

***An Expository
Study of the Book
of Genesis***



Chapter 19

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Key Message

Don't be like the people around you if you don't want to end up where they end up.

Genesis 19:1-14

***God warns His
people that He will
destroy their
world because of
their sin***

Genesis 19:1-3

*God sends His
messages to
the wicked
cities*

Genesis 19:1

Now the two angels came to Sodom in the evening as Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw *them*, he rose to meet them and bowed down *with his* face to the ground. And he said, “Now behold, my lords, please turn aside into your servant’s house, and spend the night, and wash your feet; then you may rise early and go on your way.” They said however, “No, but we shall spend the night in the square.” Yet he urged them strongly, so they turned aside to him and entered his house; and he prepared a feast for them, and baked unleavened bread, and they ate.

Angels...

- ...encounter Lot at the city gate. He had gained prominence in his community but what did he give in return?

Question

How is Lot's encounter with the angels different from Abrahams encounter (See Genesis 18:1 and 19:1)

Answer

Abraham was in the door of his tent in the heat of the day. Lot was in the city gate in the cool of the evening.

Lot strongly...

***...encourages the
visitors to spend
the night in his
home instead of in
the street. They
agreed***

Genesis 19:4-11

***The wicked seek
to corrupt God's
messengers.***

At first, there was...

***...a strong contrast
between Lot's
conduct and the
conduct of the town's
people but that
eventually changes***

Lot's actions...

...make him look like little more than a hypocrite. He was willing to sacrifice his own daughters.

In Lot's efforts...

...to become like those around him, he was rejected as a foreigner who passed moral judgment on their conduct.

Genesis 19:12-14

***God's
messengers
warn that
judgment is
coming.***

The messengers...

...relayed the message of coming destruction to Lot but he seemed to be joking when he relayed the message to his family.

Genesis 19:15-22

The believer's attraction and God's distaste for the alluring influence of the world

Genesis 19:15-16

***Worldly believers
forcibly
separated from
the allure of the
world.***



The angels urge...

***...the family to get
out of Sodom
quickly but the
mother hesitated.***

Key Observation

It is difficult to separate a believer from the world when he or she has lost sight of the fact that we are in the world but not of the world.

Genesis 19:17-22

*A worldly
believer gets a
concession from
God's
messengers*

Lot negotiated...

***...a city of refuge
for himself even
as God was giving
grace in his
escape.***

Key Observation

For worldly believers, no matter how much grace God gives, it is never enough.

Genesis 19:23-29

***God will preserve
the righteous
from the
destruction of
the world***

Genesis 19:23-26

*The Lord finally
destroys the
wicked in their
place*

God destroyed...

***...the wicked cities
of Sodom and
Gomorrah and
Lot's wife became
a monument of
disobedience.***

Genesis 19:27-29

*When the Lord
destroys the
wicked, He
remains faithful
to the righteous*

Observation

We should never underestimate the power of intercession. God remembered Abraham and spared Lot.

Genesis 19:30-38

***Those who grow
comfortable
among the
wicked my retain
their corruption***

Observation

This series of verses demonstrates that even after the destruction of Sodom, the mentality of Sodom remained

Lesson 1

As with the inhabitants of Sodom, God will one day judge wickedness and there will be no escape for those who are enemies.

Lesson 2

Believers who have too close an attachment for the world run the risk of sharing their fate.

Lesson 3

The blessings that we enjoy today may be the result of God's faithfulness to those who have gone before us.

Lesson 4

When a believer loves the world, it is easier to take them out of the world than it is to take the world out of them.