

A Stone Left Behind

Then the Lord rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah, brimstone and fire from the Lord out of Heaven; and he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground. But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt (Genesis 19:24-26).

I want to present to you today, a story outlined in our text that should shake every person.

Since the days of Sodom and Gomorrah are mentioned in Scriptures in relation to our last days, it is more than fitting that we examine this text closely.

The story begins in the thirteenth chapter of Genesis. Abraham and Lot were brethren, but a strife developed between their herdsman. The only solution to this problem, was that they would split up, and each go their separate ways.

Lot was to make the first choice, and Abraham was to take what was left.

Lot lifted up his eyes and saw the well watered plains of Sodom. Scripture seems to indicate it was similar to the Garden of Eden. Trees were everywhere, the grass was green and beautiful. The flowers were in full bloom, sending their aroma through the valleys.

Lot looked at the rugged mountains and decided he would choose the plains of Sodom. There was not much left for Abraham, but he was a man with great faith in God. The Lord would provide for him. The Bible tells us that not only did Lot choose Sodom, but he pitched his tent toward Sodom.

Scriptures tell us, the men of Sodom were exceedingly wicked sinners. Their exceeding wicked sin was homosexuality. What a dangerous place to pitch your tent, toward Sodom. Many today are pitching their tent toward Sodom; toward the evil sins of this generation.

Lot thought he would just live on the outskirts of Sodom, but this, was too close. You cannot live on the edge of sin. You cannot straddle the fence, sir. My advice to you, is to get completely away from Sodom, before it destroys you and your family.

The next scene, we have of Lot, we find him living in Sodom with his family. The lights of Sodom were so inviting to him and his family. The bright lights of this world and all its sinful pleasures will cause you to lose your soul.

The sins of Sodom and Gomorrah went up before a righteous God. Their cup of iniquity was full. The judgment of God was pending on these cities.

One day, there appeared two angels in Sodom, to talk to Lot. The angels were invited to Lot's house, where they were fed. Soon afterward, the men of Sodom gathered round the house. They had seen the two strange men enter Lot's house. They called to Lot, wanting him to bring out these two strangers, so they could have relations with them.

Lot refused, and instead, offered his two daughters unto them. They refused Lot's daughters. The men pressed so hard on the door of Lot's house, the angels smote them with blindness so they could not find the door.

Would to God, we had angels today in our generation, who would strike people with blindness, who are determined to live a life of degeneration.

Instead of being physically blinded, our generation of evil sinners, are spiritually blinded. They are blind to the truth of Jesus Christ.

They are blind to the Word of God.

They are blind to the coming judgments upon them.

Let me pause here for a moment, and set the record straight, according to Scripture. We are living in a society where the evil of Sodom is being manifested openly today. God hates homosexuality. He never put His blessing on such vile sin. Homosexuality is not a sickness, it is a vile sin, straight from the pit of Hell. The only cure for such vile sin, is the blood of Jesus Christ, which cleanses from all sin.

God, help the church that puts these limp wrested sissies, into their pulpits. God does not use homosexuality in the preaching of His Word. The

wrath of God is soon to fall on our generation of homosexuals. God is no respecter of persons; He destroyed them then, and He will destroy them now.

Lot tried to convince his son-in-laws that God was going to destroy Sodom, but they laughed and made fun of him. This is the way the world is today. The people are warned of the coming judgment of God and they laugh and make fun.

You try to get people to repent and get right with God, to escape the coming damnation, and they reject it.

The angels had to literally take Lot and his family by the hand and pull them out of Sodom. Lot and his family were in no hurry to leave. The angels warned,

“Do not look back, escape to the mountains.”

Lot and his family were on the outskirts of Sodom, climbing up the mountain. God began to rain fire and brimstone upon Sodom and Gomorrah.

Lot's wife just had to have one more look at Sodom. She just couldn't get Sodom

out of her heart. “It won't hurt, just one more look, I'm out of danger now.”

Lot's wife turned to look at Sodom, the city she so enjoyed. Her eyes became

wide with fear, the whole land was burning with fire and brimstone.

Suddenly, she felt something in her feet that made them numb, “What is happening to me?” Her entire body began to turn into a pillar of salt, a salt stone if you please.

We have people today who cannot get the world out of their heart. They want just one more flirt with the world. They are not fully committed in obeying the Word of God. That one more fling will damn your soul eternally, friend. Escape for your life, do not look back on the sins of this wicked world. Escape to the mountains, escape to the Lord Jesus Christ.

There she stands, a stone left behind. She stands as a memorial to all generations. She stands as a witness to the sin of disobedience.

This stone once breathed, once loved, once felt, once walked, now it stands silent and motionless. The howling desert winds sing their songs around her.

Time marched on, the salt stone began to crumble with the sands of time. Today,

the salt stone can never be found, time has erased it, but the Bible still mentions it.

The cities of Sodom and Gomorrah are at the bottom of the Dead Sea today. This has been proven by modern archaeology.

We today, are living in the last generation. The sins of Sodom and Gomorrah are prevalent in our society, sins that invite the judgment of God.

Before God brought the fire and brimstone upon Sodom and Gomorrah, Lot and his family had to flee. Before God brings judgment upon our generation, the church will be taken out of the way.

Many people today are gospel hardened. They have become like the stone left

behind. They have a heart of stone and a conscience of stone. They will be the stones left behind when the church is gone. They will not flee to safety in Jesus Christ.

Will you escape today by the mercy of God, or will you choose to be a stone left

behind? As for me and my house, we are going to serve the Lord Jesus Christ. I feel sorry today, for those stones, who will be left behind. God, don't let me be a stone left behind.