

Escaping the Corruption of this World

Text: Genesis 19

Context - After Abraham's prayer to save the righteous people of Sodom and Gomorrah from destruction in Genesis 18, Genesis 19 recounts the dramatic destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah due to their wickedness, as God spares Lot and his family while delivering judgment on the sinful cities.

To escape the corruption of this world...

I. _____ the Worldly Compromises (vs. 1-14)

- A. Lot compromised his beliefs when he chose to live among the people of Sodom. Christians today are struggling with compromise with the culture.
- B. While many modern commentaries will downplay the homosexuality of Sodom and call its greatest sin a "lack of hospitality" or "neglecting the poor" (see Ezekiel 16:49) passages in the New Testament clearly link the destruction of Sodom to its sexual immorality. (Jude 7, 1 Peter 2:7-8)

II. _____ the Warnings Completely (vs. 15-29)

- A. Lot lingers (vs. 15), and argues with the angels on where to be placed (vs. 18-22). Lot's wife looks back, turning into a pillar of salt (vs. 26).
- B. The pouring out of fire and brimstone onto Sodom vividly demonstrates God's righteous wrath against sin, his mercy in rescuing the godly from destruction, and the certainty of the final judgment to come (See 2 Peter 2:4-10). (ESV Study Bible)

III. _____ the Wicked Consequences (vs. 30-36)

- A. "The immoral philosophy of Sodom and Gomorrah had so corrupted the thinking of Lot's daughters that they unhesitatingly contrived to be impregnated by their own father!" (John MacArthur) The greater story of Sodom is one of the failed discipleship of Lot and an accommodation to the culture - with disastrous consequences.
- B. The incestuous progeny became the fathers of the Ammonites (of which modern city of Amman, Jordan is named) and the Moabites (who dwelled in southern Jordan). Both peoples became enemies of Israel throughout the Old Testament.