When Lot saw them, he rose to meet them and bowed himself with his face to the earth

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Genesis 19:2 and said, “My lords, please turn aside to your servant’s house and spend the night and wash your feet. Then you may rise up early and go on your way.” They said, “No; we will spend the night in the town square.”

Genesis 19:3 But **he pressed them strongly**; so they turned aside to him and entered his house. And **he made them a feast** and baked unleavened bread, and they ate.

Genesis 19:4 But before they lay down, **the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both young and old, all the people to the last man, surrounded the house.**

Genesis 19:5 And they called to Lot, “Where are the men who came to you tonight? **Bring them out to us, that we may know them.**”

Genesis 19:6 Lot went out to the men at the entrance, shut the door after him,

Genesis 19:7 and said, **“I beg you, my brothers, do not act so wickedly.**

Genesis 19:8 Behold, **I have two daughters who have not known any man. Let me bring them out to you, and do to them as you please.** Only do nothing to these men, **for they have come under the shelter of my roof.”**

Genesis 19:9 But they said, “Stand back!” And they said, **“This fellow came to sojourn, and he has become the judge!** Now we will deal worse with you than with

them.” Then they pressed hard against the man Lot, and drew near to break the door down.

Genesis 19:10 But the men reached out their hands and brought Lot into the house with them and shut the door.

Genesis 19:11 And they struck with blindness the men who were at the entrance of the house, both small and great, so that they wore themselves out groping for the door.

Genesis 19:12 Then the men said to Lot, “Have you anyone else here? Sons-in-law, sons, daughters, or anyone you have in the city, bring them out of the place.

Genesis 19:13 For we are about to destroy this place, because the outcry against its people has become great before the LORD, and the LORD has sent us to destroy it.”

Genesis 19:14 So Lot went out and said to his sons-in-law, who were to marry his daughters, “Up! Get out of this place, for the LORD is about to destroy the city.” But he seemed to his sons-in-law to be jesting.

Genesis 19:15 As morning dawned, the angels urged Lot, saying, “Up! Take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you be swept away in the punishment of the city.”

Genesis 19:16 But he lingered. So the men seized him and his wife and his two daughters by the hand, the LORD being merciful to him, and they brought him out and set him outside the city.

Genesis 19:17 And as they brought them out, one said, “Escape for your life. Do not look back or stop anywhere in the valley. Escape to the hills, lest you be swept away.”

Genesis 19:18 And Lot said to them, “Oh, no, my lords.

Genesis 19:19 Behold, your servant has found favor in your sight, and you have shown me great kindness in saving my life. But I cannot escape to the hills, lest the disaster overtake me and I die.

Genesis 19:20 Behold, this city is near enough to flee to, and it is a little one. Let me escape there—is it not a little one?—and my life will be saved!”

Genesis 19:21 He said to him, “**Behold, I grant you this favor also, that I will not overthrow the city of which you have spoken.**

Genesis 19:22 Escape there quickly, for I can do nothing till you arrive there.”
Therefore the name of the **city was called Zoar.**

Genesis 19:23 The sun had risen on the earth when **Lot came to Zoar.**

Genesis 19:24 Then the **LORD rained on Sodom and Gomorrah sulfur and fire from the LORD out of heaven.**

Genesis 19:25 And **he overthrew those cities, and all the valley, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground.**

Genesis 19:26 But **Lot’s wife, behind him, looked back, and she became a pillar of salt.**

Genesis 19:27 And Abraham went early in the morning to the place where he had stood before the LORD.

Genesis 19:28 And he looked down toward Sodom and Gomorrah and toward all the land of the valley, and he looked and, behold, **the smoke of the land went up like the smoke of a furnace.**

Genesis 19:29 So it was that, when **God destroyed the cities of the valley, God remembered Abraham and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow when he overthrew the cities in which Lot had lived.**

Genesis 19:30 Now **Lot went up out of Zoar and lived in the hills** with his two daughters, **for he was afraid to live in Zoar. So he lived in a cave with his two daughters...**

Genesis 19:36 Thus **both the daughters of Lot became pregnant by their father.**

Genesis 19:37 The firstborn bore a son and called his name Moab. He is the father of the **Moabites** to this day.

Genesis 19:38 The younger also bore a son and called his name Ben-ammi. He is the father of the **Ammonites** to this day.

2Peter 2:4 For **if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell** and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment;

2Peter 2:5 **if he did not spare** the ancient world, **but preserved Noah**, a herald of **righteousness**, with seven others, **when he brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly;**

2Peter 2:6 if by turning the cities of **Sodom and Gomorrah** to ashes he **condemned them to extinction, making them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly;**

Jude 7 just as **Sodom and Gomorrah** and the surrounding cities, which likewise indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desire, **serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire.**

1John 3:5 You know that he (Jesus) appeared in order to **take away sins, and in him there is no sin.**

1Peter 3:18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, **the righteous** for the **unrighteous**, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit,

2Corinthians 5:21 For our sake he made him **to be sin who knew no sin**, so that **in him we might become the righteousness of God.**

Romans 3:21 But now the **righteousness of God** has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—

Romans 3:22 the **righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ** for **all who believe**. For there is no distinction:

Romans 3:23 for **all have sinned and fall short** of the glory of God,

Romans 3:24 and are **justified by his grace as a gift**, through the **redemption that is in Christ Jesus**,

Romans 3:25 whom God put forward as a **propitiation by his blood**, to be **received by faith**. This was to show **God's righteousness**, because in his **divine forbearance he had passed over former sins**.

Romans 3:26 It was to show his **righteousness** at the **present time**, so that he might **be just** and **the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus**.

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Romans 5:17 For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, **much more** will those who receive the **abundance of grace** and the **free gift** of **righteousness** reign in life through the **one man Jesus Christ**.

Hebrews 12:25 See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, **much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven**.

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