

## January 19 Answers

- 1) God described the sin of Sodom this way: “Behold, this was the guilt of your sister Sodom: she and her daughters had **pride**, excess of **food**, and prosperous **ease**, but did not **aid** the poor and needy. They were haughty and did an **abomination** before me. So I removed them, when I saw it” (Ezek 16:49–50). Knowing that Abraham’s nephew Lot was living in Sodom, God revealed to Abraham what He was about to do (Gen 18:17–19). God allowed Abraham to **intercede** for Sodom because God loved him and cared about his feelings. God wanted Abraham to understand that His justice and mercy are perfectly **balanced**. God does not take pleasure in destroying the wicked, but He must punish sin. God sent angels into Sodom to rescue Lot, who was greatly distressed by the sensual conduct of wicked. Peter later said that this shows that God knows “how to **rescue** the godly from trials, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment” (2 Pet 2:7–9). Lot and his wife and two daughters made it out of the city before God’s judgment came, but Lot’s wife looked back and became a pillar of salt. Jesus later used her as an **example** of how we can become so attached to this world that we end up being caught up in the destruction that falls on the ungodly (cf. Luke 17:32–33).