

## Genesis 18 Bible Devotions

☐ **Monday - Fellowship With the Almighty.** Genesis 18:1-8  
“Now the Lord appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre ... when he lifted up his eyes and looked, behold, three men were standing opposite him” (Gen. 18:1-2). Here, the Lord and two angels appeared to Abraham in human form; yet another Christophany in the Book of Genesis (cf. Gen. 3:8-11, 16:10-13). Moreover they shared a meal with Abraham. What a gracious condescension that God would fellowship with us! And O what a missed opportunity when we neglect such fellowship. Read 1 John 1:3

☐ **Tuesday - How Big is Your God?** Genesis 18:9-12  
“Sarah your wife shall have a son ... and Sarah laughed” (Gen. 18:10-12). God deliberately waited until Sarah was past childbearing to give her a child, because Sarah’s concept of God was too small and undoubtedly ours is too. Jesus said, “Truly I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you shall say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it shall move” (Mt. 17:20). What God’s people need today, as much as at any time in history, is mountain-moving faith. We have unsaved relatives trapped behind mountains of unbelief. There are mountains of habitual sin in our own lives that must be moved by faith, mountains of godless legislation to be overturned, mountains that block the Gospel in foreign lands. We need faith that God can not only do natural things, but supernatural! “Is anything too difficult for the Lord?” (Gen. 18:14).  
Read Jeremiah 32:17

☐ **Wednesday - Covenant Reconfirmed.** Genesis 18:9-15  
This is now the fifth time that God confirmed His covenant with Abraham: [1] 12:1-3, [2] 13:14-17, [3] 15:1-21, [4] 17:1-22, [5] 18:9-15. It had been twenty four years since God first spoke to him and the promise had not yet been fulfilled. Abraham had to wait and hope and believe that God would make good on His promise. Wait on the Lord, Christian!  
Read Psalm 27:14

☐ **Thursday - Degrees of Sin & Punishment.** Genesis 18:20  
Our text says that the sin of Sodom and Gomorrah was “exceedingly grave” (Gen. 18:20). Does that mean that some sins are worse than others? Even in our flawed earthly legal system, all crimes do not receive the same punishment; rather, the punishment must match the severity of the offense. So also we must all stand before the Lord on Judgement Day, *not* be to determine where each one will spend eternity; no, that is determined by one’s acceptance or rejection of Jesus Christ in this life. Rather, we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ to determine degrees of reward in Heaven (1 Cor. 3:11-15), and degrees of punishment in Hell (Matt. 11:20-24). Right now counts forever. Live for Jesus Christ!  
Read 2 Corinthians 5:10

☐ **Friday - Persistent Prayer.** Genesis 18:22-33  
God’s people must pray with importunity; that is, with urgency and perseverance. Abraham’s intercession for those few righteous souls in Sodom is our example (Gen. 18:16-33). Jesus, who Himself warned us against praying with vain repetitions (Mt. 6:7), nevertheless enjoins us to persistent prayer. “Asking, seeking, knocking are ascending rounds in the ladder of successful praying” (E.M.Bounds). Cold, perfunctory, formal praying, with no heart, no feeling, no real desire, no urgency, and no persistence has no power with God, but “the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much” (James 5:16).  
Read Luke 11:5-10, 18:1-8