GENESIS 18; January 18; Abraham Intercedes for Lot

ANALYSIS:

1. Using this chapter, plus 19:1, can you tell who the three men are in verse two? ______

2. Who in this chapter is afraid, and why was this person afraid?

3. Who spoke these words and in what context; "Is any thing too hard for the LORD?" ______

4. Who said these words and in what context; "Shall not the judge of all the earth do right?" ______

5. Why do you think Abraham stopped at 10 souls when pleading for Sodom to be spared? ______

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

The LORD honored Abraham by declaring; "For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment: that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him" (v 19). Do each of us, in the realm(s) over which we have authority, likewise command our children and household to keep the way of the LORD? What difficulties do you face to do this, and how can you overcome the difficulties?

Abraham's prayer of intercession is answered with mercy being shown as long as Abraham continues to ask. Do you continue to intercede in prayer, or do you give up? Would a prayer list or notebook help you (or has such been a help in the past) to be more consistent in praying for another person or situation? May the LORD bless each of us to follow Abraham's example of intercession in our walk with the LORD!

May Jesus' parable of the unjust judge answering the widow because "by her continual coming she weary [him]" convict us to continue in prayer (See Luke 18:1-8).

HELP:

1. Verse one tells us one of the three is the "LORD" who appeared to Abraham, talked with Abraham (v 13, 14,17,19 (2), 20, 22, 26) and finally left Abraham (v 33).

The other two "men" (v 22) appear to the "two angels" (19:1) which come into Sodom.

2. Sarah was afraid because she realized the LORD knew that she had laughed within herself in doubt and unbelief, when she ought to have rejoiced in faith.

3. The LORD, when He promised Sarah would have a son although humanly and physically speaking she was incapable.

4. Abraham, as his basis for asking the LORD to spare Sodom by recognizing the presence and merit of righteous souls in Sodom.5. Apparently Abraham thought Lot's family, including some married

children, would number at least ten righteous souls.