

WHEN JUDGMENT FINALLY COMES | GENESIS 19 | PASTOR MARK BOFILL | 8/27/2023

I. Reason (1-9) | II. Rescuing (10-22) | Reality (23-29) | IV. Ramifications (30-38)

INTRO: Last week we learned of Abraham, who was *'A Friend of God,'* but now we will learn what happens when believers choose to become *'A Friend of the World.'* – (1 John 2:17) *The world is passing away, and the lust of it, but He who does the will of God abides ...FOREVER!* In Genesis 19, we'll learn what happens **When Judgment Finally Comes.** 4 points to consider...

I. REASON FOR JUDGMENT (1-9) – God is not only a God of Love, Grace and Mercy, but a **God of Justice!** And **God wouldn't be a Good God** if He did NOT judge evil and evildoers! God does not take pleasure in this, but **WITHOLDS JUDGMENT** until the last possible moment...

A. Weighed By Angels (1-3) – The two angels were sent by the Lord to ASSESS the city, to find if even **10 righteous** could be found (**18:32**). They arrived at dusk...

1. Lot **INTERCEPTS** the two Angels (1) – As the two angels arrived, *Lot was sitting in the gate of the city* (a place of Prominence – expound.) He greeted them with respect and...

2. Lot **INVITES** the men to lodge at his home (2) – But notice that he attempts to hurry them away! (Perhaps these two had some holy characteristic that was visibly evident, b/c he knew they were different than the city's inhabitants). Lot's awareness of the city conditions prompted him...

3. Lot was **INSISTENT, so they stayed** (3) – Noticed that he prepared 'unleavened bread.' (fig. *as if there was no sin!*) But notice that only he served them! (No wife or no servants to assist!)

B. Wicked Citizens (4-5) – Just before settling down, Lot's house was surrounded by a large **Lustful Mob of Wicked Men.** *Without hesitation they stated their sinful intentions...Where are the men? Bring them out...that we may KNOW them.* (Not for a cup of tea, but carnally!)

1. Homosexual Behavior is prohibited throughout scripture, mentioned in both the OT and the NT, (**Lev 18:22; 20:13; Rom 1:27, 1 Cor 6:9; 1 Tim 1:10**).

2. The Premise of this chapter reveals that **Judgment will Eventually Come From God** against all wickedness, as communicated in (**tt. Rom 1:18-32**). *Rejection of God leads to...*

C. Warped Morals (6-9) – Both Lot and the Men of the City were infected by ramped immorality. For one thing, he identified with the lustful mob as **"Brethren"** (7).

1. **Lot's response (8)** was contradictory to Righteous discernment, whose resolve was just as wicked of a decision as the intention of the lustful mob! *He was truly vexed by his surroundings, and this predicament revealed such* (2 Pet 2:8), *"...tormented his righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing their lawless deeds."*

2. **Lot was a carnal believer**, whose embraced the pleasures of the world. His compromise led to a **Weakened Witness.** (Without Holiness, Righteous standards mean to nothing the ungodly!)

Lot became desensitized to his surroundings and accustomed to perversion! He had to be...

II. RESCUING FROM JUDGMENT (10-22) – Where does true deliverance come from?

A. Lot Protected (10-11) – The carnal rescuer had to be rescued! Perhaps Lot now understood who these men were... Angels!

- **Note the INTENSE lust of the mob.** *They persisted* even after being struck with blindness and confusion. (*Blurriness?*) Fleshly lust was their dominating drive, which **desensitized** them. – (Num 11:4; Gal 5:17) labels this as **“Intense Cravings!”** – David later spoke of *Israel’s Lust in the desert*, **“But [they] lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tested God in the desert. And He gave them their request but sent leanness into their soul.”** (Psalm 106:14-15)

B. Lot’s Pleading (12-14) –The men (*angels*) now make clear that their mission is a GO!

1. **Deliverance** was offered to Lot’s family (12) – (2 Pet 2:7-9) tells us that *“the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations...”* **RIGHTEOUS LOT!** (“R” is Imputed solely by faith in God!), but when wickedness is preferred, then **judgment will finally come!**
2. **Destruction** was determined as the outcry of wickedness was confirmed (13-14) – Lot’s witness at home was even worse than his public witness! His compromise as a father forfeited his authority to lead his family to safety. His testimony seemed a joke!

C. Lot’s Procrastination (15-17) – **Hurry!** It was not only difficult to get **Lot out of Sodom**, but **Sodom out of his FAMILY**. – (v. 16) says that he **“Lingered!”** **He hesitated to obey!** – The Angels had to **PERSUADE** Lot to leave (17). One would think that Lot was an unbeliever at this point...**It seems as if his heart was fixed on Sodom?**

1. **The Angels had to forcibly hurry Lot** because he delayed his departure. Perhaps he was waiting for his married daughters and sons-in-law to arrive.
2. **The Angels actions were prompted by God’ mercy**, which may have been triggered by Abraham’s intercession for the righteous in the city.
3. **The Angels gave Lot specific instructions to escape:** **1)** It was for their lives. **2)** They were not to look back. **3)** They were to go to the Mtns. – If they disobeyed ANY of these, **they would be destroyed!** P/A – **“Escape to the Mountains,”** God often calls his people to **MTN-TOP experiences**, but too often we settle for less, thinking that we can do better!

Called to the Mountains		
Abraham	Mt. Moriah	Mount of Devotion
Israelites	Mt. Sinai	Mount of Instruction
Moses	Mt. Pigsah	Mount of Vision
Elijah	Mt. Carmel	Mount of Passion
Peter, James, & John	Mt. Hermon	Mount or Transfiguration
He calls us to death...	Mt. Calvary	Mount or Crucifixion

P/A – With every decision that he made; **Lot’s carnality presumably overpowered his spirituality! He was in the worst of all possible places.** *He had too much of the world to be happy in the LORD, and too much of the LORD to be happy in the world. **This is what a Carnal Christian looks like!*** – Church, the day is at hand... We do not have any time left... It is time for Christians to Awake to righteousness, and “Put on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no provision to fulfill the lust of the flesh.” (Rom 13:14)

D. Lot’s Petition (18-22) – First Lot lingered, **Now He Begg!** **His petition was motivated by FEAR!** (*Excuses... as to why he could not obey divine instructions – When God provides divine instructions, do you make excuses? Are you a Lingerer Lot? – Beware!*) – Yet, the Lord showed favor still **(22-23)**

P/A – **God wants to RESCUE US FROM JUDGMENT!** This hope is offered in **(Rom 5:6,9)** *“When we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly...⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, **we shall be saved from wrath through Him.**”*