

**Leaving Sodom
and Gomorrah**
Genesis 19

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Leaving Sodom and Gomorrah

Heavenly Father,

As we come to Your Word, we ask for clarity of heart and honesty of spirit. This chapter is sobering, and we need Your wisdom to understand it rightly. Guard us from compromise, teach us to hate sin as You do, and help us to live in a way that honors You. May we learn not only from Abraham's faith, but also from Lot's failure.

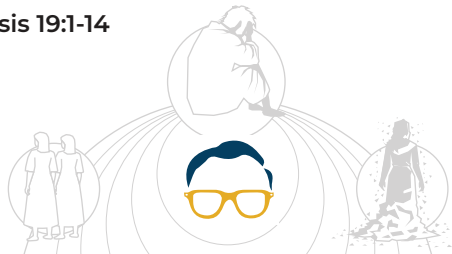
In Jesus' name, Amen.



Lot in Sodom - A Compromised Position



Genesis 19:1-14



"There is many a man today who may be a saved man, but due to his lifestyle or where he lives, he loses his family, his influence, and his testimony."

- Dr. J. Vernon McGee

As evening falls over the city of Sodom, **two angels arrive** at its gate. Lot is sitting there, not as a visitor, but **as a man who has settled** into the life of the city.

The gate was a **place of politics and authority**, a place where decisions were made and judgments rendered. Long ago, Lot had pitched his tent toward Sodom. Now, **he sits comfortably** within its system.



When Lot sees the visitors **his hospitable nature kicks in**. He rises quickly and urges them not to remain in the street. He knows the danger that lurks in the city after dark.

Though his heart still recognizes right from wrong, his life has become entangled with an environment that **dulls spiritual sensitivity**. He offers kindness and generosity to the visitors, though he has chosen to settle in a place that **threatens his walk with God**.



Reflection

Question 1

What does it mean to be physically present somewhere but spiritually out of place?



Application

Question 2

Write down the environments or influences in your life that might slowly dull your spiritual sensitivity?



Spiritual Truths

Fellowship with God can be weakened by the environment we choose to live in.

Compromise often begins quietly, long before it becomes visible.

As night approaches, **the true condition of Sodom is revealed.** Men from every part of the city surround Lot's house, young and old alike. They demand Lot's guests for sexual exploitation and it reveals the depth of the city's moral corruption. **Sin is no longer hidden; it is public, aggressive, and shameless.**



Lot pleads with them, calling them brothers, and in desperation makes a tragic moral compromise by offering his daughters to protect his guests.

Years of living in Sodom have distorted his judgment.



What about your judgment? Do you consider what Lot did at that moment to be right or wrong?

The mob turns against him, proving that his position in the city offers no real authority or protection.

Only divine intervention saves him. The angels pull Lot inside and strike the men with blindness. Without God's mercy, Lot may have been killed by the mob.



The idea today seems to be that you can become a child of God and continue on in sin. God says that is impossible, and Sodom stands as proof.

Spiritual Truths



Prolonged exposure to sin dulls moral clarity.



Compromise weakens discernment and spiritual courage.



Only God's mercy can rescue us from the consequences of sin.

The angels warn Lot that judgment is coming and urge him to gather his family. Lot runs to his sons-in-law who were pledged to marry his daughters and pleads with them to flee. But they laugh thinking that he is joking.

Lot has lived so long like the people of Sodom that his words carry no weight. **Though he speaks the truth, his life does not support his message.**

His compromise has cost him spiritual influence. His testimony is ineffective and he wins no one for God.



This man was out of the will of God in this place, and he had no witness for God. He did not win anybody for the Lord in this city. The same principle is true today: When you go down to their level, my friend, you do not win them.

Spiritual Truths



A compromised life weakens spiritual authority.



Influence is built on consistency of words and actions, not words alone.



When faith is hidden, testimony loses power.



Reflection

Question 1

How might compromises in our lives affect our witness to others?



Mercy and Destruction



Genesis 19:15-29

As morning approaches, the angels urge Lot to leave immediately. Still, he hesitates. Even with destruction at the door, **Lot struggles to let go**. Finally, as an act of mercy, the angels take him by the hand and lead him out.

Lot is told to flee, not to look back, and not to stop anywhere in the plain and escape to the mountains. Even then, he hesitates, asking to escape to a nearby town instead of the mountains fearing the disaster would overtake him and he would die.

God grants his request, showing **remarkable patience and grace.**

Spiritual Truths

God's mercy often carries us when our faith is weak.



God rescues, even when obedience is imperfect.



Application

Review the list of influences you had written earlier. Is God calling you away from them and telling you to flee? Write down what actions you can take.

As the sun rises, fire and brimstone fall on Sodom and Gomorrah out of heaven.

The cities of the plain are destroyed. Everything that Sodom and Gomorrah was made of is reduced to ashes. Yet in the midst of judgment, God remembers Abraham and rescues Lot when He overthrew the cities in the plain where Lot dwelt.

God's judgment is never rash. It comes after a period of **patience, warning, and mercy**. But when God's judgment comes, **it is complete**.

Mercy always precedes judgment.

God never forgets His covenant people.

As they flee, Lot's wife looks back. In that moment, she becomes a pillar of salt. Her body left Sodom, but her heart remained there. She loved what God was destroying.

Her story is a warning for every generation against loving the world.
Obedience cannot coexist with a divided heart for the world and for God.



*Her heart was in Sodom. Her body walked out,
but she left her heart behind.*



 Will it break your heart to leave behind the things of the world?

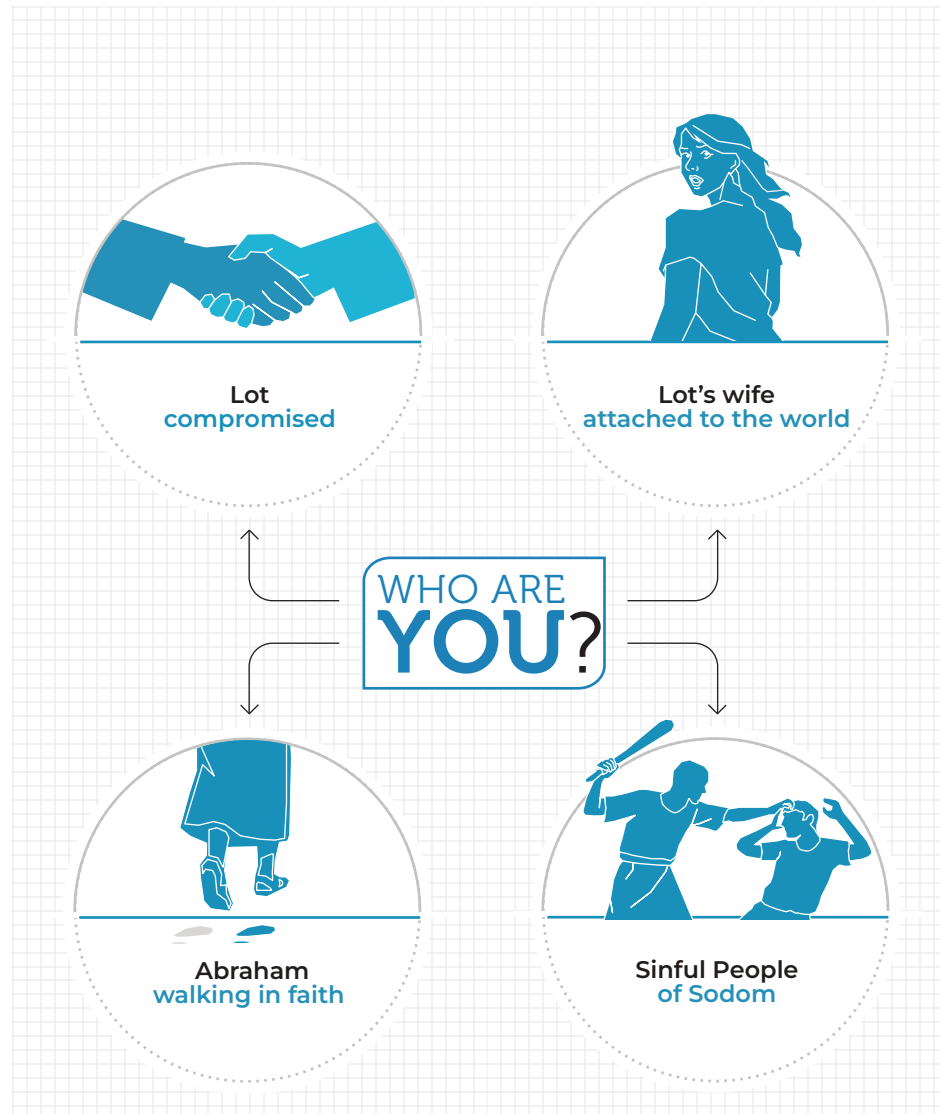
Write down the things of the world that you are attached to.

Love for the world competes with obedience to God.

Looking back reveals what the heart truly wants.

Early in the morning, Abraham rises and looks toward all the land of the plain. He sees smoke rising like a furnace. Though he grieves for Lot, his heart is steady. He had not invested his life in Sodom. His hope was fixed on God to redeem him.

Four lives stand before us:



Lot's Final Tragedy



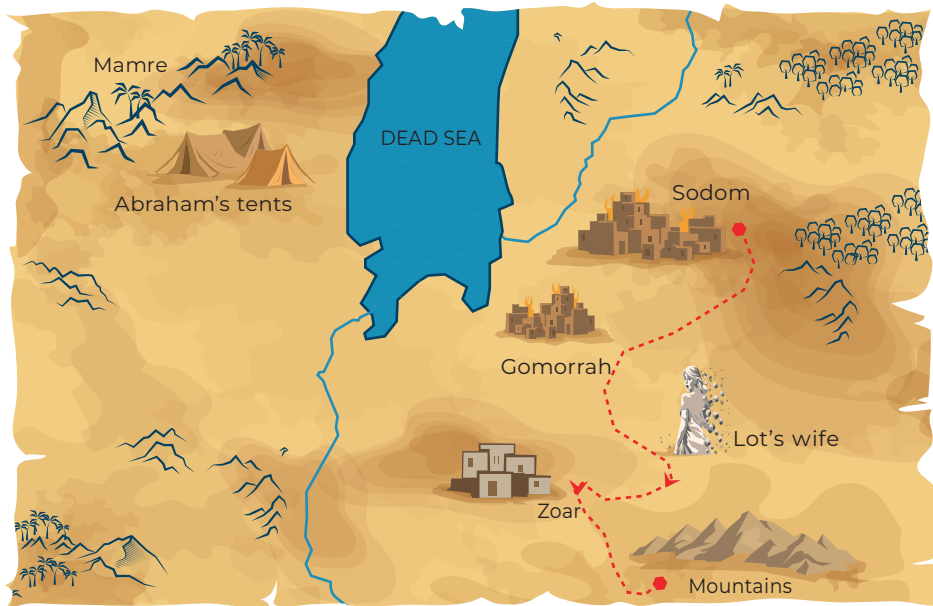
Genesis 19:30-38

Lot survives, but his life is marked by loss.



This passage is one of the most sobering reminders in Scripture that **deliverance does not erase the consequences of compromise.**

Lot was afraid to live in Zoar, so he retreats to a cave in the mountains with his two daughters.



Lot's daughters, shaped by the moral darkness of Sodom, believe that survival must now depend on human effort rather than divine promise.

Instead of trusting God, they chose manipulation.

Instead of waiting, they acted.

Instead of faith, they chose fear.

And the result was incest, shame, and generations of conflict.

The sons born from this union, Moab and Ben-Ammi, would become the Moabites and Ammonites, long-standing enemies of God's people. Even generations later, the consequences of this moment would still be felt.

Lot's story does not end in rebellion; it ends in regret.

He escaped judgment, but he lost impact. The Bible never records Lot leading anyone to God. It never records him building an altar. It never records God speaking to him again. And yet he was saved.

Peter later tells us that Lot was a righteous man, deeply distressed by the wickedness around him (2 Peter 2:6-8). Yet righteousness without obedience, conviction without separation, and belief without courage led to devastating outcomes.

He was saved, but barely. His family, influence, and testimony are gone.

Though this is difficult to discern from Genesis 19 alone, we know from 2 Peter 2:6-8 that Lot was saved. But sin that is not dealt with in our lives will eventually bring sorrow.

This is the sobering truth of the passage:

*A person can be saved
and still waste their life.*



Your Takeaway

Integrating **'God's Intelligence'** in my life.

McGee's Quote



“ His life is a picture of a great many people who will not judge the sins of their lives. They are saved, “yet so as by fire.” The Lord has said in a very definite way to these folk who have put all their eggs in a basket like this that if they will not judge their sin down here, He will judge it. ”



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