

## Abraham Intercedes in spite of God's Imminent Judgment upon Sodom

(Gen 18:16-22)

- A - The men rose up and looked [*pondered judgment*] toward Sodom: and Abraham went with them to bring them on the way.
- B - Shall I hide from Abraham that thing [*work of judgment*] which I do;
- C - Seeing Abraham shall surely become a great nation and all the nations shall be blessed in him?
  - D - **For I know him, that he shall command his family after him**
  - D - **and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment** {righteousness and justice}
- C - That the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which He hath spoken of him.
- B - The cry of Sodom & Gomorrah is great—their sin is very grievous; I will go down now, and see [*investigate*] if cry is what is come to me.
- A - The men turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sodom; [*Investigation & Execution*] but Abraham stood yet before the Lord. [*Intercession*]

\*This is a fascinating picture in this patterned structure of how God determines who He gives the privileged blessing of intercession to. Note the Lord said, "I know him, that he shall command his family after him." Thus, we see that the privileged blessing comes to those who "keep the way of the Lord." God could trust Abraham with the knowledge of what He was about to do, since He knew him. He knew Abraham would intercede for the inhabitants of that wicked city, not just because of his nephew Lot, but because he knew Abraham probably really believed that there would be a few dozen God fearing people in that city, which God was about to destroy.