



Sunday Morning Message
Strong People, Strong Cities
Genesis 18:17

I. Abraham Held God's Standard

A. God said "I know him"

We need to have a testimony with God. A trust that we have built up. He needs to see that we are following Him and trusting Him.

1. Abraham knew God's standard
2. Abraham kept God's standard
3. Abraham kept God's standard consistently

B. He will command his Children

Joshua 24:15 (KJV 1900)

¹⁵ And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that *were* on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

1. Through formal education
2. Through a living example

C. He will command his household

1. The workers
2. The visitors
3. Everyone pertaining to his house

II. Abraham handled the warning

A. He stood before the Lord

- [Romans 10:1:](#)

"Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved."

- [1 Timothy 2:1-4:](#)

"I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth."

- [2 Timothy 2:25-26:](#)

"In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will."

- [James 5:16:](#)

"Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

1. He begged for the righteous

- A type of the Elect

2. He prayed for salvation for them

B. He tried to do something about it

1. Gauging God's expectations

2. Trying to make a difference

C. Because he had loved ones

1. Our friends

2. Our family

3. Our neighbors

III. We have to remember 3 things at all times.

A. God will show mercy to whom He will show mercy

Romans 9:15 (KJV 1900)

¹⁵ For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.

1. No one is too far gone

2. We can't sneak the devil in.

Either someone is saved by Christ or not at all. WE can't be afraid of giving the gospel to anyone.

B. Not everyone who receives mercy will keep it together

Jeremiah 50:6 (KJV 1900)

⁶ My people hath been lost sheep:

Their shepherds have caused them to go astray, they have turned them away *on* the mountains:

They have gone from mountain to hill,

They have forgotten their restingplace.

1. Some would rather the cage of sin (Lot's Wife)

2. Some will fall away again (Lot)

3. Most will see mercy for others but never repent themselves (Lot's daughters & Lot)

C. The destruction is coming anyway

1. We can pull some out

1 Corinthians 9:22–23 (KJV 1900)

²²To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all *men*, that I might by all means save some. ²³And this I do for the gospel's sake, that I might be partaker thereof with *you*.

Jude 23 (KJV 1900)

²³and others save with fear, pulling *them* out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.

2. We can protect our own

1 Timothy 4:16 (KJV 1900)

¹⁶Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

3. But the end of the book is always coming

