

"A Lot of Lessons for the Faithful"

10/13/24 Text: Genesis 19

1. The Carelessness of Compromise (vs. 1-11).

Lot's compromise and decision to live in Sodom led to a deeper entanglement in the city's sinfulness. Despite his discomfort with their wickedness, his lingering attachment left him unable to fully separate from the influence of Sodom.

2. The Cost of Compromise (vs. 12-22).

Lot's hesitation and the response of his family highlight the danger of lingering too long in sin. God's judgment is imminent, but His mercy is extended to those who turn to Him. Lot's fear and attachment to the comforts of Sodom reveal how sin can hold us back from fully trusting God's deliverance.

3. The Consequences of Compromise (vs. 23-38).

The destruction of Sodom illustrates God's righteous judgment against sin, while Lot's wife and daughters show the lingering effects of compromise. Lot's hesitation and his family's moral corruption led to a legacy of brokenness. The consequences of compromise are seen not only in the immediate destruction but also in the long-term effects on future generations.

Continual Repentance (The Valley of Vision)

O GOD OF GRACE, Thou hast imputed my sin to my substitute, and hast imputed his righteousness to my soul, clothing me with a bridegroom's robe, decking me with jewels of holiness.

But in my Christian walk I am still in rags; my best prayers are stained with sin; my penitential tears are so much impurity; my confessions of wrong are so many aggravations of sin; my receiving the Spirit is tinctured with selfishness.

I need to repent of my repentance; I need my tears to be washed; I have no robe to bring to cover my sins, no loom to weave my own righteousness; I am always standing clothed in filthy garments, and by grace am always receiving change of raiment, for thou dost always justify the ungodly;

I am always going into the far country, and always returning home as a prodigal, always saying, Father, forgive me, and thou art always bringing forth the best robe. Every morning let me wear it, every evening return in it, go out to the day's work in it, be married in it, be wound in death in it, stand before the great white throne in it, enter heaven in it shining as the sun.

Grant me never to lose sight of the exceeding sinfulness of sin, the exceeding righteousness of salvation, the exceeding glory of Christ, the exceeding beauty of holiness, the exceeding wonder of grace.

Application Questions: In what areas of your life might you be lingering or compromising with sin? What does the judgment of Sodom teach us about God's view of sin and the seriousness with which He deals it? How does Lot's hesitance to leave Sodom, and his wife's looking back, reflect our own attachments to the world? What might God be calling you to leave behind? How can we cultivate a heart focused on Christ rather than the world? How does the story of Lot's family reflect the influence of worldly values on our own homes? How can you safeguard your family from spiritual decay? How can Abraham's role as an intercessor inspire us to pray for those far from God? How can the mercy God showed to Lot encourage you to seek His grace even when you've made compromises in your faith?

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