

Sermon Notes

Providence Community Church

11-15-20 Ken Carlton

Title: SODOM ON TRIAL

Main Texts: Genesis 18:16-33

--worship text: Ps 25:12-22--

Aim: TO BEHOLD THE SALVATION OF THE LORD SECURED THROUGH HIS SIGNIFICANT SON.

Sermon Description: This is not the first time Abraham has experienced an extraordinary encounter with mysterious individuals who represent the power and presence of God. In Gen 14:17-24, a feast was shared in the presence of Melchizedek (who was priest of God Most High) and Abraham received a blessing of fellowship and prophecy from this important individual. This meal was on the heels of the defeat of Abram's enemies and included a rejection of the fellowship gifts of the king of Sodom. James 4:4 proclaims: "You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God." The eternal truth of these words could not be better illustrated than by the relationship of Abraham to the Lord as his friend (James 2:23) in contrast to the allure of Sodom and Gomorrah. Here again in Genesis 18, we find Abraham sharing in covenant meal, this time, with the Lord Himself and two angelic beings. Abraham's tent was not their only destination, however. They will go on to judge the cities of the valley where Abraham's nephew has pitched his tents. When the Lord comes, where will you meet Him? At sweet table fellowship -or- under blazing fire of His judgment for unrepentant sin. The Lord sets a table for His beloved in the presence of their enemies and the alternative is devastating. Your choices are either: feasting with the King of peace -or- suffering defeat with the Chederlaomer coalition. Welcoming the Lord at your tent -or- burning to death in fire and brimstone. Partaking in the Passover under the Lamb's blood -or- loosing your eldest and drowning in the Red Sea. Table fellowship at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb -or- excommunication unto final judgement. This reality of ultimate reckoning and the hope of salvation is powerfully illustrated in our text today...

Heading: THE TRIAL OF SODOM FEATURES 3 VOICES...

1. GOD SPEAKING TO HIS CHOSEN (Gen 18:16-19)

- a. Walking with God (5:24, 6:9) b. Condescension & communion c. Significant Son (Amos 3:7)

2. ABRAHAM SPEAKING TO HIS CHILDREN (19-20)

- a. Covenant means b. Contrast

3. AN OUTCRY AGAINST SODOM (20-22)

- a. Day of the Lord (11:5, Ex 14:24) b. The outcry (Heb 13:2) c. Event oracle (Jude 7, II Pert 2:6-9)

4. INTERCESSION FOR THE RIGHTEOUS (23-33)

- a. The righteous minority b. Ground of appeal c. Priestly intercession saves (John 17:9-19)

FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Theme: God to Abe	Theme: Abe to children	Theme: Sodom outcry	Theme: Intercession	Theme: Jesus' intercession	Theme: Next Week
Verses: Gen 18:16-19	Verses: 19-20	Verses: 20-22	Verses: 23-33	Verses: John 17:9-19	Verses: Gen 19:1-29