



DIFFERENTLY, THE SAME



Worship looks like
taking a stand



God speaks,
Abraham
participates

Then the Lord said, “Shall I
hide from Abraham what I
am about to do?”

Genesis 18 : 17

Abraham will surely become a great and powerful nation, and all nations on earth will be blessed through him. For I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing what is right and just, so that the Lord will bring about for Abraham what he has promised him.”

Genesis 18 : 18-19

Then the Lord said, “The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous that I will go down and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has reached me. If not, I will know.”

Genesis 18 : 20-21

The background features a dark, gradient surface with a bright, glowing light source on the right side. From this source, numerous thin, white lines radiate outwards, resembling fiber optic cables or data streams. These lines curve and fan out, creating a sense of depth and movement. The overall aesthetic is futuristic and high-tech.

Outcry

“shrieks of oppression”

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What kind of God does
Abraham want God to be?

The men [angels] turned away
and went toward Sodom, but
Abraham remained standing
before the Lord.

Genesis 18 : 22



Before Abraham stands
with anyone, he stands
before someone.



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before God.

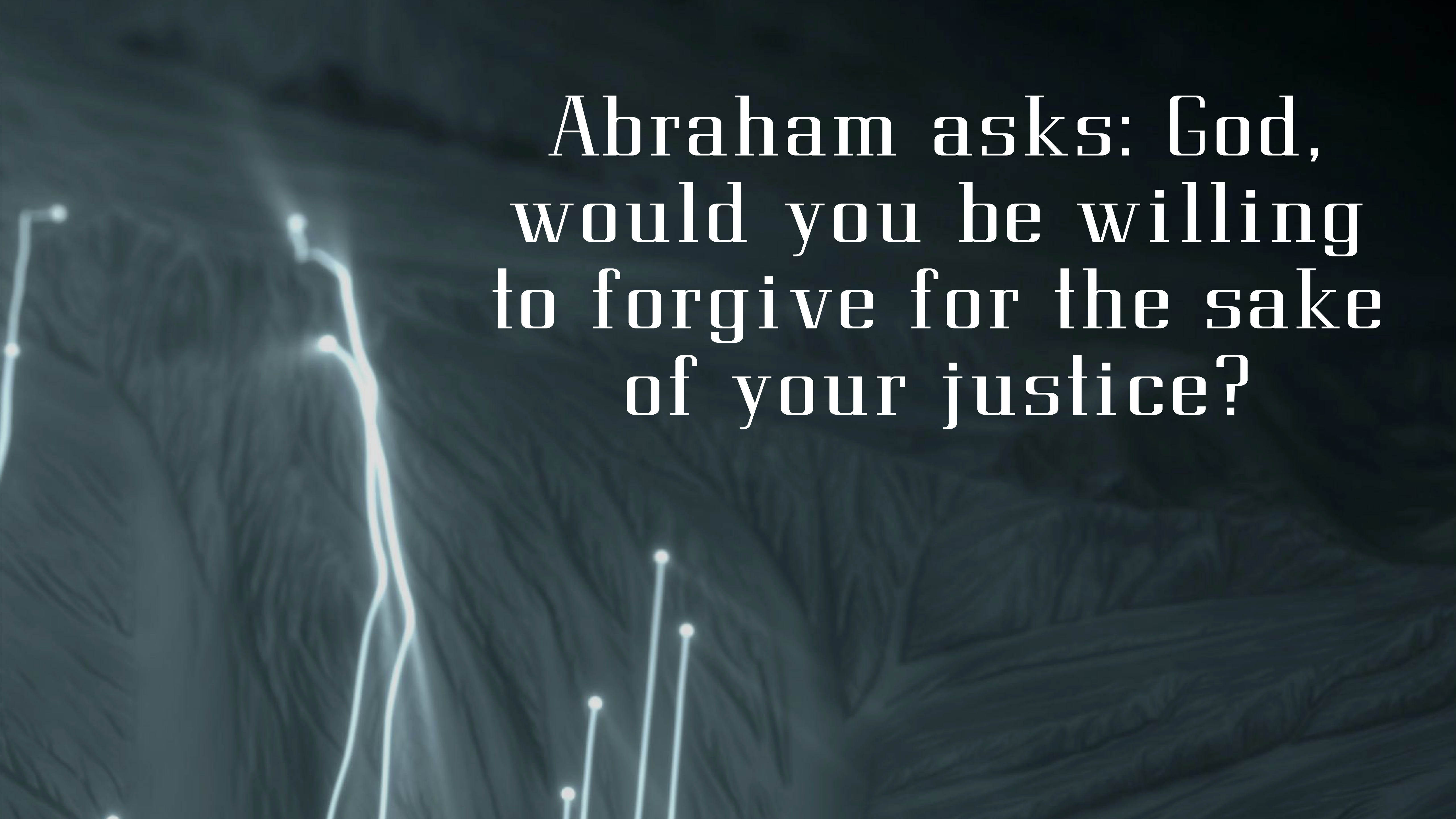
“Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing—to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?”

Genesis 18 : 23-25



“Will not the Judge of all the
earth do right?”

Genesis 18 : 25



Abraham asks: God,
would you be willing
to forgive for the sake
of your justice?

What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it?

Genesis 18 : 24

Once again he spoke to him, “What if only forty are found there?” He said, “For the sake of forty, I will not do it.” Then he said, “May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak. What if only thirty can be found there?” He answered, “I will not do it if I find thirty there.” Abraham said, “Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, what if only twenty can be found there?” He said, “For the sake of twenty, I will not destroy it.” Then he said, “May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak just once more. What if only ten can be found there?” He answered, “For the sake of ten, I will not destroy it.”

Genesis 18 : 29-32

When the Lord had finished
speaking with Abraham, he left,
and Abraham returned home.

Genesis 18 : 33

Abraham prayed for people who
could have hurt him

But Jesus prayed for people who
were killing him

Abraham stood outside the city
and risked his life for those for
whom he prayed.

Jesus Christ went into the city
and gave his life for those for
whom he prayed.

Abraham was representing these people but kept saying, God, don't judge me for doing it, but Jesus said, I am representing all the wickedness of all mankind for all time, and I will take the judgment.

Abraham stood as a priest for a people and discovered the principle that the righteousness of one can overcome the unrighteousness of another.

Jesus fulfills the principle because he is the righteous one.