

WHAT DOES TRUE FELLOWSHIP WITH THE LORD LOOK LIKE?
PART 2: LEARNING ABRAHAM'S PRAYER AND WHAT PROMPTED IT
Genesis 18:16-33

- I. THE OCCASION FOR GODLY PRAYER: Abraham's prayer is generated in the context of a right relationship with the Lord (he is a friend, walking with Him) and thus the Lord's disclosure of His truth in relationship to his life (16-22)**
- A. Abraham is walking with the Lord as a friend (1-15, 16)

 - B. The Lord discloses to Abraham what He is about to do to Sodom because He chose him and will fulfill His will concerning him (17-22)
- II. THE MANNER OF RIGHTEOUS INTERSESSION: Prompted by the Lord's disclosure of His intent to destroy Sodom because of its sin, Abraham humbly reverently, non-presumptively and persistently intercedes for the righteous (Lot), based on the Lord's righteous character and namesake (23-33)**
- A. Abraham, based on the Lord's disclosure, draws near to the Lord intercede (23a)

 - B. Concerned for Lot, Abraham humbly and persistently intercedes for the righteous, based on the Lord's righteous character as 'Judge of the all the earth' (23b-32)

 - C. The Lord ends the conversation and departs (33)

 - D. **Things we can learn: Godly prayer...**
 - 1. Exists only in the context of those walking rightly with Him
 - 2. Begins with a drawing near
 - 3. Arises as His Revelation intersects our lives
 - 4. Has a concern for the righteous
 - 5. Appeals to His revealed character, truth and reputation
 - 6. Is humble and not presumptive
 - 7. Is reverently persistent