

THE FAITHFULNESS OF THE LORD

Introduction: The Lord was faithful to Abraham when he did what was right and even when he did what was wrong. Sin created problems for Abraham, but the Lord would not forget His promises to him.

Lesson Aim: Depend on the faithfulness of the Lord to keep His promises to you.

Bible Verse: [The Lord's compassions are] "new every morning: great *is* thy faithfulness" (Lam 3:22).

Outline of the Lesson and Questions to Answer:

I. The Lord's Appearance to Abraham — 18:1-33

1. Since no one can see God and live, who was the Lord that appeared to Abraham? 18:1; Jn 8:56-58
2. Who were the two men with the Lord? 18:16, 22; 19:1
3. Why did Sarah laugh within herself? 18:9-12
4. Name three things that are revealed about the Lord when Sarah laughed. 18:13-15

5. Why did the Lord tell Abraham what He was going to do to Sodom? 18:16-18

6. What did the Lord say about Abraham and his family? 18:19

7. What did Abraham expect Lot to have done while living in Sodom? 18:23-32

II. The Lord's Judgment of Sodom — 19:1-38

8. How did Lot treat the men (angels)? 19:1-3
9. How did the men of Sodom treat these men? 19:4-5
10. How did the men (angels) judge the wicked men of Sodom? 19:11
11. How did the sons in law treat Lot? 19:14
12. How did the angels treat Lot and his family? 19:15-16
13. Why do you suppose Lot's wife disobeyed the command of the angels? 19:17, 25-26
14. How did God honor Abraham's plea, even though he destroyed Sodom? 19:29
15. Why did Lot's children differ so greatly from Abraham's children? 18:19; 19:30-38

III. The Lord's Protection of Sarah — 20:1-18

16. What sin did Abraham repeat? 20:1-2; 12:11-13
17. How would Abimelech's action defeat the Lord's plan, if it was allowed to stand? 20:2; 18:10
18. What did God do to stop Abimelech's affair with Sarah? 20:3-7
19. How did Abimelech reprove Sarah? 20:16
20. What did Abraham do for Abimelech? 20:17-18

IV. The Lord's Gift to Sarah and Abraham — 21:1-34

21. What happened shortly after the Abimelech incident? 21:1-2
22. Why did Sarah tell Abraham to remove Ishmael and Hagar from their family? 21:9-10
23. Who convinced Abraham that he should remove Ishmael and Hagar from his family? 21:12
24. What happened to Ishmael? 21:20-21