

GOD WILL DO WHAT IS RIGHT ~ Genesis 19:1-38

→ Scripture Reading Genesis 18 & 19 (selected verses)

INTRODUCTION

THE LORD...

- ...visits Abraham and EATS a meal with him
- ...ANNOUNCES Sarah will have a son
- ...REBUKES Sarah for her unbelief
- ...tells Abraham about the DESTRUCTION of Sodom and Gomorrah
- ...listens to Abraham's INTERCESSION for Sodom and Gomorrah

ANGELS VISIT TO LOT ~ Genesis 19:1-14 (Act 2 scene 1)

[1] The two angels arrived at Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gateway of the city. When he saw them, he got up to meet them and bowed down with his face to the ground. [2] "My lords," he said, "please turn aside to your servant's house. You can wash your feet and spend the night and then go on your way early in the morning." "No," they answered, "we will spend the night in the square." [3] But he insisted so strongly that they did go with him and entered his house. He prepared a meal for them, baking bread without yeast, and they ate ...[8] ...But don't do anything to these men, for they have come under the protection of my roof. ...[11] Then they struck the men who were at the door of the house, young and old, with blindness so that they could not find the door.

APPLICATION

COMPROMISE - to lower your values or standards

Lot's COMPROMISE

- moved his tents NEAR Sodom - 13:12
→ Map
- living IN Sodom - 14:12
- SITTING in the gate - 19:1

2 Peter 2:8 (HCS) (for as he lived among them, that righteous man tormented himself day by day with the lawless deeds he saw and heard)...

MOVING TOWARDS COMPROMISE

- listening to the APPEAL of worldly APPETITES
- indulging God given appetites in SINFUL ways
- ignoring God's WARNINGS
- EMBRACING ALL the cultural norms

ESCAPE AND DESTRUCTION ~ Genesis 18:15-29 (Act 2 scene 2)

[15] With the coming of dawn, the angels urged Lot, saying, "Hurry! Take your wife and your two daughters who are here, or you will be swept away when the city is punished." [16] When he hesitated, the men grasped his hand and the hands of his wife and of his two daughters and led them safely out of the city, for the LORD was merciful to them. [17] As soon as they had brought them out, one of them said, "Flee for your lives! Don't look back, and don't stop anywhere in the plain! Flee to the mountains or you will be swept away!" ...[22] But flee there quickly, because I cannot do anything until you reach it." ...[24] Then the LORD rained down burning sulfur on Sodom and Gomorrah - from the LORD out of the heavens. [25] Thus he overthrew those cities and the entire plain, including all those living in the cities - and also the vegetation in the land. [26] But Lot's wife looked back, and she became a pillar of salt. [27] Early the next morning Abraham got up and returned to the place where he had stood before the LORD. [28] He looked down toward Sodom and Gomorrah, toward all the land of the plain, and he saw dense smoke rising from the land, like smoke from a furnace. [29] So when God destroyed the cities of the plain, he remembered Abraham, and he brought Lot out of the catastrophe that overthrew the cities where Lot had lived.

→Map

Genesis 18:25 (NIV) Far be it from you to do such a thing- to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! **Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?"**

God RESCUED LOT - because - He is the Righteous Judge of all the earth

God DESTROYED Sodom and Gomorrah - because - He is the righteous judge of all the earth

APPLICATION

Susan Roland - Sometimes we fool ourselves by thinking people will know we are Christians and will want to know more about Jesus just because we are nice. (And we're not even always nice!) But, there are a lot of nice people that don't know Christ. As Francis Chan puts it, *"There has to be more to our faith than friendliness, politeness, and even kindness."*

2 Peter 2:6-8 (NIV) [7] and if he rescued Lot, a righteous man, who was distressed by the filthy lives of lawless men [8] (for that righteous man, living among them day after day, was tormented in his righteous soul by the lawless deeds he saw and heard)--

BEHAVIOR BELONGING TO SODOM ~ Genesis 19:30-38 (Act 2 scene 3)

[30] Lot and his two daughters left Zoar and settled in the mountains, for he was afraid to stay in Zoar. He and his two daughters lived in a cave. ...[36] So both of Lot's daughters became pregnant by their father. [37] The older daughter had a son, and she named him Moab; he is the father of the Moabites of today. [38] The younger daughter also had a son, and she named him Ben-Ammi; he is the father of the Ammonites of today.

TAKE AWAY ??

It was difficult to get Lot and his family out of Sodom; it was even MORE difficult to get Sodom out of Lot and his family. NLT Bible

1 John 2:15-17 (ESV) **Do not love the world or the things in the world.** If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. [16] For ALL that is in the world - the DESIRES of the FLESH and the DESIRES of the EYES and PRIDE in POSSESSIONS - **is NOT from the Father but is from the world.** [17] And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.