

## January 10th – The Sins of Sodom & Gomorrah

*“And they called to Lot and said to him, ‘Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us that we may know them carnally.’” (Gen. 19:5)*

Sodom & Gomorrah were ancient cities that came to God’s attention because of their rampant wickedness. In today’s verses, their wickedness was on full display, culminating with the men of the city desiring to have homosexual relations with the angelic visitors that came to stay with Lot. Lot begged the men of the city not to act so wickedly, but they would not be deterred. They nearly beat down Lot’s door in their attempts to violate Lot’s visitors.

Through 4 millennia of Jewish history and 2 millennia of Christian history, virtually no one within those faith communities attempted to justify homosexual behavior. Disciples within both groups would point to passages such as the one we’re considering today as evidence that homosexuality is a lifestyle that is displeasing to the Lord. Fast forward to the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Not only is the culture advocating for the homosexual lifestyle, but those who claim to know Christ even argue that it is not unbiblical.

Some claim that Sodom’s sin was not homosexuality, but rather inhospitality. While Sodom was certainly guilty of many sins (Eze. 16:49), the culmination of her sins was that they “committed abomination before Me” (Eze. 16:50). What was that abomination? Jude says they were given over to “sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh” (Jude 7). Sodom and Gomorrah’s primary sin was sexual immorality, and for it they were destroyed. America needs to pay close attention!