

Lessons From Sodom And Gomorrah

Gen. 19:1-7



The Sin of Sodom and Gomorrah

- Homosexuality...
 - “...that we may know them” (KJV) cf. 4:1,17,25; 19:8
 - Perversion of God’s plan from the beginning. (Gen. 2:18-24; Heb. 13:4)
 - Condemned as sin in both Old and New Testaments:
 - Lev. 18:19-23
 - Lev. 20:10-16
 - Rom. 1:26-27
 - I Cor. 6:9-11
 - I Tim. 1:10

Leviticus 18:20-23

- 20 Moreover thou shalt not lie carnally with thy neighbor's wife, to defile thyself with her.
- 21 And thou shalt not let any of thy seed pass through the fire to Molech, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I am the LORD.
- 22 Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination.
- 23 Neither shalt thou lie with any beast to defile thyself therewith: neither shall any woman stand before a beast to lie down thereto: it is confusion.

Lev. 20:10-16

- ...13 If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them...
- 15 And if a man lie with a beast, he shall surely be put to death: and ye shall slay the beast.
- 16 And if a woman approach unto any beast, and lie down thereto, thou shalt kill the woman, and the beast: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.

Rom. 1:26-27

- ²⁶ For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature;
- ²⁷ and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error. (ESV)

1 Cor. 6:9-11

- 9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,
- 10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

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Some Arguments Answered

- “Love is love” – same argument is made by heterosexual fornicators, adulterers, pedophiles, etc. (Jn. 14:15)
- The sin of Sodom was not homosexuality, but inhospitality. (Gen. 13:13; 18:20; 19:8; Jude 7)
- Some are just born that way. (Rom. 1:25-27)
- Jesus never addressed the sin. (Matt. 15:19; 19:3-5; Luke 17:29)
- Have feelings or desires – does not justify acting on them. (Col. 3:5; Matt. 5:27-30)
- Acceptance by the majority. (Ex. 23:2)

The Righteous Will Always Be In The Minority

- Righteous Lot in Sodom. (Gen. 19:4; II Pet. 2:8)
- Time of the flood. (Gen. 7:23) → Noah only remained alive and they that were with him in the ark.
- The Israelites who entered into the land of Canaan. Only Joshua and Caleb of all over the age of 20 who left the land of Egypt . (Num. 14:26-30)
- In the judgment. (Matt. 22:14; 7:13-14)

Sinners Will Attack Those Who Expose and Reprove Sin For “Judging”

- Gen. 19:9 → “...and now he dares to judge us...” (NET)
 - The sinner’s favorite verse: Matt. 7:1.
 - Jesus is condemning superficial, hypocritical condemnation.
 - Not righteous judgment. (Jn. 7:24)
 - Not discerning and reproofing sinful deeds. (Phil. 1:9-10; Eph. 5:11)
 - Today, those who teach and defend the word of God:
 - Called names – Bible thumper, bigot, hater, homophobe, bully, ect.
 - Ostracized – excluded unless they cow tow to the homosexual agenda.
 - Persecuted – II Tim. 3:12 → “...all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.”
 - They were walking in darkness. (Gen. 19:11; Eph. 4:17-20)

Some View God's Word/Warnings As A Joke

- But he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons-in-law. (19:14)
- Typical of today's world that does not take the word of God seriously...
 - Sin (Isa. 59:1-2; Rom. 6:23; 3:23)
 - Death (Heb. 9:27)
 - Judgment (Rom. 14:12; II Cor. 5:10)
 - Eternity. (Matt. 25:46)
 - “And these shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal.”