**God Destroys Sodom**

**Lesson 14**

Genesis 19:1-38

Key Verse 19:29 **29**So when God destroyed the cities of the plain, he remembered Abraham, and he brought Lot out of the catastrophe that overthrew the cities where Lot had lived.

**Abraham appealed to God’s righteousness. God can’t destroy the righteous alike with the evil. We see how God fight against men’s sin.**

**In ch 19. The righteous must fight against ‘sinful culture,’ and humanism…”secular and godless human right**”

1. **Read 19:1-11. Compare and contrast Lot’s hospitality to the guests with that of Abraham. How did the mob reveal the sinfulness of Sodom? (5) What did the people of Sodom think of Lot? (9) Why?**

**Sodom and Gomorrah Destroyed**

**19**The two angels arrived at Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gateway of the city. When he saw them, he got up to meet them and bowed down with his face to the ground. **2**“My lords,” he said, “please turn aside to your servant’s house. You can wash your feet and spend the night and then go on your way early in the morning.” “No,” they answered, “we will spend the night in the square.” **3**But he insisted so strongly that they did go with him and entered his house. He prepared a meal for them, baking bread without yeast, and they ate. **4**Before they had gone to bed, all the men from every part of the city of Sodom—both young and old—surrounded the house. **5**They called to Lot, “Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us so that we can have sex with them.”

**6**Lot went outside to meet them and shut the door behind him **7**and said, “No, my friends. Don’t do this wicked thing. **8**Look, I have two daughters who have never slept with a man. Let me bring them out to you, and you can do what you like with them. But don’t do anything to these men, for they have come under the protection of my roof.” **9**“Get out of our way,” they replied. “This fellow came here as a foreigner, and now he wants to play the judge! We’ll treat you worse than them.” They kept bringing pressure on Lot and moved forward to break down the door. **10**But the men inside reached out and pulled Lot back into the house and shut the door. **11**Then they struck the men who were at the door of the house, young and old, with blindness so that they could not find the door.

Lot had a godly form, but no content. 2 Tim 3:5: “having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people.”

Lot brought baked bread without yeast, while Abraham made bread with fine flour and knead it and bake some bread. Abraham selected a choice, tender calf… He brought some curds and milk and calf…

Abraham welcomed the guests and served them with best and maximum, with all his heart.

Lot welcomed the guests and served them as custom. He served them with minimum,

b) The mob wanted to have sex with the guests. They had no morality in their society. How come, Lot, suggested to give his two virgin daughters to the mob in the place of the guests? Lot didn’t have any morality.

The city of Sodom is the hotbed of homo-sexuality. Mt 19:36: God made a male and female. (Ge 1:27)

The Bible verses against homo-sexuality: Romans 1:26-27, Lev 18:22, 1 Cor 6:9-10,

c) The mob treated Lot as a foreigner. They despised Lot. Lot lost his influence as a man of God when he compromised with the sinful culture of Sodom. When Lot lost his saltiness, he was trampled by the ungodly people. (Mt 5:13) “*But if the salt loses its saliness….be thrown out and trampled under foot.”*

1. **Read v. 12-26. Why did Lot hesitate to leave? (16) Why did his wife look back? (14,17, 1Jn 2:15-17) What happened to her? (26, Lk 17:32)**

**12**The two men said to Lot, “Do you have anyone else here—sons-in-law, sons or daughters, or anyone else in the city who belongs to you? Get them out of here, **13**because we are going to destroy this place. The outcry to the Lord against its people is so great that he has sent us to destroy it.” **14**So Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law, who were pledged to marry[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+19&version=NIV#fen-NIV-472a)] his daughters. He said, “Hurry and get out of this place, because the Lord is about to destroy the city!” But his sons-in-law thought he was joking. **15**With the coming of dawn, the angels urged Lot, saying, “Hurry! Take your wife and your two daughters who are here, or you will be swept away when the city is punished.” **16**When he hesitated, the men grasped his hand and the hands of his wife and of his two daughters and led them safely out of the city, for the Lord was merciful to them. **17**As soon as they had brought them out, one of them said, “Flee for your lives! Don’t look back, and don’t stop anywhere in the plain! Flee to the mountains or you will be swept away!”

**18**But Lot said to them, “No, my lords,[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+19&version=NIV" \l "fen-NIV-476b" \o "See footnote b)] please! **19**Your[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+19&version=NIV#fen-NIV-477c)] servant has found favor in your[[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+19&version=NIV#fen-NIV-477d)] eyes, and you[[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+19&version=NIV#fen-NIV-477e)] have shown great kindness to me in sparing my life. But I can’t flee to the mountains; this disaster will overtake me, and I’ll die. **20**Look, here is a town near enough to run to, and it is small. Let me flee to it—it is very small, isn’t it? Then my life will be spared.” **21**He said to him, “Very well, I will grant this request too; I will not overthrow the town you speak of. **22**But flee there quickly, because I cannot do anything until you reach it.” (That is why the town was called Zoar.[[f](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+19&version=NIV#fen-NIV-480f)]) **23**By the time Lot reached Zoar, the sun had risen over the land. **24**Then the Lord rained down burning sulfur on Sodom and Gomorrah—from the Lord out of the heavens. **25**Thus he overthrew those cities and the entire plain, destroying all those living in the cities—and also the vegetation in the land. **26But Lot’s wife looked back, and she became a pillar of salt**.

**15**Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Lk+17%3A32%2C+1Jn+2%3A15-17&version=NIV#fen-NIV-30566a)] is not in them. **16**For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. **17**The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

**32**Remember Lot’s wife!

1. Lot had the attachment for the world. He still loved the world and enjoyed his sinful life.

He wanted to move in Zoar, the small city. Living by faith is to give up this earthly life for the sake of the heavenly life.

1. Lot’s wife was turned into a pillar of salt when she turned back. Lot lost his wife.
2. **Read v. 27-29. What happened to Sodom? How did God show mercy to Lot? Why? (29, James 5:16)**

**27**Early the next morning Abraham got up and returned to the place where he had stood before the Lord. **28**He looked down toward Sodom and Gomorrah, toward all the land of the plain, and he saw dense smoke rising from the land, like smoke from a furnace. **29**So when God destroyed the cities of the plain, he remembered Abraham, and he brought Lot out of the catastrophe that overthrew the cities where Lot had lived.

**16**Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

God destroyed Sodom with fire.

God spared Lot’s life for the sake of Abraham, who prayed earnestly for Lot. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

1. **Read v. 30-38. Describe the last recorded days of Lot? Abraham and Lot started out together. Why did Lot end up so miserably and Abraham so joyfully, with God’s blessing? (Ge 21:6,7; Ro 12:1,2)**

**Lot and His Daughters**

**30**Lot and his two daughters left Zoar and settled in the mountains, for he was afraid to stay in Zoar. He and his two daughters lived in a cave. **31**One day the older daughter said to the younger, “Our father is old, and there is no man around here to give us children—as is the custom all over the earth. **32**Let’s get our father to drink wine and then sleep with him and preserve our family line through our father.” **33**That night they got their father to drink wine, and the older daughter went in and slept with him. He was not aware of it when she lay down or when she got up. **34**The next day the older daughter said to the younger, “Last night I slept with my father. Let’s get him to drink wine again tonight, and you go in and sleep with him so we can preserve our family line through our father.” **35**So they got their father to drink wine that night also, and the younger daughter went in and slept with him. Again he was not aware of it when she lay down or when she got up. **36**So both of Lot’s daughters became pregnant by their father. **37**The older daughter had a son, and she named him Moab[[g](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+19&version=NIV#fen-NIV-495g)]; he is the father of the Moabites of today. **38**The younger daughter also had a son, and she named him Ben-Ammi[[h](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+19&version=NIV#fen-NIV-496h)]; he is the father of the Ammonites[[i](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+19&version=NIV" \l "fen-NIV-496i" \o "See footnote i)] of today.

**6**Sarah said, “God has brought me laughter, and everyone who hears about this will laugh with me.” **7**And she added, “Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.”

**12**Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. **2**Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Lot’s two daughters committed the sin of incest, when they followed the pagan sinful custom.

The righteous must fight against sinful culture, the pattern of this sinful world.

If we compromise with humanism---human first, God next.---we lose saltiness of Christian. We lose influence like Lot.

The righteous must live by faith. Obey and follow God’s word.

The righteous must seek first God’s righteousness and his kingdom.