

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

AUGUST 24, 2022

GENESIS 19:1-11

INTRODUCTION:

1. **Genesis 18.32:** *“And He said, ‘I will not destroy it for the sake of ten.’”*
 - a) Of all the inhabitants of the cities, there were only three who escaped. (Gen. 19.15,26)
 - b) Of the three, only Lot was ever called righteous. (2 Pet. 2.7,8)
2. During the night, the angels came to Sodom (Gen. 19.1). By the morning, Sodom and the surrounding cities were destroyed (Gen. 19.23-25).
3. It was the wickedness of these cities that brought the judgment of God upon them in the form of fire and brimstone. (Gen. 13.13; 18.20,23; 19.7)

I. BREAKING DOWN THE SCENE

- A. PREVENTION: Lot showed hospitality to the angels.
 1. **Genesis 19.1,2:** Lot invited the two two angels to stay with him.
 2. **Genesis 19.3:** Lot insisted strongly that they stay with him. (2 Pet. 2.7,8)
 3. **Genesis 19.3:** He made them a feast with unleavened bread. (Ex. 12.11; Deut. 16.2,3)
- B. PERVERSION: The men of Sodom attacked the house of Lot.
 1. The wickedness of the men of Sodom was widespread. (Gen. 19.4; cf. Gen. 18.32)
 2. The wickedness of the men of Sodom was blatant. (Gen. 19.5; cf. Isa. 3.9)
 3. The wickedness of the men of Sodom was aggressive. (Gen. 19.9,10)
 4. The wickedness of the men of Sodom was persistent. (Gen. 19.11)
- C. PROTECTION: Lot tried to protect his guests by appeasing Sodom’s aggression.
 1. **Genesis 19.6-8:** Lot offered his daughters to them.
 - a) How can Lot be considered righteous? (2 Pet. 2.7,8)
 - b) Righteous does not mean sinless. (Gen. 6.9; 9.20,21; 15.6; 2 Sam. 12.9; Acts 13.22)
 - c) God never showed approval of their sins, but praised their faith. (Heb. 11.7,8,31)
 2. **Genesis 19.9:** Lot judged their behavior as sinful.

II. HOW DOES GOD FEEL ABOUT SEXUAL IMMORALITY?

- A. The sin of Sodom and Gomorrah was sexual immorality.
 1. So clear and widely accepted was the sin of Sodom that the name of the city became synonymous with sexual perversion. (1 Cor. 6.9).
 2. In light of our current culture, the sin of Sodom has been revised and reinterpreted.
 - a) Was the sin of Sodom their intention to force themselves on the men?
 - b) Contextually, Lot’s actions show that they were not sexually immoral because it was non consensual but because of homosexuality. (Gen. 19.7)
 3. **Jude 7:** *“having given themselves over the sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh.”* Strange (hetero): Different. The idea is that it was unnatural. (Rom. 1.26,27)
- B. Sexual immorality was a common practice among the Canaanites.
 1. **Leviticus 18.19-30:** Repeatedly, God used words like *“defiled,” “abomination,”* and *“perversion”* to describe sexual sins.
 2. **Leviticus 20.23:** *“And you shall not walk in the statutes of the nation which I am casting out before you; for they commit all these things, and therefore I abhor them.”*