

Lessons From Lot's Wife

Gen. 19:17-26



Genesis 19:17; 23-26

- 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...
- 23 The sun was risen upon the earth when Lot entered into Zoar.
- 24 Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven;
- 25 And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground.
- 26 But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.

Jesus Verifies This Old Testament Account...

- Modernists deny many Old Testament events:
 - The Creation (Gen. 1-2)
 - (Matt. 19:3-5; Mk. 10:7-9)
 - The Flood (Gen. 6-9)
 - (Lk. 17:27; Matt. 24:39)
 - Jonah and the great fish (Jonah 2)
 - (Matt. 12:38-41)
 - Jesus verifies every jot and title of the Old Testament. (Matt. 5:17-18; Jn. 10:35)

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- Gen. 13:13 → But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly.
- Gen. 18:20 → 20 And the LORD said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous;
- Gen. 19:5-8 → 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...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.
- Jude 7 → 7 Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

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- God's word condemns:
 - Rom. 1:24-28 → Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:
 - 25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.
 - 26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:
 - 27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet.
 - 28 And even as they did not like to retain God in [their] knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; (cf. 1 Cor. 6:9-11; II Pet. 2:6-7; I Tim. 1:9-11)

The Longsuffering Nature Of God...

- Genesis 13:13 → But the men of Sodom [were] wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly.
- God reveals his plan to Abraham and Abraham seeks to intercede. (Gen. 18:16-33)
 - God will spare the city if just 10 righteous people can be found.
 - Genesis 19:29 → God remembered Abraham.
- God has mercy on Lot and his family. (Gen. 19:15-16)
- The longsuffering nature of God:
 - I Pet. 3:20 → Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.
 - Rom. 2:4 → 4 Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?
 - II Pet. 3:9 → 9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Choices And Consequences

- Lot's choice to head toward Sodom. (Gen. 13:5-13)
- The choices we make:
 - Friends. (I Cor. 15:33; Prov. 1:10; II Sam. 13:3)
 - Selflessness or selfishness. (Lk. 12:19; Phil. 2:4)
 - Material or spiritual. (Matt. 6:19-20; Col. 3:5)
 - Family or the Lord. (Matt. 10:34-37)
 - Sin or righteousness. (Rom. 6:11-13)
 - Obedience or disobedience. (II Thess. 1:7-9)