

Genesis

God's World. God's Story.



The Judge of All the Earth pt. 1

Genesis 18:1-19:38

Big Idea: The Judge of all the earth sees all and does right.

Outline:

1. The Dilemma of the Divine Judge

- 1) The Judge's Righteous Standard Displayed in Abraham
- 2) Abraham's Wrestling with the Judge's Dilemma

2. The Judge of All the Earth Sees All

- 1) God sees the hidden heart
- 2) God hears the cry of the innocent**

3. The Judge of All the Earth Does Right

- 1) The Shocking Sin of Sodom
- 2) The Surprising Salvation of God

Discussion Questions:

1. What can we learn from Abraham's example of kindness to the mysterious visitors?
2. Have you ever "wrestled" with some aspect of God's justice? What was it?
3. Abraham's plea to God to spare the city is well-intentioned, but why does it fall short?
4. Why do you think God orders an "up-close" investigation if He already sees and knows everything?
5. What makes the sin of Sodom so "great" and "grave"/ "grievous" in God's eyes (Gen. 18:20)? What can we learn from this close-up encounter with evil?
6. What does the sin of Sodom teach us about sin in general? What can it teach us about sin in ourselves?
7. What makes God's salvation plan *surprising*, especially in light of how deep and serious our sin problem is?