

"Then the men rose from there and looked toward Sodom, and Abraham went with them to send them on the way. And the LORD said, 'Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing, since Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?'" **Genesis 18:16-18**

””For I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the LORD, to do righteousness and justice, that the LORD may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him.’ And the LORD said, ‘Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grave,’” **Genesis 18:19-20**

””I will go down now and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry against it that has come to Me; and if not, I will know.’ Then the men turned away from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. And Abraham came near and said, ‘Would You also destroy the righteous with the wicked?’” **Genesis 18:21-23**

”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? Far be it from You to do such a thing as this, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous should be as the wicked; far be it from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?”

Genesis 18:24-25

Prayer is aligning ourselves with the purposes of God.

~E. Stanley Jones

We have to pray with our eyes on God, not on the difficulties.

~Oswald Chambers

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened."

Jesus in **Matthew 7:7-8**

Why Pray? **Genesis 18:16-25**

1. It Accomplishes Things

(1 Bible History Shows It Changes:

- 1) Lives-Abraham **Genesis 18:19****
- 2) Time-Hezekiah **2 Kings 20:1-6****
- 3) Weather-Elijah **1 Kings 17:1; 18:1****
****James 5:16-18****

(2 Bible History Proves It Spares:

- 1) Lives-Peter **Acts 12:3-5, 6-11****
- 2) Mistreatment-Paul & Silas**
****Acts 16:22-25****

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2. It Needs To Include:

1) Do Right

(1 Receive & Do **Genesis 18:16, 19**

(2 Humble Example **Matthew 6:10; 26:39-44**

2) Pray Right **1 John 5:14**

(1 His children, household, world **Gen. 18:17-19**

(2 Lot & his family spared **2 Peter 2:6-9**

(3 Wrong Prayer **James 4:2-4**

3) Continually **Eph. 6:18 Before, During, After**

PRAYER IS FOR CHRISTIANS

ACTS 2:38, 41-42