

The Bible Ark Bible Study Program

Genesis – Verses 18:9–18:33; Verses 19:1–19:5, Abraham's
Intercession for Lot

Hello my dear friends,

It's fantastic to have you all on the "Bible Ark" today! And thank you so much for those of you who are joining us for the first time today!

For those of you who are first-time listeners on the "Bible Ark" today, this is a five-year Bible study program that follows along with Dr. J. Vernon McGee's Thru the Bible Bible Study, also a five-year study of the Bible, that is presently in its eleventh five-year cycle. What this Bible study provides that the TTB broadcast (Thru the Bible) does not is that the Bible Ark Bible Study is first and foremost a Bible reading of not just the Bible itself, but also a reading of all the study notes in the Scofield Study Bible. Therefore, this Bible Ark Bible study is a companion to the Thru the Bible, as we cover a great many details of the Bible that Dr. McGee does not cover in his five-year study.

Let us ask the Lord for His blessing today. Please bear with me. I have a rather lengthy prayer today; however, I deem that it is most needful.

Heavenly father, thank you for your Word of truth and for the Holy Spirit that convicts our hearts of the truth and of the sin in our lives revealed by the mirror of the Word of God. Thank you for the words of our Lord Jesus Christ when He said, *"first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye."* You know father how that I once had a beam in my eye, and I was (and still am) under the conviction that after my confession you were gracious and merciful and that you had removed that beam from my eye. Yet, now I am told that I still have that beam in my eye, and if this is true, then my entire ministry is in disrepute. This has been my greatest fear, as you well know, for I have earnestly prayed to you about this very possibility a great many times. I have agonized to you about this beam, for it was a dreadful sin unto me.

As we read in our last study, my brother in the Spirit said that, *"A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven."* According to your will, Father, I have been, from the very onset of my ministry, forthcoming that my dear friend Bee is the focus of my ministry. It is my understanding and my conviction that Jesus Christ will be glorified in Bee, and that when Bee is lifted up and glorified by your mighty hand through this weak and helpless servant that Jesus will be glorified by the way that Bee responds to the love of Christ. I have every confidence that Bee will come to honor and esteem the unsearchable love of Christ, and that through this ministry Bee will show forth that honor and reverence to Jesus. Therefore, if my heart is not pure; if I am being driven by desire, and not by the perfect love of Christ; and if I still have that beam in my eye, then it is all for naught. It means that I am not truly willing to lay down my life in obedience to your commandment for the benefit of my dear friend Bee. It means that in some degree my ministry is for show and not for Christ. It means that my obedience to you Lord is not entirely sincere.

Father, this is the one thing that I have requested from everyone that prays for this servant of yours. I ask everyone that they would pray that I be completely faithful to your will, the very will of God. You

have made it all too clear that there is not any one of twenty or more different aspects of this ministry this is something that is possible for me to achieve on my own. Moreover, there are no less than a dozen of these that are flat out impossible without your power and provision. Lord, it is my understanding and my expectation that if I am not faithfully following after your will and your purpose that I will fail, and that failure could very likely mean death. And, honestly Lord, in the case of failure, I would rather that I perish than the alternative. It is, also, my understanding and my expectation that if Bee does not respond in faith to Jesus that my errand will be every bit as much of a failure, and that my fate is dependent upon the way that Bee responds to Christ's gift of Salvation. I believe you God. I believe you with every fiber of my soul, and I believe in Bee ... not, because I believe that Bee is my deliverance. I believe in Bee as I believe in the Word of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I believe in Bee, because that is what you have asked me to do.

Father, I have prayed this prayer to you many times, and you have confirmed it every time that I have prayed this prayer. Now I am making this prayer known to everyone. It is my upmost desire and purpose in life to glorify my Savior Jesus Christ, and I do not know of any more powerful and effective way to do that very thing than through this ministry, than to lift up Bee in glory unto our blessed Lord Jesus, and that Jesus would receive the greater glory in the way that Bee responds to Jesus in love, reverence, and obedience.

Oh Father, if this truly is your will and your purpose, then press upon the hearts of your faithful servants listening to this your servant to pray earnestly for this your purpose. Let them pray for your servant, for Bee, for this ministry, and for all of those involved with this ministry. Let them pray that your will and your purpose would be carried out faithfully by all these your servants. But, if this is not your will or if I your servant am acting or speaking contrary to your will and purpose, then please, Oh mighty God!, let not this program and this ministry continue. If I have brought disgrace upon your blessed name or upon the blessed name of our Lord Jesus Christ, I beseech thee Oh Lord correct me or remove me out of my place, according to your righteousness and your great mercy. Let me not continue to cause you disgrace, only let the name of our Lord Jesus Christ be glorified by those that have been washed clean by the blood of the Lamb.

Bless us again this day Father that the Spirit of God would be our guide and teacher as we study your excellent Word. May the very Word of God be made real and living in our hearts and lives.

We pray in Jesus's name. Amen!

Some of you who have been to my Website may have seen the Webpage titled, "A Memorial of Her Love." This page is merely a quote from verses 3-9 of the 14th Chapter of the Gospel of Mark.

³And being in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at meat, there came a woman having an alabaster box of ointment of spikenard very precious; and she brake the box, and poured it on his head. ⁴And there were some that had indignation within themselves, and said, Why was this waste of the ointment made? ⁵For it might have been sold for more than three hundred pence, and have been given to the poor. And they murmured against her. ⁶And Jesus said, Let her alone; why trouble ye her? she hath wrought a good work on me. ⁷For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good: but me ye have not always. ⁸She hath done what she could: she is come aforehand to anoint my body to the burying. ⁹Verily I

say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her.” – Mark 14:3–9

I would very much like you all to take note of a few important points about this passage of scripture. The first point is the last verse. Jesus states that wheresoever the gospel is preached that the faith of which this woman had to anoint Jesus with ointment is to be included with the gospel message. Let me put that in a little different way. Jesus is telling us that whenever we preach the gospel to anyone, we are not to leave out this memorial to this woman. This is a commandment. Not a request or a suggestion, and just to be sure that we would not miss it, this commandment is given to us again in the Gospel of Matthew. This woman and what she did is extremely important in God’s eyes.

Secondly, please observe that this individual is a woman, not a man. How greatly does she glorify Jesus, without saying a single word! And how greatly does Jesus glorify her with this memorial of her! This is pure love! This love is as deep as the ocean, yet there is not one thread of romance or covetousness. There is not a single mention of the physical appearance of this woman; though, in this moment her beauty shines forth like all the hosts of heaven and like the radiance of the sun upon the mountains.

When we are faithful to worship Jesus, He makes you and I more beautiful. The more beautiful that Jesus makes you and I the more beautiful Jesus becomes to us, and the more He is glorified.

In our study today, we will be reading and discussing the remainder of Chapter 18, and we will be looking at the first 5 verses of Chapter 19. Today, we are going to do things a little backward from our normal routine. There are only a few verses that have comments in our study today. Therefore, when we go through Dr. Scofield’s comments on these verses, we are only going to focus in on those few verses, along with a couple of my own comments. Then after we have looked at all the comments, I will read through all the verses without comments, as I often do. Therefore, there will only be one reading of all the verses, but at the end.

Before we begin our study today, I just want to follow up on something in connection to our last study, and this message is not just for Bee.

You may have heard or seen me state that I have a prayer list that I pray from regularly. Perhaps some of you have looked at the version of that list on my Website. However, I have another prayer list. Actually, it is a pair of prayer folders in my email. I am a member of the Thru the Bible World Prayer Team. Every weekday, I receive an email for a different country in the world to pray for. Usually, we pray for a specific individual in that country. However, there are countries that we pray for that we are unable to hear from any specific individuals, such as North Korea. On such days our prayers are corporate and/or national. If you are looking for a way to grow in spiritual strength, I would highly recommend that you sign up for the World Prayer Team. You will be blessed, and you will be blessing others at the same time.

Unfortunately, I have fallen behind with my own World Prayer Team emails. I am a little over three weeks behind right now. Earlier this evening, I read the World Prayer Team email from May 20th, 2021. It really touched my heart. It made me cry tears of joy and of hope, as many of these emails do. I would like to read the story from this email to you.

It begins with this tag line, an excerpt from the letter or note that the program office received from this party:

“When a friend visiting from Germany told us about Jesus ... He sounded too good to be true.”

Then the prayer email continues with the story.

Welcome, prayer travelers. Today we're in Iran meeting with a husband and wife who share how they came to board the Bible Bus each day:

“Our friend was a new Christian and visited us in our home. We were uncomfortable at first, but to be polite we listened to a program of yours. What a different way of thinking. Our minds nearly exploded at the thoughts presented. After he left, we continued to listen. It took us awhile to begin to understand, but something kept drawing us back to each message. We are still unsure of many things, but this we know: We are children of God and our lives now belong to Him.”

Then the prayer email ends with this bit of information.

In a country where leaving Islam for Christianity can be punishable by death, praise God for the bravery and commitment of this new brother and sister. Pray more people join them on the Bible Bus and that the name of Jesus is praised throughout Iran.

As many of you know, the primary language spoken in Iran is Persian, or what many people call Farsi. “Farsi” is the Persian word for “Persian.” The TTB broadcast has been translated into the Persian language and it is broadcast over powerful radio transmitters that cover large areas of Iran. Moreover, there are many people who have discovered ways of getting around the Iranian government's firewalls that are able to access the programs from the Internet. Additionally, there is a Persian TTB broadcast that airs over satellite television.

Satellite TV is very important in the Middle East. Practically every household uses satellite TV, and it is a form of media that Middle Eastern governments have little to no means of manipulating or filtering.

In many other Middle Eastern and African countries this same situation exists. The Islamic and Muslim religions are government sponsored or mandated, and they are enforced with severe penalties. Christians are frequently persecuted and oppressed, and many are executed or murdered, often by their own family members. Governments restrict evangelism and communication of Christian content. In many countries, having a Bible in your possession can easily get you a death sentence. Much like Iran TTB has programs going into all these other Islamic and Muslim countries, including Indonesia. TTB also has satellite TV programs in Arabic and Turkish.

In our World Prayer Today we frequently pray for people much like this couple from Iran. It is wonderful practice to be involved with. I have many friends that are from Iran, and I have a good friend from Turkey (who I miss dearly). Hence, I have a tender heart for the people of Iran, Turkey, and the Middle East. It makes me sad that when people from that area of the world come to the United States there are many that discriminate against them. These people come to the United States to escape the oppression and of their homelands and the influence of the Islamic and Muslim religions only to be oppressed by social prejudice, and they rarely are greeted by a faithful Christian to share the Word of truth and the Gospel of the saving grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The reason why I wanted to share this letter with you is to help you understand what I was speaking about in our last study. There is no shortage of people that have been willing to lay down their lives for

Jesus, and, as time has continued to march on, the more numerous the count of such individuals becomes. As I am speaking to you right now, there are many hundreds of thousands if not millions of believers in the World today that are in jeopardy of their lives. They have taken that risk willingly, and they have done so for their love of Jesus Christ. Here is the thing. By and large, they do not risk their lives because they worship Jesus. They risk their lives, because they share their love for Jesus with other people. They risk their lives, because of their love for others. Therefore, I am not especially different or unique. I am simply obeying my Lord and Savior, because I love Him.

In the same way that Jesus has led all these other millions of believers in the last two thousand years, He is leading me. They willingly laid down their lives for someone that Jesus commanded them to love, and, therefore, I ought to do the same. There are thousands upon thousands of my brothers and sisters in Christ that are doing the very same thing at this very moment.

Genesis, Chapter 18, verses 10 and 23, Scofield's Comments (+Dale's comments)

We open the first verse of our study today in the year BC 1898, and when we turn the page to Verse 2 of Chapter 19, it is still the year BC 1898.

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

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

a Compare Romans 9:9.

"⁶... For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel: ⁷Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called. ⁸That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed. ⁹For this is the word of promise, At this time will I come, and Sara shall have a son." – Romans 9:6–9

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

Abraham the intercessor.

23 And Abraham drew ^bnear, and said, ^cWilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked?

b Communion (verses 1–8) and intercession go together.

c *Bible prayers* (Old Testament). Genesis 24:12. (Genesis 15:2; Habakkuk 3:1–16).

Genesis, Chapter 19, verses 1 and 3, Scofield's Comments (+Dale's)

*The destruction of Sodom. The third step in Lot's backsliding: a great man in Sodom (verse 1).
(See Genesis 13:10 & 12; Genesis 19:33.)*

“⁸And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we be brethren. ⁹Is not the whole land before thee? separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left. ¹⁰And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered every where, before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, even as the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, as thou comest unto Zoar. ¹¹Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other. ¹²Abram dwelled in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain, and pitched his tent toward Sodom. ¹³But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly.” – Genesis 13:8–13

We looked at this next passage a few studies ago, when we were back in Chapter 13. it takes place immediately after the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. The destruction of that area was so devastating and the remnant of the people remaining in that area were so wicked that Lot’s daughters believed that they would never be able to find a worthy husband.

“³¹And 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: ³²Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father. ³³And 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 19:31–33

As I stated before, this is not necessarily an instance of Lot backsliding, but the situation most certainly came to pass as a result of his previous acts of backsliding.

1 And there ^dcame two ^eangels to Sodom at even; and Lot ^fsat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground;

d Compare Genesis 18:22.

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

e Hebrews 1:4, note.

f Lot was a great man (Deuteronomy 21:19 & 20.) in a place devoted to judgement, Compare Acts 17:31.

“¹⁸If a man have a stubborn and rebellious son, which will not obey the voice of his father, or the voice of his mother, and that, when they have chastened him, will not hearken unto them: ¹⁹Then shall his father and his mother lay hold on him, and bring him out unto the elders of his city, and unto the gate of his place; ²⁰And they shall say unto the elders of his city, This our son is stubborn and rebellious, he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton, and a drunkard. ²¹And all the men of his city shall stone him with stones,

that he die: so shalt thou put evil away from among you; and all Israel shall hear, and fear.” – Deuteronomy 21:19 & 20

This next verse comes from a passage in the book of Acts where Paul is in Athens preaching a sermon on Mars Hill. He is speaking to those gathered around him about the Lord Jesus Christ and the kingdom that Jesus will establish upon his return.

“Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.” – Acts 17:31

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 ^aunleavened bread, and they did eat.

^a *Leaven*. Exodus 12:8, Exodus 12:15–20, & , Exodus 12:34 & 39. (Genesis 19:3; Matthew 13:33).

Genesis, Chapter 18, verses 9 through 33, without Comments

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

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.

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

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

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

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.

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

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

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

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

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.

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

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.

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

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

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?

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?

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

33 And the LORD went his way, as soon as he had left communing with Abraham: and Abraham returned unto his place.

Genesis, Chapter 19, verses 1 through 5, without Comments

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;

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.

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.

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:

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.

That is a wrap for today. In our next study, we will be studying the remainder of Chapter 19, and the first five verses of Chapter 20, where we will learn about God's judgement upon Sodom and Gomorrah.

Closing Remarks

For those of you listening on YouTube, please note that there a copy of the notes for this program that is available as a downloadable PDF document. You can also download an MP3 file of this program and for the corresponding Thru the Bible program from my [Website](#). Just visit Dalet.us for more information.

Please understand that this program, the Bible Ark, is meant to be a complement to the Thru the Bible Bible Study program, by Dr. J. Vernon McGee. It is in not meant to be a replacement.

My hope and my prayer is that you will sit down with me with your Bible open and that you will read the Bible with me as I speak. Then go listen to the Thru the Bible broadcast. *With such an approach to Bible study, your growth in the understanding of the Word of God will grow dramatically.*

You can find out everything that you need to know about the Thru the Bible program by visiting the ttb.org Website.

I very much look forward to seeing you all again Tomorrow. May God bless you richly my dear friends.

Dale Trussell, June 15th, 2021