

“Abraham Intercedes for Sinners”

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Sermon Text: Genesis 18: 16-33

1. YHWH’s interpersonal deliberation is reported

- The great promise is restated v. 18
- He is saved unto holiness not because of his holiness v. 19and yet it seems that his obedience is a condition of his blessing.

Hebrews 12:12–15

[14] Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.

God comes down to see what he knows in his omniscience and what has been reported to him (by his angels). v. 21 The conversation indicates interpersonal communication. This might be between the three persons of the trinity (possible) or between the pre-incarnate Christ and two angelic beings (more likely).

2. Abraham’s conversation with YHWH is reported

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The Prayer of Abraham demonstrates:

Personal Familiarity (vs. 16-26)

Amazing Humility (vs. 27)

Amazing Boldness (vs. 25-32)

Abundant Generosity

He appeals to the principles of substitution and imputation:

Substitution- someone is put in my place.

Imputation- someone gets what I earned, deserved and I get what they earned or deserved.

Abraham here is living in the Spirit of Christ within him:

His example --Leads you to pray for the world through Christ.

1 Timothy 2:1-7