

Evil Judged (Genesis 19)

Abraham: Hearing God's Call – Part 8

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1 Corinthians 10:11 (ESV) Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come.

Jude 1:7 (ESV) just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which likewise indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desire, serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire.

1. Avoid _____ with sin

Genesis 19:1 (ESV) The two angels came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw them, he rose to meet them and bowed himself with his face to the earth.

2 Peter 2:7 (ESV) and if he rescued righteous Lot, greatly distressed by the sensual conduct of the wicked

2. Recognize the _____ of Sodom

Genesis 19:4-5 (NIV2011) Before they had gone to bed, all the men from every part of the city of Sodom—both young and old—surrounded the house. They called to Lot, “Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us so that we can have sex with them.”

Genesis 19:7-8a (ESV) and said, “I beg you, my brothers, do not act so wickedly. Behold, I have two daughters who have not known any man. Let me bring them out to you, and do to them as you please.

Genesis 19:9 (ESV) But they said, “Stand back!” And they said, “This fellow came to sojourn, and he has become the judge! Now we will deal worse with you than with them.” Then they pressed hard against the man Lot, and drew near to break the door down.

3. God desires to _____ people

Genesis 19:13-14 (ESV) For we are about to destroy this place, because the outcry against its people has become great before the LORD, and the LORD has sent us to destroy it.” So Lot went out and said to his sons-in-law, who were to marry his daughters, “Up! Get out of this place, for the LORD is about to destroy the city.” But he seemed to his sons-in-law to be jesting.

Genesis 19:15-16 (ESV) As morning dawned, the angels urged Lot, saying, “Up! Take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you be swept away in the punishment of the city.” But he lingered. So the men seized him and his wife and his two daughters by the hand, the LORD being merciful to him, and they brought him out and set him outside the city.

4. God will _____ the wicked

Genesis 19:24-25 (ESV) Then the LORD rained on Sodom and Gomorrah sulfur and fire from the LORD out of heaven. And he overthrew those cities, and all the valley, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground.

Genesis 19:26 (ESV) But Lot's wife, behind him, looked back, and she became a pillar of salt.

Genesis 19:29 (ESV) So it was that, when God destroyed the cities of the valley, God remembered Abraham and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow when he overthrew the cities in which Lot had lived.

Action Plan for This Week

- Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading & prayer.
 - Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun
 - Invite a friend for our series **Abraham: Hearing God's Call** next Sunday.
 - How will I obey God's Word this week? _____
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Intro. What are God's purposes for Old Testament stories, such as the story of Abraham (1 Corinthians 10:11)?

What does Jude 1:7 tell us about the purpose of the story of Sodom in Genesis 19?

Why is it frowned on in today's culture to call on sinners to repent? What does the Bible teach (Mark 1:14-15, Acts 2:38, Acts 17:30)?

- 1A. In what ways may Lot have compromised with the sin of Sodom to become a city leader (Genesis 19:1)?
- 1B. What does 2 Peter 2:6-10 tell us about the examples of Lot and Sodom?
- 1C. How are we tempted in our culture to compromise with sexual sin? What are the consequences?
- 2A. How does Genesis 19:4-5 indicate the total depravity of Sodom?

- 2B. What is troubling about Lot's response to the men of Sodom (Genesis 19:7-8)?
- 2C. In what ways is the wickedness of the men of Sodom emphasized by their response to Lot (Genesis 19:9)?
- 2D. Why do you think that homosexuals today insist that their lifestyle be celebrated? What should the Christian response be?
- 3A. Why do you think that Lot's future sons-in-law thought he was joking when he warned them about Sodom being destroyed (Genesis 19:13-14)? How is a similar attitude seen today?
- 3B. What does Lot's lingering in Sodom tell you about him (Genesis 19:15-16)?
- 3C. How is God merciful to people today as He was with Lot?
- 4A. Why was Lot's wife destroyed (Genesis 24-26, Luke 17:28-32)?
- 4B. Why did God rescue Lot (Genesis 19:29, 18:32)?
- 4C. How can this story encourage you to rescue people addicted to sin?