

Genesis 18:23-24

And Abraham came near and said, "Would You also destroy the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there were fifty righteous within the city; would You also destroy the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous that were in it?"

When you read today's verses and even this account in Genesis, you realize that Abraham cared about the people of Sodom and Gomorrah, and you know that by the conversation that Abraham had with the Lord about possibly sparing Sodom and Gomorrah. We read the account here where Abraham starts with fifty righteous people in Sodom and Gomorrah. As they get to the end of the conversation between God and Abraham, it came to the point that Abraham asked that if there were simply ten righteous people in Sodom and Gomorrah, would God spare the city. And God said yes that He would spare it if there were only ten righteous people in the city.

† **Genesis 18:32-33** *Then he said, "Let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak but once more: Suppose ten should be found there?" And He said, "I will not destroy it for the sake of ten." So the LORD went His way as soon as He had finished speaking with Abraham; and Abraham returned to his place.*

Yet, do we have the same heart for our country that Abraham had for the wicked country of Sodom and Gomorrah?

We see rebellion by people over Roe vs Wade being overturned.

You can't even watch a TV show now a days without a homosexual relationship happening right before your eyes, and the eyes of your children, even on the Disney channel.

We are laughed at and mocked for following the Lord and wanting to live a righteous life.

In other countries, people are beaten, thrown in jail, their homes burned to the ground, wives raped and children murdered, all for following the Lord.

Today we see with our own eyes what The Lord spoke through Isaiah the prophet.

† **Isaiah 5:20** *Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!*

We see and know these things, but what about us as believers. What are we doing about it? Are we praying for our country and other countries like Abraham did?

Or are we praying "Get'em Lord"?

We think we have it so bad here, but are people being tied to a pole, drenched in oil and being set on fire while our leaders are driving around mocking us saying "Light of the world, be a light of the world" This is what was happening in New Testament times.

Even though the homosexual community is trying to force their agenda on us, are we being forced to partake of their sins? The answer is no, because you are not forced to watch their tv shows, or movies or date someone of the same sex.

Are you being forced to live with someone outside of marriage, or are you using the world and what they say is ok to be your justification of sin?

Yes the world and our nation is becoming more and more corrupt, but you have a choice.

You can partake of their sins and be excepting of them.

Or you can ignore them

Or you can pray for them.

Israel became a sinful nation by worshipping idols and false gods and partook of the sins of the pagan people, yet the prophets still prayed for Israel, and God always called Israel to turn from their sin. Has not God been doing the same thing with our nation?

So you have a choice, you can either pray, "Get'em God" or "Save'em God". The choice is ours, so let's be more like Abraham or Moses and pray for our nation, and less like Jonah and hate our sinful nation.

† **Jonah 4:1-2 (NLT2)** *This change of plans greatly upset Jonah, and he became very angry. So he complained to the LORD about it: "Didn't I say before I left home that you would do this, LORD? That is why I ran away to Tarshish! I knew that you are a merciful and compassionate God, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. You are eager to turn back from destroying people.*

† **Exodus 34:9** *Then he said, "If now I have found grace in Your sight, O Lord, let my Lord, I pray, go among us, even though we are a stiff-necked people; and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us as Your inheritance."*

† **Exodus 32:31-32** *Then Moses returned to the LORD and said, "Oh, these people have committed a great sin, and have made for themselves a god of gold! Yet now, if You will forgive their sin--but if not, I pray, blot me out of Your book which You have written."*