

Daily devotions for 2019



Day 10
Abraham, part 5

Abraham pleads for Sodom

Genesis 18:16-33

God had chosen Abraham to be the father of nations. So he decided to tell Abraham about his plans for Sodom. Abraham pleads with God. The only man in Sodom who is found faithful to God was Lot. And God rescued Lot and his family, and destroyed the city.

We, through our saviour and the Holy Spirit, can also plead with God. We plead for family members who don't know Jesus. We plead for those caught up in catastrophes, for governments, for the sick and displaced, for persecuted Christians, and for our own shortcomings.

God responds, because he cares for the faithful, but is harsh with evil. And through that, he protects those who love him.

God still informs us through prayer pictures, words or dreams. This knowledge enables us to pray and act to fulfil God's plans. Free will is always evident. It is our responsibility to act faithfully. Sometimes our prompt will come through another God-fearing person – and you spontaneously respond, without understanding why, and thinking 'oh no, what have I let myself in for?' Panic and doubt soon turn to action because, when it is divine instruction, peace follows.

God has given all his people, from the beginning to the end, his plans for every generation. He has held nothing back. Jesus was coming. Salvation would be there, warnings for those who chose to turn away. We have free will to choose.

Prayer

Thank you, dear Father, that you have given us instructions and insight into your plans for your people. I praise you and glorify your holy name. Thank you for sharing your purposes with me and inviting me to be part of your plan. Amen.