

I'M A PRESERVATIVE???

YOUR PRESENCE MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE, PART 1

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Background Info: Genesis 18-19

Sodom was a very wealthy city that existed 4,000 years ago

- before there was a nation of Israel
- before Moses or the law or 10 commandments.

This was the guilt of your sister Sodom: she and her daughters had pride, excess of food, and prosperous ease, but did not aid the poor and needy.

Ezekiel 16:49 NRSV

The Lord appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground.

He said, "If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by.

Genesis 18:1-3

When the men got up to leave, they looked down toward Sodom, and Abraham walked along with them to see them on their way...

Verse 16

Then the Lord said, "The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous that I will go down and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has reached me. If not, I will know."

Verse 20-21

Listen! Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground.

Genesis 4:10

The men turned away and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the Lord.

Then Abraham approached him and said: "Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing—to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?" What if there are fifty righteous people in the city?

Verse 22-25

A little bit of righteousness _____

The presence of righteousness preserves the _____.

God is not a god who rushes to _____.

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance...

Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation.

2 Peter 3:9,15

You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world... Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matt 5:13-16