

# Living in Sodom

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## Genesis 19:1-26 ESV

**1** The two angels came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw them, he rose to meet them and bowed himself with his face to the earth

**2** and said, "My lords, please turn aside to your servant's house and spend the night and wash your feet. Then you may rise up early and go on your way." They said, "No; we will spend the night in the town square."

**3** But he pressed them strongly; so they turned aside to him and entered his house. And he made them a feast and baked unleavened bread, and they ate.

- *Most will be blind to the truth of what God is doing and how He is moving, but the Holy Spirit will forewarn His children.*

*John 16:13 ESV*

*13* When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

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**4** But before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both young and old, all the people to the last man, surrounded the house.

**5** And they called to Lot, "Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us, that we may know them."

**6** Lot went out to the men at the entrance, shut the door after him,

**7** and said, "I beg you, my brothers, do not act so wickedly.

- *The Christian will increasingly be pressured to conform to the world.*
- *Filling our hearts and minds with the Word of God is our only hope.*

*Romans 12:2 ESV*

*2* Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

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**8** Behold, I have two daughters who have not known any man. Let me bring them out to you, and do to them as you please. Only do nothing to these men, for they have come under the shelter of my roof."

- *The Christian must always be on guard against becoming desensitized to sin, even heinous sins.*
- *If we are not careful, the sin that we see and hear every day can become, in our perception, so normal that they almost seem necessary.*
- desensitize - free (someone) from a phobia or neurosis by gradually exposing the person to the thing that is feared

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**9** But they said, "Stand back!" And they said, "This fellow came to sojourn, and he has become the judge! Now we will deal worse with you than with them." Then they pressed hard against the man Lot, and drew near to break the door down.

- *When the Christian stands for the Truth of God's Word, they will be hated and targeted by the world.*

*John 15:18-19 ESV*

*18 If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you.*

*19 If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.*

*John 3:19-20 ESV*

*19 And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.*

*20 For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.*

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**10** But the men reached out their hands and brought Lot into the house with them and shut the door.

**11** And they struck with blindness the men who were at the entrance of the house, both small and great, so that they wore themselves out groping for the door.

- *God will always provide a way of escape for His child - even during judgment - even when we are spiritually fumbling with the situation at hand.*

*Psalm 103:13-14 ESV*

*13 As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.*

*14 For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.*

*1 Corinthians 10:13 ESV*

*13 No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.*

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**12** Then the men said to Lot, "Have you anyone else here? Sons-in-law, sons, daughters, or anyone you have in the city, bring them out of the place.

**13** For we are about to destroy this place, because the outcry against its people has become great before the LORD, and the LORD has sent us to destroy it."

**14** So Lot went out and said to his sons-in-law, who were to marry his daughters, "Up! Get out of this place, for the LORD is about to destroy the city." But he seemed to his sons-in-law to be jesting.

- *The religious and the world will always mock the coming judgment - don't make the same mistake!*
- *Even those closest to you will think you are insane.*

2 Peter 3:1-7 ESV

1 *This is now the second letter that I am writing to you, beloved. In both of them I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder,*

2 *that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles,*

3 *knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires.*

4 *They will say, "Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation."*

5 *For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God,*

6 *and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished.*

7 *But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.*

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15 **As morning dawned, the angels urged Lot, saying, "Up! Take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you be swept away in the punishment of the city."**

16 **But he lingered. So the men seized him and his wife and his two daughters by the hand, the LORD being merciful to him, and they brought him out and set him outside the city.**

17 **And as they brought them out, one said, "Escape for your life. Do not look back or stop anywhere in the valley. Escape to the hills, lest you be swept away."**

18 **And Lot said to them, "Oh, no, my lords.**

19 **Behold, your servant has found favor in your sight, and you have shown me great kindness in saving my life. But I cannot escape to the hills, lest the disaster overtake me and I die.**

20 **Behold, this city is near enough to flee to, and it is a little one. Let me escape there—is it not a little one?—and my life will be saved!"**

21 **He said to him, "Behold, I grant you this favor also, that I will not overthrow the city of which you have spoken.**

22 **Escape there quickly, for I can do nothing till you arrive there." Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar.**

23 **The sun had risen on the earth when Lot came to Zoar.**

24 **Then the LORD rained on Sodom and Gomorrah sulfur and fire from the LORD out of heaven.**

25 **And he overthrew those cities, and all the valley, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground.**

26 **But Lot's wife, behind him, looked back, and she became a pillar of salt.**

- *See how longsuffering and patient God is, repeatedly, with Lot, and know He is just as longsuffering and patient with you!*

*Joel 2:13 ESV*

*13 Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.*

*Isaiah 30:18 NASB*

*18 Therefore the LORD longs to be gracious to you, And therefore He waits on high to have compassion on you. For the LORD is a God of justice; How blessed are all those who long for Him.*