

God Rescues Lot

19:1 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 and said, “My lords, please turn aside to your servant's house and spend the night and wash your feet. Then you may rise up early and go on your way.” They said, “No; we will spend the night in the town square.”

- Two angels – Last chapter, they were called men ([Genesis 18:22](#))
 - The LORD stayed back and spoke with Abraham. The two went to Sodom
- in the evening – They met with Abraham early afternoon.
- in the gate – **This guy!** The gate was the city hall.
 - He first pointed his tent **toward** Sodom ([Genesis 13:8-12](#))
 - He was then dwelling **in** Sodom ([Genesis 14:12](#))
 - He was probably a hero in Sodom because of his uncle ([Genesis 14](#))
 - Now he is in the Gate as a ruler/judge/official

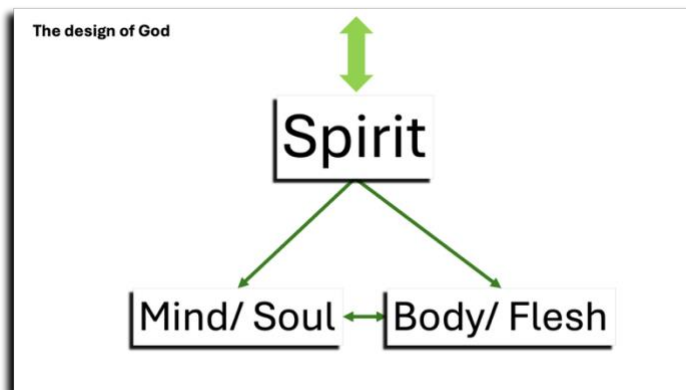
³ But he pressed them strongly; so they turned aside to him and entered his house. And he made them a feast and baked unleavened bread, and they ate.

- He pressed them –
 - I slept in the car in **South Philly**, and my friend was upset with me!
 - Carpenter & Chadwick St was very dangerous at night.
 - **Lot** was in the mess of Sodom, and he knew its dark side!

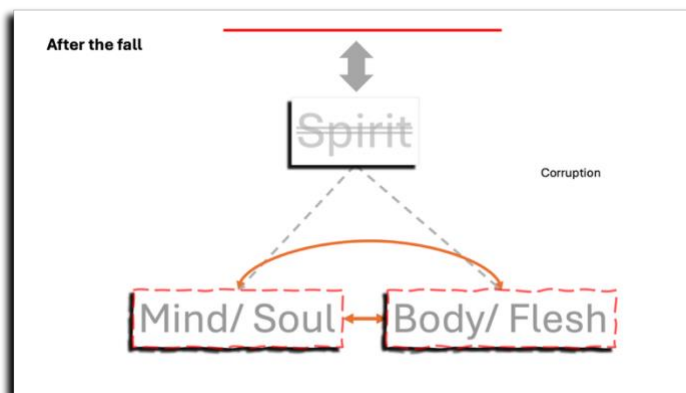
⁴ But before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both young and old, all the people to the last man, surrounded the house. ⁵ And they called to Lot, “Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us, that we may know them.” ⁶ Lot went out to the men at the entrance, shut the door after him, ⁷ and said, “I beg you, my brothers, do not act so wickedly.

- we may know them.” – **Corrupted humanity** with **ungodly, uncontrolled** passions is a very destructive combination.

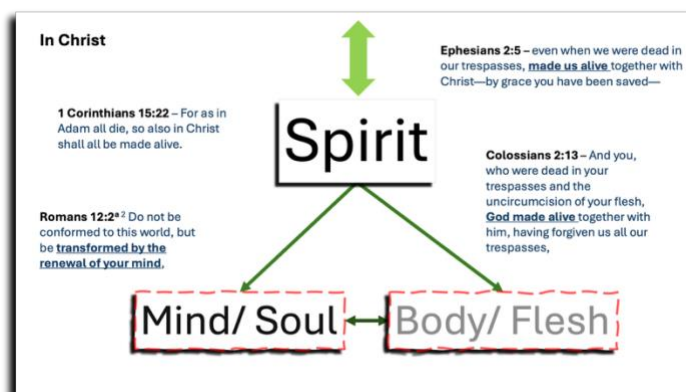
- **Corrupted humanity** – **Sin** has ruined the design God originally produced
 - **corruption** /kə-rüp'shən/ – The act of changing, or of being changed, for the worse; departure from what is pure, simple, or correct.



- **Spirit/ [Mind/soul]/ body**
 - Spirit – How we worship/communicate with God
 - Soul– who we are [unseen], the “heart” Seat/deepest part
 - There is a difference between Spirit and soul: [Hebrews 4:12](#) – ¹² For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to **the division of soul and of spirit**, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.
 - Body– how we interact with the physical world

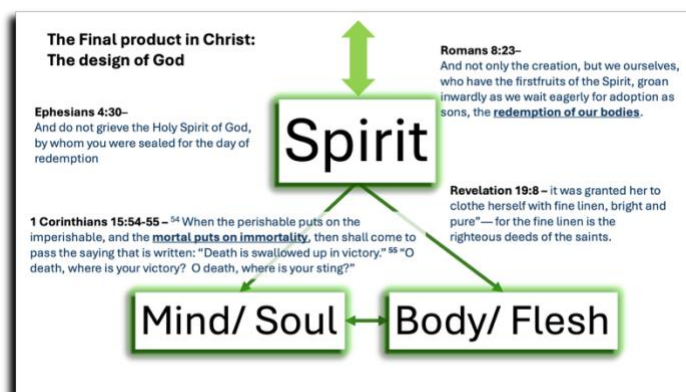


- **Corrupted**– majority of people on earth
 - Spirit is dead, mind and body are corrupted/dead the source of life
 - As time passes, our corrupted bodies finally fail due to a lack of God and repair.



- **In Christ– now**

- [1 Corinthians 15:22](#) – For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be **made alive**.
- [Ephesians 2:5](#) -even when we were dead in our trespasses, **made us alive** together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—
- [Colossians 2:13](#) – And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, **God made alive** together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses,



- **Final Product of God**

- **Ungodly** – Mankind’s fallen status tends toward evil, not toward God
- **Uncontrolled passions** – Since man is corrupted, he now has ungodly tendencies and desires
- Wickedness never leads to righteousness. It always compounds and gets worse.



- Flood/ Babylon/ Sodom
 - We see God's judgment
- "my brothers" – Lot is completely mistaken, and compromised

⁸ 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. Only do nothing to these men, for they have come under the shelter of my roof.⁹ 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.

- do to them as you please – What kind of protector is he?
- shelter of my roof. – Culturally, no harm was to befall any visitor to your house (Even today)
- "This fellow" – Lot is no longer the loved nephew of their savior (Abram)
 - Resentment and recognition of differences kick in
 - People will tolerate you until you call things the way God sees them [Right/ wrong]
 - How many so-called "friends" are still with you after you came to Christ?
 - Perhaps you have not yet called things the way God sees them?
 - There will be a point of testing where you will have to either compromise (away from God) or call it how **He** sees it (draw closer to Him). That will happen if it has not yet.

¹⁰ But the men reached out their hands and brought Lot into the house with them and shut the door. ¹¹ And they struck with blindness the men who were at the entrance of the house, both small and great, so that they wore themselves out groping for the door.

- Notice: Compare Abraham's generous and welcoming hospitality with Sodom's cruel and wicked treatment of strangers.
- The men – they are also called angels, [verse 1](#)
- Blindness – 1st use.
 - A condition where one cannot see!
 - Physical and Spiritual
 - [John 9](#) is a great example of both



- groping for the door – they are still trying to get to the men.

¹² Then the men said to Lot, “Have you anyone else here? Sons-in-law, sons, daughters, or anyone you have in the city, bring them out of the place. ¹³ 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.” ¹⁴ 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.

- we are – We will see the actual fire comes from God in Heaven, but they are part of His operation
- ...the outcry – Did Lot cry out to God against the things happening?
 - God hears, God sees. Even those who we might not see as perfect in their walk.
- Seemed...to be jesting – Lot’s witness was a joke! It was so weak that he wasn’t believed when he spoke about spiritual things
 - People should never think we are joking when we speak about what God has said.
 - If our lives are not serious about God, people won’t take us seriously.
 - Did Lot have faith but kept it to himself all this time?
 - To compromise, to fit in, to not make waves?
 - I had someone tell me many years after high School that they never knew I was a believer. That hurt.

¹⁵ 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.” ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ And as they brought them out, one said, “Escape for your life. Do not look back or stop anywhere in the valley. Escape to the hills, lest you be swept away.”

- **Seized** – **grabbed**, forcefully taken.
- set him outside the city
 - ἀρπάζω – harpázō – har-pad'-zo: to seize, carry off by force; to seize on, claim for one's self eagerly; to snatch out or away
 - 1 Thessalonians 4:17 – ¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who are left, will be **caught up** together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.
- **Mercy** is not getting what we deserve, and **Grace** is getting what we do not deserve

¹⁸ And Lot said to them, “Oh, no, my lords. ¹⁹ Behold, your servant has found favor in your sight, and you have shown me great kindness in saving my life. But I cannot escape to the hills, lest the disaster overtake me and I die. ²⁰ Behold, this city is near enough to flee to, and it is a little one. Let me escape there—is it not a little one?—and my life will be saved!” ²¹ He said to him, “Behold, I grant you this favor also, that I will not overthrow the city of which you have spoken. ^{~22} Escape there quickly, for I can do nothing till you arrive there.” Therefore the name of the city was called **Zoar**.

- I can do nothing till you arrive there – The wrath can not come down until Lot is clear.
- **Zoar** – means small/ insignificant.
 - It is notable that Lot is now willing to settle for an insignificant city in contrast to his original choice.

God Destroys Sodom

²³ The sun had risen on the earth when Lot came to Zoar. ²⁴ Then the LORD rained on Sodom and Gomorrah sulfur and fire from the LORD out of heaven. ²⁵ And he overthrew those cities, and all the valley, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground. ²⁶ But Lot's wife, behind him, looked back, and she became a pillar of salt.



- LORD out of heaven – The Angel called in the coordinates, but the LORD pulled the trigger
- **Fire from Heaven**
 - [Job 1:16](#) – While he was yet speaking, there came another and said, “The **fire** of God fell **from heaven** and burned up the sheep and the servants and consumed them, and I alone have escaped to tell you.”
 - [1 Chronicles 21:26](#) – And **David** built there an altar to the Lord and presented burnt offerings and peace offerings and called on the Lord, and the Lord answered him with **fire from heaven** upon the altar of burnt offering.
 - [2 Chronicles 7:1](#) – As soon as **Solomon** finished his prayer, **fire** came down **from heaven** and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the Lord filled the temple.
 - **Elijah** and the showdown: [1 Kings 18:38](#) –³⁸ Then the **fire of the Lord** fell and consumed the burnt offering and the wood and the stones and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.
 - [2 Kings 1:12](#) – But Elijah answered them, “If I am a man of God, let **fire** come down **from heaven** and consume you and your fifty.” Then the **fire** of God came down **from heaven** and consumed him and his fifty.
 - The last time [Revelation 20:7-10](#) –⁷ And when the thousand years are ended, Satan will be released from his prison⁸ and will come out to deceive the nations that are at the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them for battle; their number is like the sand of the sea.⁹ And they marched up over the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, but **fire came down from heaven** and consumed them,¹⁰ and the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.
- looked back – She was outside of Sodom but her heart was back with the city.
 - It’s more than a glance back; it is a longing, going back in her heart.
 - She wanted to keep her sinful way of life, friends, and culture.
 - This is all passing away!

²⁷ And Abraham went early in the morning to the place where he had stood before

the Lord. ²⁸ And he looked down toward Sodom and Gomorrah and toward all the land of the valley, and he looked and, behold, the smoke of the land went up like the smoke of a furnace.



- smoke of a furnace
 - [Revelation 9:1-3](#) – 5th trumpet, key to the abyss
- This is not the final judgment on Sodom. This was just the discontinuing of them and their sin at that location.
 - They still have a **future judgment coming** ([Matthew 11:23-24](#)) – ²³ **And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You will be brought down to Hades. For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. ²⁴ But I tell you that it will be more tolerable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom than for you.”**
 - Capernaum had the very image of God witnessing to them!
 - How much more should we be praying for our neighbors and unsaved family who have the gospel all over the Western world, yet still reject it?
 - A worse judgment awaits those rejecting Christ.
 - Peter and Jude also point out that this story serves as an example
 - [2 Peter 2:6](#) – if by turning the cities of **Sodom** and **Gomorrah** to ashes he condemned them to extinction, making them **an example** of what is going to happen to the ungodly;
 - [Jude 1:7](#) – 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.
 - The same was about to happen to [Nineveh before Jonah](#) preached to them.
 - They repented! They were spared.

²⁹ 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.

- God remembered Abraham – God is rich in mercy.
 - He remembered the Man of God’s intercession for the righteous.
 - The **Spirit and the Son intercede** for us – [Romans 8:26-27;34](#)
 - [Ephesians 2:4-6](#) – ⁴ But God, being **rich in mercy**, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been



saved—⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

- Lot was saved, but lost all his wealth, prestige, honor, and everything he was attracted to in this life; everything was burnt up.
 - It was a fateful decision to leave Abram and take the valley of the plain. Back in Gen 13
- Jesus references **Lot** & this day
 - Luke 17:28-29 – ²⁸ Likewise, just as it was in the days of **Lot**—they were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building, ²⁹ but on the day when Lot went out from Sodom, fire and sulfur rained from heaven and destroyed them all—³⁰ so will it be on the day when the Son of Man is revealed.
 - Luke 17:32-33 – ³² Remember **Lot's wife**. ³³ Whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will keep it.

³⁰ Now Lot went up out of Zoar and lived in the hills with his two daughters, for he was afraid to live in Zoar. So he lived in a cave with his two daughters. ³¹ And the firstborn said to the younger, “Our father is old, and there is not a man on earth to come in to us after the manner of all the earth. ³² Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve offspring from our father.”

- he was afraid to live in Zoar
 - Was it because he thought the LORD would destroy them also?
 - Were the people of Zoar giving him the side eye since he was the only survivor from Sodom?

³³ So they made their father drink wine that night. And the firstborn went in and lay with her father. He did not know when she lay down or when she arose.

³⁴ The next day, the firstborn said to the younger, “Behold, I lay last night with my father. Let us make him drink wine tonight also. Then you go in and lie with him, that we may preserve offspring from our father.” ³⁵ So they made their father drink wine that night also. And the younger arose and lay with him, and he did not know when she lay down or when she arose.



³⁶ Thus both the daughters of Lot became pregnant by their father. ³⁷ The firstborn bore a son and called his name Moab. He is the father of the Moabites to this day. ³⁸ The younger also bore a son and called his name Ben-ammi. He is the father of the Ammonites to this day.

- **Look at how the NT describes Lot:** [2 Peter 2:6-8](#) – ⁶ if by turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to ashes he condemned them to extinction, making them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly; ⁷ and if he rescued **righteous Lot**, greatly distressed by the sensual conduct of the wicked ⁸ (for as **that righteous man** lived among them day after day, he was tormenting his righteous soul over their lawless deeds that he saw and heard);
- Is it possible that the “Outcry” against Sodom to the Lord came from Lot?
 - **“That righteous man”** The NT description of him!
 - ([Genesis 18:21](#)) ²¹ I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the **outcry** that has come to me. And if not, I will know.”

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The LORD bless you and keep you;
 the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
 the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

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