

Genesis 19:1-38 **Time is Running Out**

Introduction:

As we continue in the book of Genesis our text before us is a very sobering account of God's horrific Judgment upon sinners who refuse to repent in the case of Sodom and Gomorrah's destruction. On the other hand we see God's marvelous grace extending beyond measure in the case of Lot who does not represent a faithful believer. But nonetheless God Himself is faithful to His covenant promises. He keeps His promises and swears by His Holy Name. II Tim. 2:13

I. Destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah –v. 1-26

A. God will certainly punish the wicked whose sins remain upon them.

1. Old Testament examples: Turn To: I Corinthians 10:6-13
2. There is an urgent need to evangelize the lost – Luke 10:2; Matt. 11:28:-30 (R B Kuiper)
3. For some righteous they will scarcely be saved – I Pet. 4:17,18; II Pet. 2:4-9

B. The clock is ticking

1. Two angels prepare to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah – Lev. 20:13-ff. ; Rom. 1:26,27; I Cor. 6:9; I Tim. 1:10 (Calvin's comment)
2. Homosexual lust – II Pet. 2:7,8
3. Immediate judgment – v. 9-11
4. Lot's son's in-laws not convinced.

C. Angels are God's ministers – Heb. 1:14; Psa. 91:11

D. Patient Mercy of God – v. 19-22

1. Lot confesses God's favor and loving-kindness towards his immediate family
2. Lot's wife should have followed the lead of her husband completely.
3. Jesus comments on Lot's wife specific disposition:
 - a. The behavior of Lot's day will be like the days before Jesus returns
 - b. The day Lot left Sodom "it rained fire and brimstone"
 - c. Lot's wife represents the false believer who desires to save one's own life. ("Life" is the Gk. psuche – "soul")

II. Depraved Behavior –v. 27-38

A. Depraved wishes:

1. Lot's daughters still filled with lust resolved to procure children through their father.
2. Lot's daughters had little feeling of shame. "Moab" – "from my father" and "Ben-Ammi" means "sprout from the same relation" Deut. 2:9,19; I Tim. 4:1-2

Conclusion:

1. *The need to train up our children and grand-children in the ways of the Lord – Eph. 6:1-4; Col. 3:20,21 (Take advantage of our Sunday School classes they are for your edification and spiritual growth)*
2. *Even Christians can drift away from faithfulness like lot. I Cor. 3:15; Zech. 3:2; Jude 23*

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