

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS

August 31, 2022

Genesis 19:12-29

Introduction:

1. After the angels came to Lot's home and were accosted by the wicked men of the city, the destruction of Sodom and the surrounding plain.
2. Though our culture has accepted homosexuality as normal, the Bible portrays it differently.
 - a) Wickedness (Heb: ra'a): Literally, *"this refers to...what is displeasing to God"* [Mounce]
 - b) Sinful (Heb: hat'ta): Missing the mark. Breaking God's commandments. (cf. 1 John 3.4).
 - c) Ungodly (Gk: asebin): Show a lack of respect. Sebin - "respect"; A - negative. (2 Pet. 2.6)
3. As a result of their wickedness, God punished the four cities.

I. ELEMENT OF EVANGELISM

- A. Others had the opportunity to be saved from the coming destruction.
 1. **Genesis 19.12:** *"Have you anyone else here...."* (Gen. 13.5-7; 14.16)
 2. **Genesis 19.14:** Lot spoke to his sons-in-law. (Gen. 18.25; Luke 17.27-29)
- B. We are to present the gospel giving others the opportunity to be saved.
 1. It begins with those who belong to us. (Acts 1.8; 10.24)
 2. Many will not believe. (2 Chr. 36.15,16; Isa. 5.12-14; Jer. 20.7-10; 2 Pet. 3.3-7)

II. ELEMENT OF URGENCY

- A. Lot was compelled to leave the city with much urgency.
 1. **Genesis 19.15:** *"the angels urged Lot to hurry."*
 2. **Genesis 19.16:** *"While he lingered, the men took hold of his hand..."*
 3. **Genesis 19.17:** *"escape for your life!"* This was a life and death situation.
- B. Is there an urgency to be saved today?
 1. When should you make yourself right with God? (2 Cor. 6.1,2; 2.14-17; Acts 22.16)
 2. Why? We do not know when He is coming! (Matt. 24.36-39,44; Luke 12.35-40)

III. ELEMENT OF MERCY

- A. Twice, Lot was shown mercy.
 1. **Genesis 19.16:** Though Lot delayed, God was merciful to him.
 2. **Genesis 19.18-21:** *"See, I have favored you concerning this thing also"*
 3. **Genesis 19.22:** God waited for Lot to leave before He destroyed the city.
- B. How is the mercy of God displayed toward us today? (Titus 3.5-7)
 1. God gives us time to come to Him. (1 Pet. 3.30; 2 Pet. 3.9,15; Rom. 2.4)
 2. God will not wait forever. (Rev. 2.21)

IV. ELEMENT OF JUDGMENT

- A. The judgment of God was swift and complete.
 1. **Genesis 19.23-25:** *"all the plain, all the inhabitants...and what grew on the ground"*
 2. **Genesis 19.26-29:** The judgment could be seen from a great distance.
- B. The final day of judgment will be swift and complete. (Jude 7)
 1. Who will be judged on that day? (Matt. 25.32; Acts 17.30,31; Rev. 20.11-13)
 2. The final day of judgment will be swift. (1 Cor. 15.52)
 3. That day will be worse for unbelievers than for Sodom? (Matt. 10.15; 11.23,24)