

**WHY WAS SODOM  
JUDGED BY GOD?**  
**Genesis 19:1-25**

**INTRODUCTION**

In Genesis 18, the LORD told Abraham He would destroy Sodom and Gomorrah because of their very grievous sin. Abraham then interceded before the Lord, saying “**Would You also destroy the righteous with the wicked?**” He was concerned for the righteous in the city, and for God’s reputation. “**Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?**” The LORD assures Abraham He will not destroy the righteous, but surely must judge the wicked for their sin. Genesis 19 records this punishment.

**DIGGING DEEPER**

Read Genesis 19:1-25 several times, centering your attention on the attitudes and actions of sinful Sodom. Given over to sexual immorality and going after strange flesh (homosexuality), the wickedness of Sodom must be judged. In this study, we will learn what the Bible says about homosexuality, and how to share God’s perspective boldly. Many are deceived and confused these days, and need to hear this truth.

*Pray for wisdom and understanding, and let’s begin.*

- I. Verses 1-5. Lot meets and hosts the two angels. As they enter Sodom, Lot insists they spend the night in his home, rather than in the open square. Both old & young men from the city surround Lot’s house and demand he bring them out so they may “know them”. Lot knows their intentions are only evil – with sexual perversion and abuse in mind.
- II. Verses 6-8. Lot’s reaction to these wicked men. He goes out and shuts the door, pleading for the mob to not do wickedly. He even offers his daughters to the crowd to abuse, instead of the men he is housing. Does Lot even realize how far he has drifted? He has lost contact with truth. Neglect of God’s word & fellowship can cause anyone to drift. *Hebrews 2:1-3; 10:24-25.* In our next study, we will see the progression of Lot’s compromise.
- III. Verses 9-11. A lynch mob threatens. Lot sits in the gate – a judge and man with authority. But the unruly mob could care less about his authority, even threatening him with violence. The angels rescue Lot and strike the mob with blindness. Did this stop the mob? No! Their lust has overtaken them – *Romans 1:27*
- IV. Verses 12-14. Lot’s ineffective witness. Lot’s pattern of life has not been clear, so now his sons-in-laws think he is joking about impending judgement for the sins of Sodom. Several questions to consider: 1) Is your witness & lifestyle clearly pointing to holiness & separation from sin? 2) Do you really desire to be separated from this sinful world?
- V. Verses 15-22. God’s judgement is delayed. Lot is quite a character - weak in his witness, lingers when it’s time to go, even hesitant to escape, and fearful for his life. Yet, being a righteous man, Lot is delivered from the destruction of Sodom. *2 Peter 2:7-8.* The LORD is true to His word. He will not destroy the righteous with the wicked! *Selah*
- VI. Verses 23-25. The LORD destroys Sodom. Some people don’t care what God clearly says. They believe whatever they want, and try to exonerate their sin. The LORD Himself brought total destruction on Sodom and Gomorrah. Skeptics deny this – trying to explain away the truth of God’s righteous judgement for the sin of homosexuality.

Some twist Biblical language, questioning God’s relevance in today’s society. “The Bible doesn’t use the word homosexual.”  
Others yank verses out of context to oppose the clear teaching of God’s Word. “The Bible doesn’t mean what it says.”  
Still others follow false teachers who wink at or even promote their sinful lifestyle. “God accepts me as I am, I’m made like this.”

**CONSIDER .....** God makes His view about homosexual behavior very clear. It is a grievous sin. What to do...

- **Have confidence in God’s Word** – 2 Timothy 3:16; Isaiah 40:8; Matthew 5:18; Romans 15:4
- **Handle accurately God’s Word** – 2 Timothy 2:15; Leviticus 20:13; Ezekiel 16:49-50; 2 Peter 2:6 & 9-10, Jude 1:7
- **Share truth from God’s Word** – 2 Timothy 2:24-26 & 4:1-4; 1 Corinthians 6:9; 1 Timothy 1:8-10; Revelation 21:8

**PRAY**

- Shepherd School in PA thru 11/4. Pray for the men assembling, the School of Ministry serving, and the Pastors teaching.
- Veteran’s Day Assembly 11/11 to honor our service men & women. Pray about inviting a friend.
- Church fast 11/28-12/2. May the Holy Spirit move upon all our hearts to desire personal holiness.
- Church Bible studies - Pray that every person joins a regular small group Bible study for discipleship & fellowship.
- Prayer ministry – Pray that folks will be moved to join in the various prayer meetings that gather throughout the week.
- Local & regional outreaches – St. John in Exile presentations; WZXV in Attica; Pastor Jeff in Wolcott
- International missions (info in foyer) – Denny Barger in Bahrain; David Sylvester & CC Bible school in York, England