

Prevailing with God

Genesis 18:16-33

Context: After visiting Abraham to confirm the promise of a son (Genesis 18:1-15), God reveals His plan to judge Sodom, prompting Abraham to boldly intercede for the city's righteous few.

To prevail with God...

I. _____ God's Revealed Attributes (16-23a)

- A. While God reveals to Abraham his sovereign and loving choice to to bless all nations through Abraham's descendants(vs. 18-19), he also reveals that he is about to bring wrath and destruction on Sodom and Gomorrah for their grave sin (vs. 20-21).
- B. God is both a God of Love and a God of wrath. In the cross of Christ, both the Love of God and the Wrath of God are on full display.

II. _____ God, respectfully asking (vs. 23-32)

- A. Abraham draws near to the Lord and begins to ask God to be merciful to the righteous people of Sodom and Gomorrah.
- B. Abraham appeals to the justness of God in verse 25 and keeps a humble profile throughout his questioning. God never rebukes Abraham for his questions.

III. _____ God's Righteous Actions (vs. 33)

- A. Abraham finally stops his questions at a number of 10 righteous people. As the Lord moves on, Abraham returned home.
- B. The wrath of God can make many question the goodness and justness of God. The doctrine of the justness of God means that God's decisions are always good and right. God's justice means He always acts in accordance with His perfect righteousness, rewarding good and punishing evil without partiality.