

Shall Not the Judge of all the Earth Do What Is Right?
Genesis 19:1 -29

“What was Lot’s problem? Was it that the people of God can never live in cities? Can they never have positions of leadership in the secular world? Not at all! Lot’s problem was twofold. First, he had gone to Sodom with wrong motives—to benefit from its ungodly way of life, not to convert it. He may have considered himself to be a missionary, but he was more a ‘missionee.’ Second, Sodom was a very wicked city. So Lot’s moving there was like a Christian moving into a brothel or into a business run by organized crime. It was no place for a righteous man to be... There is a great difference between taking the gospel to a wicked place and entering into the wicked aspects of its life.” Boice

- I. The picture we have of Sodom and Gomorrah shows how deceitfully wicked a heart can be without Christ (Gen. 6:5). We can certainly derive a lot of examples from today’s culture of what that means, examples we are well aware of. The question is, what is our responsibility as followers of Jesus Christ in addressing it? How are we to respond to the pervasive godlessness we see around us? Do we speak out? Do we comply in any way by accepting those of the woke, lgbtq+, transgender crowd to make the gospel seem attractive to those lost in their debased debauched lifestyles? Do we accept and allow the Government to dictate what we say and do concerning them, even if it violates the moral absolutes of God’s Word? These are real challenges the church must deal with in today’s culture. Does it stay silent? Does it bow to D.E.I., acceptance, and wokeism with the hope of some responding to a weak, watered down, compromised gospel? Or does the church take a determined stand on the moral absolutes of God’s Word by speaking out against its evil pervasive ways no matter the cost?

Gen. 18:20-21

1 John 4:9-10

“Silence in the face of evil is itself evil: God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act.” — Dietrich Bonhoeffer

1 Cor. 1:27 *But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;*

1 Kings 19:18 *Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and whose mouths have not kissed him.”*

- II. The destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah is a warning given to mankind of God's ultimate judgment against all sin. Their destruction represents God's judgment on anyone who chooses the world and its godless ways over God righteous ways, especially on those who are ***incorrigibly*** wicked and refuse to repent. God's offer of the gift of salvation through belief in the gospel, is the only way to avoid the great white throne judgement at the end of the ages where all whose names are not written in the Lamb's book of life will be cast into hell.

Gen. 19:1-5
2 Pe. 2:5-9
1 Cor. 6:20
Rom. 12:1-2
1 Jn. 1:5-6
Ezek. 16:49
Jude 7
Jer. 23:14

Proverbs 11:21 *Be sure of this: the wicked will not go unpunished but those who are righteous will go free.*

"This is what I urge on you if you are dallying with wickedness. Sin is no game. Evil will be punished. God is the judge, and he is no respecter of persons. All who sin will be punished, if they have not turned and fled for safety to the cross of Christ" Boice

- III. The challenge for the church today is in knowing how to stand firmly in the conviction of what it means to live the righteousness of Jesus Christ in a culture that hates righteousness. How Lot lived his life was disastrous for him and his family's spiritual wellbeing because he chose to remain silent and safe without any outward stance for righteousness. He bowed to the fear of man, and as a result, he lost his influence as salt and light as a witness to their need to repent and embrace the righteousness of God. We stay salt and light by staying true to the Lord. As soon as we condone in anyway man's godless ways, our light grows dimmer, and our salt loses its effectiveness in preserving the power of the gospel to save lives.

Gen. 19:4-29
Rom. 1:28
James 4:4
Matt. 5:13
2 Peter 2:8

Matthew 5:13 *13 "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet."*