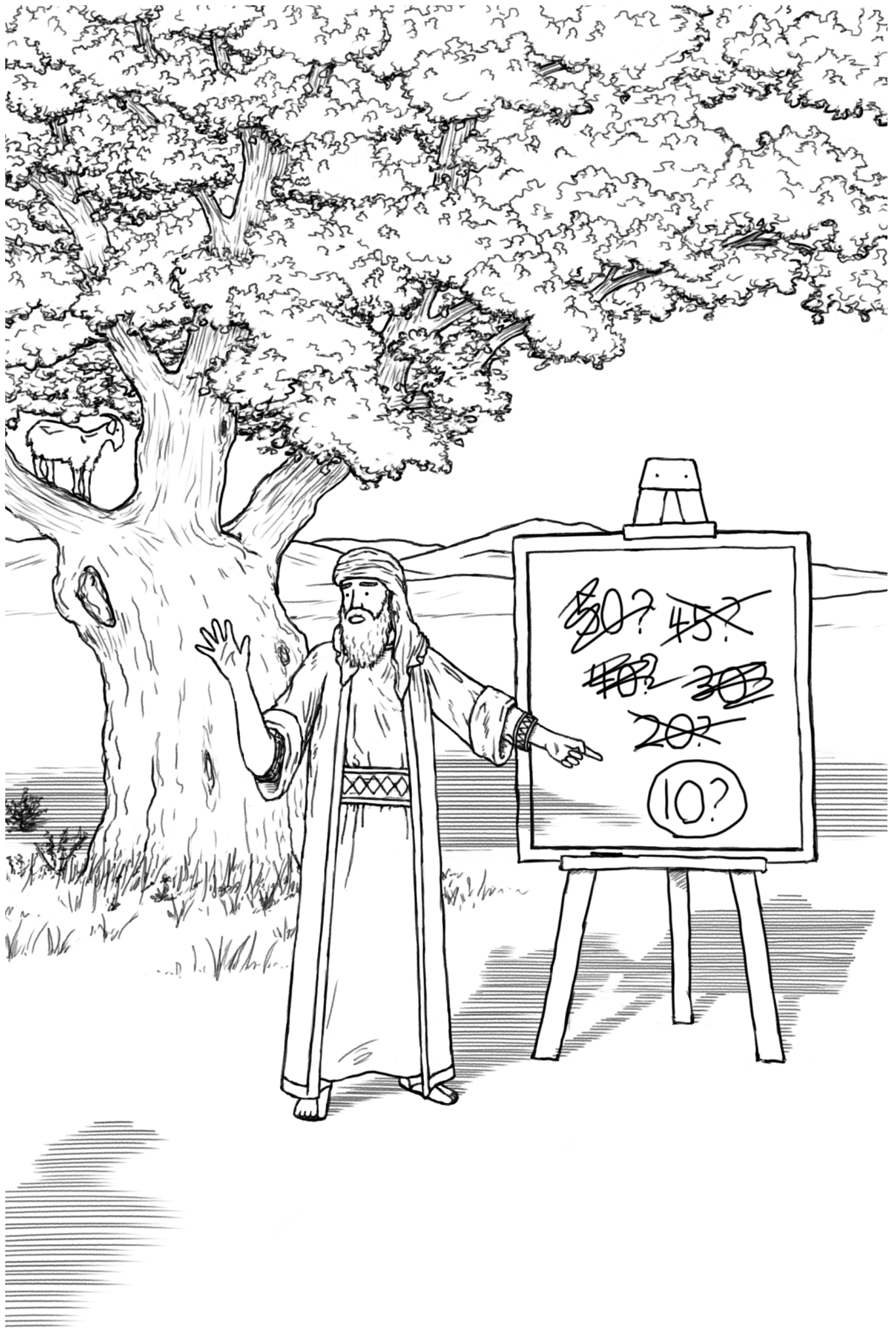




Lesson 11

Job 34:21

His eyes see how people live. He watches every step they take.

Three Men Visit Abraham

Genesis 18:1–15

¹The Lord appeared to Abraham near the large trees of Mamre. Abraham was sitting at the entrance to his tent. It was the hottest time of the day. ²Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. So he quickly left the entrance to his tent to greet them. He bowed low to the ground.

³He said, “My lord, if you are pleased with me, don’t pass me by. ⁴Let me get you some water. Then all of you can wash your feet and rest under this tree. ⁵Let me get you something to eat to give you strength. Then you can go on your way. I want to do this for you now that you have come to me.”

“All right,” they answered. “Do as you say.”

⁶So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. “Quick!” he said. “Get about 36 pounds of the finest flour. Prepare it and bake some bread.”

⁷Then he ran over to the herd. He picked out a choice, tender calf. He gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. ⁸Then he brought some butter and milk and the calf that had been prepared. He served them to the three men. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree.

⁹“Where is your wife Sarah?” they asked him.

“Over there in the tent,” he said.

¹⁰Then one of them said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year. Your wife Sarah will have a son.”

Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. ¹¹Abraham and Sarah were already very old. Sarah was too old to have a baby. ¹²So she laughed to herself. She thought, “I’m worn out, and my husband is old. Can I really know the joy of having a baby?”

¹³Then the Lord said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh? Why did she say, ‘Will I really have a baby, now that I am old?’ ¹⁴Is anything too hard for Me? I will return to you at the appointed time next year. Sarah will have a son.”

¹⁵Sarah was afraid. So she lied and said, “I didn’t laugh.”

But the Lord said, “Yes, you laughed.”

Questions

- 1 Who appeared to Abraham near the large trees of Mamre? The _____ appeared to Abraham. (Gen. 18:1)

- 2 What did Abraham see when he was sitting at the entrance to his tent? Abraham saw _____ men standing _____. (Gen. 18:1-2)



These three men were angels, one being the angel of the Lord. The angel of the Lord is God. Most theologians believe the angel of the Lord is God the Son and not God the Father, because the Bible says in John 1:18, "No one has ever seen God. But the One and Only [Jesus] is God..."

- 3 What did Abraham do? Abraham _____ left the entrance to his tent to _____ them, and he _____ low to the ground. (Gen. 18:2)
- 4 What did Abraham offer these three men? Abraham offered to get them some _____ so they could _____ their feet and _____ under the tree. He also offered to get them something to _____ to give them _____. (Gen. 18:4-5)
- 5 What did Abraham ask Sarah to do? Abraham asked Sarah to bake some _____ with the _____ flour. (Gen. 18:6)
- 6 What did Abraham ask one of his servants to do? Abraham asked one of his servants to _____ a choice, tender _____ that Abraham had picked out. (Gen. 18:7)
- 7 What did Abraham bring to the three men? Abraham brought some _____ and _____ and the prepared _____. (Gen. 18:8)
- 8 Did the three men eat the food that was given to them by Abraham? (Yes/No) _____. (Gen. 18:8)
- 9 What did Abraham do? Abraham _____ near the three men under a tree. (Gen. 18:8)
- 10 What question did the three men ask Abraham? The three men asked Abraham if he knew _____ his wife Sarah was? (Gen. 18:9)
- 11 Where was Sarah? Sarah was _____ the tent. (Gen. 18:9)
- 12 What message did the three men give Abraham? The message they gave Abraham was that when they returned about the same time _____ year, his wife Sarah would have a _____. (Gen. 18:10)
- 13 Did Sarah hear this message? (Yes/No) _____. (Gen. 18:10)
- 14 What was Sarah's response? Why? Sarah _____ to herself, because she and Abraham at that time were _____ old. (Gen. 18:11)
- 15 What did the Lord say to Abraham when he heard Sarah laugh? The Lord asked Abraham _____ Sarah had laughed. (Gen. 18:13)

- 16 Then what did the Lord say next? The Lord said to Abraham, “Is _____ too _____ for Me?” (Gen. 18:14)



There is nothing too difficult for God!

Matthew 19:26b

“With people, this is impossible. But with God, all things are possible.”



Remember Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent.

- 17 What did Sarah say to God? Sarah _____ and told God, “I _____ laugh.” (Gen. 18:15)
- 18 Why did Sarah lie to God? Sarah was _____. (Gen. 18:15)
- 19 Did she need to be afraid of God? (Yes/No) _____.
- 20 What did God do to Sarah after she laughed at Him and then lied? God once again stated the **†** _____. (Gen. 18:15)
- 21 Did Sarah continue to argue with the Lord? (Yes/No) _____.
- 22 Do we ever have to be afraid when we are telling God the truth? (Yes/No) _____. Why not? Because telling the truth is the first step of **℣** _____ (being truly sorry), which leads to God’s forgiveness.

Acts 3:19a

“So turn away from your sins. Turn to God. Then your sins will be wiped away.”

Abraham Pleads for Sodom

Genesis 18:16–33

¹⁶The men got up to leave. They looked down toward Sodom. Abraham walked along with them to see them on their way. ¹⁷Then the Lord said, “Should I hide from Abraham what I am about to do? ¹⁸He will certainly become a great and powerful nation. All nations on earth will be blessed because of him. ¹⁹I have chosen him. He must direct his children to live in the way that pleases Me. And he must direct the members of his family after him to do the same. So he must guide all of them in doing what is right and fair. Then I, the Lord, will do for Abraham what I have promised him.”

²⁰The Lord also said, “The cries against Sodom and Gomorrah are very great. Their sin is so bad ²¹that

I will go down and see for Myself. I want to see if what they have done is as bad as the cries that have reached Me. If it is not, then I will know.”

²²The men turned away and went toward Sodom. But Abraham remained standing in front of the Lord. ²³Then Abraham came up to Him. He said, “Will you sweep away godly people along with those who are evil? ²⁴What if there are 50 godly people in the city? Will You really sweep it away? Won’t You spare the place because of the 50 godly people in it? ²⁵You would never kill godly people along with those who are evil, would You? Would You treat them all alike? You would never do anything like that! Won’t the Judge of the whole earth do what is right?”

²⁶The Lord said, “If I find 50 godly people in the city of Sodom, I will spare it. I will spare the whole place because of them.”

²⁷Then Abraham spoke up again. He said, “I have been very bold to speak to the Lord. After all, I’m only dust and ashes. ²⁸What if the number of godly people is five fewer than 50? Will You destroy the whole city because there are five fewer people?”

“If I find 45 there,” He said, “I will not destroy it.”

²⁹Once again Abraham spoke to Him. He asked, “What if only 40 are found there?”

He said, “If there are 40, I will not do it.”

³⁰Then Abraham said, “Lord, please don’t be angry with me. Let me speak. What if only 30 can be found there?”

He answered, “If I find 30, I will not do it.”

³¹Abraham said, “I have been very bold to speak to the Lord. What if only 20 can be found there?”

He said, “If I find 20, I will not destroy it.”

³²Then he said, “Lord, please don’t be angry with me. Let me speak just one more time. What if only ten can be found there?”

He answered, “If I find ten, I will not destroy it.”

³³When the Lord had finished speaking with Abraham, He left. And Abraham returned home.

Questions

- 23 When the three men got up to leave, where did their eyes look? Their eyes looked down toward _____. (Gen. 18:16)
- 24 What was Abraham as a godly parent and grandparent called to do? Abraham was called to _____ his children to live in the way that _____ God, and to _____ all the members of his family _____ him to do what is _____ and _____. (Gen. 18:19)
- 25 As a parent or grandparent, what are you called to do? As a parent or grandparent, I am called to direct my children and grandchildren to _____ in the way that pleases _____. I am called to guide them to _____ what is right and fair.
- 26 What plan did the Lord decide to tell Abraham? The Lord decided to tell Abraham His plan to **d**_____ (means “to put an end to”) Sodom and Gomorrah. (Gen. 18:28)

Psalm 33:13–14

From heaven the Lord looks down and sees everyone. From His throne He watches all those who live on the earth.

- 27 Did God really need to go down to Sodom and Gomorrah to see for Himself if the sin of the people who lived there was so bad? (Yes/No) _____.



Sometimes when God asks a person a question or says He is going to see something for Himself, it's to get that person's response and reveal what's in that person's heart. As parents, we do the same thing to our children: we know the truth, but we want to first get a response from our child.

- 28 What was Abraham's response? Abraham was W_____ (means "troubled") about the _____ people living in the city. (Gen. 18:23)
- 29 What was the first number Abraham came up with for what he thought was the number of godly people in Sodom? The first number Abraham came up with was _____. (Gen. 18:24)
- 30 What was Abraham's question to God? Abraham asked God if He would _____ (means "not destroy") Sodom if there were 50 godly people living there. (Gen. 18:24)
- 31 What was God's response? God said, "Y_____." (Gen. 18:26)
- 32 After some thought, was Abraham sure there would be 50 godly people living in Sodom? (Yes/No) _____. (Gen. 18:28)
- 33 When Abraham dropped the number to 45, was he sure there would be 45 godly people living in Sodom? (Yes/No) _____. (Gen. 18:28)
- 34 When Abraham dropped the number to 40, was he sure there would be 40 godly people living in Sodom? (Yes/No) _____. (Gen. 18:29)
- 35 When Abraham dropped the number to 30, was he sure there would be 30 godly people living in Sodom? (Yes/No) _____. (Gen. 18:30)
- 36 When Abraham dropped the number to 20, was he sure there would be 20 godly people living in Sodom? (Yes/No) _____. (Gen. 18:31)
- 37 What was the number of godly people that Abraham was finally sure were living in Sodom? Abraham was finally sure that God would find _____ godly people living in Sodom. (Gen. 18:32)
- 38 Did God know exactly how many godly people were living in Sodom? (Yes/No) _____.

- 39 Whom do you think Abraham was really concerned about? Abraham was worried about his nephew L and his family.

How did the Holy Spirit speak to you this week as you studied these Bible verses? In other words, what did you learn this week from reading God's Word?

