



Biblical Drama based on Genesis 18:16-33 — Character Parts: Narrators 1-5, God, Abraham

Narrator 1: The Lord had come to Abraham and Sarah at the oaks of Mamre. Three men approached their tent and gave them the promise that Sarah would give birth to a child in her old age.

Narrator 2: But this was not the only reason God had come. After this, the Lord led Abraham out to where they could look down from the hills and see the wicked city of Sodom in the Valley below. God was planning to destroy that city because of its sin.

God: (*to himself*) I should tell Abraham what I am about to do, since his family will become a great and powerful nation that will be a blessing to all the other nations on earth. I have chosen him to teach his family to obey me forever and to do what is right and fair. If they do, I will give Abraham many descendants, just as I promised.

Abraham: Lord, are you going to that city? It is a very dangerous place.

God: Abraham, I have heard that the people of Sodom and Gomorrah are doing all kinds of evil things. Now I am going down to see for myself if those people really are that bad. If they aren't, I would like to know.

Narrator 3: The two men turned and started walking down toward Sodom, ready for action. But the Lord stayed with Abraham.

Narrator 4: Abraham was a little nervous about what was going to happen, because his nephew Lot lived in that city. Lot and his family were good people, and he didn't want them to be destroyed along with the rest of the city.

Abraham: (*sheepishly*) Lord, when you destroy the evil people in Sodom, are you also going to destroy the people who are good? Let's say that there are 50 good people in city? You surely

wouldn't let them be killed when you destroy the evil ones. You are the judge of all the earth, and you do what is right.

God: If I find 50 good people in Sodom, I will spare the city to keep the 50 from being killed.

Abraham: (*humbly*) I know that I am nothing more than the dust of the earth. So please forgive me, Lord, for daring to speak to you like this — but suppose that five were missing. Would you destroy the city if there are only 45 good people in Sodom?

God: If I find 45 good people, I won't destroy the city.

Abraham: But suppose there are just 40 good people? What then?

God: Even for them, I will not destroy the city.

Abraham: Please don't be angry, Lord, but I need to ask. What you will do if there are only 30 good people in the city?

God: If I find 30 good people, I will not destroy it.

Abraham: Lord, I know I don't have any right to ask you. But what would you do if you find only 20 good people?

God: Because of 20, I won't destroy the city.

Abraham: Please don't be angry, Lord, if I speak just once more. (*nervous*) Suppose you find only **ten** good people in the city?

God: Even if there are only ten good people in Sodom, I promise that I won't destroy the city.

Narrator 5: After speaking with Abraham, the Lord left, and Abraham went back home. Abraham waited to see what the Lord would do.

Do you think that God found ten good people in Sodom?