

Part 11 – Lot's Lot In Life

The Life of Abraham Series

Genesis 19

Genesis 19:1 And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing *them* rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground;

2 And he said, Behold now, my lords, turn in, I pray you, into your servant's house, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early, and go on your ways. And they said, Nay; but we will abide in the street all night.

3 And he pressed upon them greatly; and they turned in unto him and entered into his house; and he made them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread, and they did eat.

4 But before they lay down, the men of the city, even the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter:

5 And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where *are* the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them.

6 And Lot went out at the door unto them, and shut the door after him,

7 And said, I pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly.

8 Behold now, I have two daughters which have not known man; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as *is* good in your eyes: only unto these men do nothing; for therefore came they under the shadow of my roof.

9 And they said, Stand back. And they said *again*, This one *fellow* came in, to sojourn, and he will needs be a judge: now will we deal worse with thee, than with them. And they pressed sore upon the man, even Lot, and came near to break the door.

10 But the men put forth their hand, and pulled Lot into the house to them, and shut to the door.

11 And they smote the men that *were* at the door of the house with blindness, both small and great: so that they wearied themselves to find the door.

- Lot's story saddens me greatly.
 - Having two daughters that he was willing to offer up to the wickedness of Sodom in order to protect these angels is baffling.

- Lot obviously recognized these two individuals the moment he saw them.
- I'm not sure why, maybe they looked different or maybe it is as simple as Lot's righteous spirit recognized they were on both planes of existence, physical and spiritual.
- Or maybe he had seen them before when he lived with Uncle Abram, regardless, he recognized them.
- Then he pressed them hard to not be in the city but to come into his house.
- He knew what lived there in Sodom.
- He knew the wickedness that surrounded him and according to Peter's epistle, it vexed Lot's righteous soul.
 - **2Peter 2:7** And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked:
 - 8 (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed *his* righteous soul from day to day with *their* unlawful deeds;)
- Lot figured he needed to protect these angels from the people of the city and tried to on levels that he understood...again, sad.
- However, these angels were tapped into a power source that was on a different level.

- They were not at one time or one moment fearful for their safety or worried about their purity.
 - They were there to protect Lot...another thing that Lot hadn't come to realize.
 - These wicked souls of Sodom were violently pressing to have their ways with the two angels and now Lot, having felt judged by him.
 - So these angels grant the spiritually blind with physical blindness.
 - How sad that these depraved souls wore themselves out trying to go wickedness.
- We may feel that we have to protect the things of God and even at the expense of our families.
 - This is a gross misunderstanding of the power that God and the things of God possess.
 - God is my protection as well as my families.
 - If I would simply focus on Him, nothing will touch what is given to me from Him unless He allows it.
 - They will weary themselves to do as they will but will not succeed unless God has other plans
 - or I open the door and let the trouble in

12 And the men said unto Lot, Hast thou here any besides? son in law, and thy sons, and thy daughters, and

whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring *them* out of this place:

13 For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the LORD; and the LORD hath sent us to destroy it.

14 And Lot went out, and spake unto his sons in law, which married his daughters, and said, Up, get you out of this place; for the LORD will destroy this city. But he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons in law.

- Lot looked to the well-watered plains of Sodom & Gomorrah.
- Lot pitched his tent towards Sodom.
- Lot sat at the gate of Sodom.
- Now years have passed since Lot left Uncle Abram.
- Lot no longer is wealthy.
- Lot is a simple gate keeper in the world's most wicked place.
- Lot knows God but doesn't walk with Him.
- Lot's perspective was "better to let my two virgin daughters be raped than these two angels".
 - Now, as he pleads with his other two daughters and their husbands to heed the seriousness of the FACT that God was going to destroy this city,

- they laugh at him.
- They thought he was joking...they did not know God.
- They did not know God because Lot looked at the well-watered plains of Sodom and Gomorrah.
- Our choices always matter.
 - Just because we don't see when for a little while doesn't mean we won't.

15 And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which are here; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city.

16 And while he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; the LORD being merciful unto him: and they brought him forth and set him without the city.

- If ever God's mercy was on display for a wayward man and his family!
 - Why are we so reluctant to relinquish our sinful ways to go with The Way?!

- What a phrase I see as these angels grabbed the hands of Lot and his family to drag them away from the destruction of God's Wrath!
- "The LORD being merciful to him" moves my heart this morning...
- not for Lot, but for me!
- How many times have I lingered in some besetting sin which was vexing my righteous soul
- but God has brought a text from a friend or a song with spirit drawing lyrics...
- an angel as it were to drag my attention from its lingering state
- And fix it upon the Deliverance that is only found in Christ!?
- Lord, I praise You for Your Mercy to me, a sinner!!!

17 And it came to pass, when they had brought them forth abroad, that he said, Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed.

18 And Lot said unto them, Oh, not so, my Lord:

19 Behold now, thy servant hath found grace in thy sight, and thou hast magnified thy mercy, which thou hast shewed unto me in saving my life; and I cannot escape to the mountain, lest some evil take me, and I die:

20 Behold now, this city is near to flee unto, and it is a little one: Oh, let me escape thither, *(is it not a little one?)* and my soul shall live.

21 And he said unto him, See, I have accepted thee concerning this thing also, that I will not overthrow this city, for the which thou hast spoken.

22 Haste thee, escape thither; for I cannot do anything till thou become thither. Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar.

- Lot looked towards the well-watered plains of Sodom & Gomorrah...
 - Lot hasn't learned what faith is...
 - Lot looked towards Zoar, instead of just following the Lord's leading.
 - I'm not sure what he feared in the mountain other than harder living than what he was accustomed to...
 - but I do believe that the folks of Zoar recognized the Gate Keeper of Sodom as the only survivor...
 - folks fear what they don't understand or don't know and usually react in a self-defense mode...
 - so, I would imagine that the Zoar inhabitants were very threatened and threatening of and to Lot...

- so he went to the mountain.
 - Knowing what comes next with Lot's daughters,
 - I can deduce that just because you finally go where God wanted you to go, **doesn't mean you're obedient**
 - and without **obedience there cannot be the presence and protection of the Holy Spirit.**
 - **So, Why do we struggle to just take God at His Word?**
 - **Why do we struggle to obey His direction?**
 - **Why do we fail time and again when He mercifully delivers us from our own mess?**
 - **The Why is pretty simple...where are we looking?**
 - **Are we looking to what we feel is best for us?**
 - **Or...**
 - **Hebrews 12:1** Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, **let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us**, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,
- 2 Looking unto Jesus** the author and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

