

Application of Sanctification – Doctrine of Sanctification ([Hebrews 11:8-10](#); [II Corinthians 5-6](#))

As we travel through Scripture, observe God's methods as He deals with each person in sanctification.

II Corinthians 6:14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

II Corinthians 6:15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?

II Corinthians 6:16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, **I will dwell in them**, and **walk in them**; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

II Corinthians 6:17 **Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,**

II Corinthians 6:18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

The LORD appears to Abraham

Genesis 18:1 And the LORD appeared unto him in the plains of Mamre: and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day;

Genesis 18:2 And he lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him: and when he saw *them*, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground,

Genesis 18:3 And said, My Lord, if now I have found favour in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant:

Genesis 18:4 Let a little water, I pray you, be fetched, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree:

Genesis 18:5 And I will fetch a morsel of bread, and comfort ye your hearts; after that ye shall pass on: for therefore are ye come to your servant. And they said, So do, as thou hast said.

Abraham has Sarah make bread, and fetches a calf to dress

Genesis 18:6 And Abraham hastened into the tent unto Sarah, and said, Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead *it*, and make cakes upon the hearth.

Genesis 18:7 And Abraham ran unto the herd, and fetcht a calf tender and good, and gave *it* unto a young man; and he hasted to dress it.

Genesis 18:8 And he took butter, and milk, and the calf which he had dressed, and set *it* before them; and he stood by them under the tree, and they did eat.

While sitting around the table, Abraham's Guests asks about Sarah

Genesis 18:9 And they said unto him, Where *is* Sarah thy wife? And he said, Behold, in the tent.

Genesis 18:10 And he said, I will certainly return unto thee according to the time of life; and, lo, Sarah thy wife shall have a son. And Sarah heard *it* in the tent door, which *was* behind him.

Sarah laughed within herself

Genesis 18:11 Now Abraham and Sarah *were* old *and* well stricken in age; *and* it ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women.

Genesis 18:12 **Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?**

Genesis 18:13 And the LORD said unto Abraham, Wherefore did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I of a surety bear a child, which am old?

Genesis 18:14 Is any thing too hard for the LORD? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.

Genesis 18:15 Then Sarah denied, saying, I laughed not; for she was afraid. And he said, Nay; but thou didst laugh.

Why did Sarah laugh? We might look at similar responses in the Bible:

Was Abraham's response similar to the response of Zacharias in the New Testament?

Abraham was promised a land and a seed

Genesis 15:8 And he said, Lord GOD, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it?

Zacharias was promised a son in his old age

Luke 1:18 And Zacharias said unto the angel, Whereby shall I know this? for I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years.

What was the difference? Not what was said, but what was in the heart – Abraham believed God's Word looking for confirmation, Zacharias did not believe God.

Abraham: "And He counted it to him for righteousness." (**Genesis 15:6**)

Zacharias: "And behold, thou shalt be dumb, and not able to speak... because thou believest not My Words..." (**Luke 1:20**)

Another response to God's Word from Mary Jesus' mother as Gabriel brought the news

Luke 1:34 "Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?"

Luke 1:38 "Be it unto me according to Thy Word."

Abraham walks with his guests to bring them on the way – The LORD has something to say

Genesis 18:16 And the men rose up from thence, and looked toward Sodom: and Abraham went with them to bring them on the way.

Genesis 18:17 And the LORD said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do;

Genesis 18:18 Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?

Genesis 18:19 For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.

The LORD has something to tell Abraham

Genesis 18:20 And the LORD said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous;

Genesis 18:21 I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know.

Abraham Stops the LORD!

Genesis 18:22 And the men turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sodom: but Abraham stood yet before the LORD.

Abraham gives intercessory prayer number one

Genesis 18:23 And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked?

Genesis 18:24 Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that *are* therein?

Genesis 18:25 That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?

Genesis 18:26 And the LORD said, If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes.

Abraham gives intercessory prayer number two

Genesis 18:27 And Abraham answered and said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord, which *am but* dust and ashes:

Genesis 18:28 Peradventure there shall lack five of the fifty righteous: wilt thou destroy all the city for *lack of* five? And he said, If I find there forty and five, I will not destroy *it*.

Genesis 18:29 And he spake unto him yet again, and said, Peradventure there shall be forty found there. And he said, I will not do *it* for forty's sake.

Genesis 18:30 And he said *unto him*, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak: Peradventure there shall thirty be found there. And he said, I will not do *it*, if I find thirty there.

Abraham gives intercessory prayer number three

[Genesis 18:31](#) And he said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord: Peradventure there shall be twenty found there. And he said, I will not destroy *it* for twenty's sake.

Abraham gives intercessory prayer number four

[Genesis 18:32](#) And he said, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak yet but this once: Peradventure ten shall be found there. And he said, I will not destroy *it* for ten's sake.

[Genesis 18:33](#) And the LORD went his way, as soon as he had left communing with Abraham: and Abraham returned unto his place.

Two angels came to Sodom

[Genesis 19:1](#) And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing *them* rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground;

[Genesis 19:2](#) And he said, Behold now, my lords, turn in, I pray you, into your servant's house, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early, and go on your ways. And they said, Nay; but we will abide in the street all night.

[Genesis 19:3](#) And he pressed upon them greatly; and they turned in unto him, and entered into his house; and he made them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread, and they did eat.

The people of Sodom want in

[Genesis 19:4](#) But before they lay down, the men of the city, *even* the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter:

Obedience is important in prayer as Jesus teaches and gave intercessory prayer for His disciples:

[John 14:15](#) If ye love me, keep my commandments.

[John 14:16](#) And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

[John 14:17](#) *Even* the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

[John 14:18](#) I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

[John 14:19](#) Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also.

[John 14:20](#) At that day ye shall know that I *am* in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

[John 14:21](#) He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

The LORD's High Priestly Prayer is another example: [John 17](#)

"Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." [Hebrews 7:25](#)

Lot's Preservation connected with **Abraham's intercession**. Abraham saved his nephew twice:

1. Once by the sword – [chapter 14](#)
2. Once by supplication – [chapter 18](#)

Lot goes out to the door

[Genesis 19:5](#) And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where *are* the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them.

[Genesis 19:6](#) And Lot went out at the door unto them, and shut the door after him,

[Genesis 19:7](#) And said, I pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly.

[Genesis 19:8](#) Behold now, I have two daughters which have not known man; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as *is* good in your eyes: only unto these men do nothing; for therefore came they under the shadow of my roof.

[Genesis 19:9](#) And they said, Stand back. And they said *again*, This one *fellow* came in to sojourn, and he will needs be a judge: now will we deal worse with thee, than with them. And they pressed sore upon the man, *even* Lot, and came near to break the door.

The angels save Lot from the crowd

Genesis 19:10 But the men put forth their hand, and pulled Lot into the house to them, and shut to the door.

Genesis 19:11 And they smote the men that *were* at the door of the house with blindness, both small and great: so that they wearied themselves to find the door.

The angels turn to Lot

Genesis 19:12 And the men said unto Lot, **Hast thou here any besides? son in law, and thy sons, and thy daughters, and whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring *them* out of this place:**

Genesis 19:13 For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the LORD; and the LORD hath sent us to destroy it.

Lot's sons in law make fun of Lot's message

Genesis 19:14 And Lot went out, and spake unto his sons in law, which married his daughters, and said, Up, get you out of this place; for the LORD will destroy this city. But he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons in law.

The angels tell Lot to leave Sodom, now

Genesis 19:15 And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which are here; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city.

And while Lot lingered

Genesis 19:16 **And while he lingered,** the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; the LORD being merciful unto him: and they brought him forth, and set him without the city.

Genesis 19:17 And it came to pass, when they had brought them forth abroad, that he said, Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed.

Lot's answer to the Lord

Genesis 19:18 And Lot said unto them, Oh, **not so, my Lord:**

Genesis 19:19 Behold now, thy servant hath found grace in thy sight, and thou hast magnified thy mercy, which thou hast shewed unto me in saving my life; and I cannot escape to the mountain, lest some evil take me, and I die:

Lot makes a request

Genesis 19:20 Behold now, this city *is* near to flee unto, and it *is* a little one: Oh, let me escape thither, (*is* it not a little one?) and my soul shall live.

Genesis 19:21 And he said unto him, See, I have accepted thee concerning this thing also, that I will not overthrow this city, for the which thou hast spoken.

Genesis 19:22 Haste thee, escape thither; for I cannot do any thing till thou be come thither. Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar.

When did Lot arrive in Zoar?

Genesis 19:23 The sun was risen upon the earth when Lot entered into Zoar.

Fire and Brimstone

Genesis 19:24 Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven;

Genesis 19:25 And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground.

Lot's wife disobeys

Genesis 19:26 **But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.**

Abraham views Sodom from his tent

Genesis 19:27 And Abraham gat up early in the morning to the place where he stood before the LORD:

Genesis 19:28 And he looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the plain, and beheld, and, lo, the smoke of the country went up as the smoke of a furnace.

God had answered Abram’s prayer, even though Abram gave up at 10

Genesis 19:29 And it came to pass, when God destroyed the cities of the plain, **that God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow**, when he overthrew the cities in the which Lot dwelt.

Come out from among them and be ye perfect, saith the Lord.

Genesis 19:30 And Lot went up out of Zoar, and dwelt in the mountain, and his two daughters with him; for he feared to dwell in Zoar: and he dwelt in a cave, he and his two daughters.

Genesis 19:31 And the firstborn said unto the younger, Our father *is* old, and *there is* not a man in the earth to come in unto us after the manner of all the earth:

Genesis 19:32 Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father.

Genesis 19:33 And they made their father drink wine that night: and the firstborn went in, and lay with her father; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose.

Genesis 19:34 And it came to pass on the morrow, that the firstborn said unto the younger, Behold, I lay yesternight with my father: let us make him drink wine this night also; and go thou in, *and* lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father.

Genesis 19:35 And they made their father drink wine that night also: and the younger arose, and lay with him; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose.

Genesis 19:36 Thus were both the daughters of Lot with child by their father.

Genesis 19:37 And the firstborn bare a son, **and called his name Moab**: the same *is* the father of the Moabites unto this day.

Unsanctified life leads to disaster

Genesis 19:38 And the younger, she also bare a son, and called his name Ben-ammi: the same *is* the father **of the children of Ammon** unto this day.

Lot – His Affections Set On The World	Abram - The Servant - His Affections On Things Above
Professing God, but pursues his own interests	Ability To Discern God’s Will
Although 'righteous' he is walking in the flesh	Living by faith with full acceptance of God's promises
Worldliness is his dominant characteristic	Obedience to God's will
No Testimony to his family, friends, or to others	Testimony in front of the Canaanites
Prayer to go to Zoar was selfwilled & presumptuous	Unceasing Intercessory prayer
Results	
Lot	Abraham
Earthly prosperity for a time - never was happy	Continuous revelations from God
<p>II Peter 2 No Visión, No hope, no legacy His Family Ammon and Moab were “thorns in the side of Israel”</p>	<p>Hebrews 11:8 By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. Hebrews 11:9 By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as <i>in</i> a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: Hebrews 11:10 For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker <i>is</i> God.</p>

Sanctification taught as the people returned from Babylon

Ezra 6:14 And the elders of the Jews builded, and they prospered through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. And they builded, and finished *it*, according to the commandment of the God of Israel, and according to the commandment of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia.

Ezra 6:15 And this house was finished on the third day of the month Adar, which was in the sixth year of the reign of Darius the king.

Ezra 6:16 And the children of Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the rest of the children of the captivity, kept the dedication of this house of God with joy,

Ezra 6:17 And offered at the dedication of this house of God an hundred bullocks, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs; and for a sin offering for all Israel, twelve he goats, according to the number of the tribes of Israel.

Ezra 6:18 And they set the priests in their divisions, and the Levites in their courses, for the service of God, which *is* at Jerusalem; as it is written in the book of Moses.

Ezra 6:19 And the children of the captivity kept the passover upon the fourteenth *day* of the first month.

Ezra 6:20 For the priests and the Levites were purified together, all of them *were* pure, and killed the passover for all the children of the captivity, and for their brethren the priests, and for themselves.

Ezra 6:21 And the children of Israel, which were come again out of captivity, and **all such as had separated themselves unto them from the filthiness of the heathen of the land, to seek the LORD God of Israel, did eat,**

Ezra 6:22 And kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with joy: for the LORD had made them joyful, and turned the heart of the king of Assyria unto them, to strengthen their hands in the work of the house of God, the God of Israel.

Israel must to be separated from the countries in which they were scattered

Ezekiel 36:22 Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; I do not *this* for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for mine holy name's sake, **which ye have profaned among the heathen,** whither ye went.

Ezekiel 36:23 And **I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the heathen,** which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the heathen shall know that I *am* the LORD, saith the Lord GOD, **when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes.**

Ezekiel 36:24 For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land.

Ezekiel 36:25 Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.

Ezekiel 36:26 **A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.**

Ezekiel 36:27 And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and *do them*.

Ezekiel 36:28 And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Ezekiel 36:29 I will also save you from all your uncleannesses: and I will call for the corn, and will increase it, and lay no famine upon you.

Ezekiel 36:30 And I will multiply the fruit of the tree, and the increase of the field, that ye shall receive no more reproach of famine among the heathen.

Ezekiel 36:31 Then shall ye remember your own evil ways, and your doings that *were* not good, and shall lothe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and for your abominations.

Ezekiel 36:32 Not for your sakes do I *this*, saith the Lord GOD, be it known unto you: be ashamed and confounded for your own ways, O house of Israel.

Ezekiel 36:33 Thus saith the Lord GOD; In the day that I shall have cleansed you from all your iniquities I will also cause *you* to dwell in the cities, and the wastes shall be builded.

Ezekiel 36:34 And the desolate land shall be tilled, whereas it lay desolate in the sight of all that passed by.

Ezekiel 36:35 And they shall say, This land that was desolate is become like the garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities *are become* fenced, *and* are inhabited.

Ezekiel 36:36 Then the heathen that are left round about you shall know that I the LORD build the ruined *places, and* plant that that was desolate: I the LORD have spoken *it, and* I will do *it*.

Ezekiel 36:37 Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will yet *for* this be inquired of by the house of Israel, to do *it* for them; I will increase them with men like a flock.

Ezekiel 36:38 As the holy flock, as the flock of Jerusalem in her solemn feasts; *so shall the waste cities be filled with flocks of men: and they shall know that I am the LORD.*

Want to be in the congregation of the righteous? Sanctification in [Psalm 1](#)

[Psalm 1:1](#) Blessed *is* the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

[Psalm 1:2](#) But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

[Psalm 1:3](#) And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

[Psalm 1:4](#) The ungodly *are* not so: but *are* like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

[Psalm 1:5](#) Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

[Psalm 1:6](#) For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Obedience is important in our prayer life – When Jesus Gave intercessory prayer for His disciples:

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God Commands us to walk with Him ([Romans 4:11-12](#)) and He will Walk in us now & in ‘That Day’

[I Kings 6:11](#) And the word of the LORD came to Solomon, saying,

[I Kings 6:12](#) *Concerning* this house which thou art in building, if thou wilt walk in my statutes, and execute my judgments, and keep all my commandments to walk in them; then will I perform my word with thee, which I spake unto David thy father:

[I Kings 6:13](#) And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will not forsake my people Israel.

[I Kings 6:14](#) So Solomon built the house, and finished it.

[II Corinthians 6:16](#)

I will dwell, I will walk [Exodus 29:45](#); [Leviticus 26:12](#); [Psalm 90:1](#); [Ezekiel 43:7,9](#); [Zechariah 2:10-11](#);

[John 6:56](#); [Romans 8:9,11](#); [Ephesians 3:17](#); [2Timothy 1:14](#); [I John 4:12,15](#); [Revelation 21:3](#).