

A Lot of Difficulties

Genesis Chapter 19

Gen 19:1 1) Difficulty in the City vs 1-11

Now the two angels came to Sodom in the evening as Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw {them,} he rose to meet them and bowed down {with his} face to the ground.

- 2 Peter 2:7 Righteous Lot
- Bowed = (shachah) translated 99x as worship Also this is 2nd mention. Similar to Abraham's worship, but worshiped angels. Abraham directed his to one of them ...The LORD. Lot did not distinguish that these were angels. Maybe he was not as familiar with the LORD as was Abraham.
- He was sitting at the gate a place of leadership A leader of a wicked city
- Sitting - Settled not leaving How did he get here?
 - Genesis 13:12 Pitched his tent towards Sodom
 - Genesis 14:12 Dwelt in Sodom
 - Genesis 19:1 Sat in the gate of Sodom

Gen 19:2 And he said, "Now behold, my lords, please turn aside into your servant's house, and spend the night, and wash your feet; then you may rise early and go on your way." They said however, "No, but we shall spend the night in the square."

- A house - again being settled in a wicked city Not a tent as Abraham

Gen 19:3 Yet he urged them strongly, so they turned aside to him and entered his house; and he prepared a feast for them, and baked unleavened bread, and they ate.

Gen 19:4 Before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, surrounded the house, both young and old, all the people from every quarter;

Gen 19:5 and they called to Lot and said to him, "Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us that we may have relations with them."

Gen 19:6 But Lot went out to them at the doorway, and shut the door behind him,

Gen 19:7 and said, "Please, my brothers, do not act wickedly.

Gen 19:8 "Now behold, I have two daughters who have not had relations with man; please let me bring them out to you, and do to them whatever you like; only do nothing to these men, inasmuch as they have come under the shelter of my roof."

Gen 19:9 But they said, "Stand aside." Furthermore, they said, "This one came in as an alien, and already he is acting like a judge; now we will treat you worse than them." So they pressed hard against Lot and came near to break the door.

- **A NEWLY RELEASED REPORT** from the Centers for Disease Control's National Center for Health Statistics reveals that only 2.3% of the population considers themselves homosexual. The statistics come from a 2002 National Survey of Family Growth and are based on 12,571 interviews with men and women ages 15-44 years of age. (The findings were reported in WorldNetDaily, September 16, 2005). According to this survey, only 2.3% of the males surveyed considered themselves to be homosexuals; 1.8% considered themselves to be bisexuals. Among men ages 18-44, 92% said they were attracted "only to females" and 3.9% "mostly" to females. Among women, 86% said they were attracted only to males, and 10% "mostly" to males.
- **The Bible Clearly Condemns Homosexuality**
 - Genesis 19 This account is a commentary on the "exceedingly grave sin"
 - Leviticus 18:22, 20:13 "Man shouldn't lie with a man as those with a woman"
 - Romans 1:26-28 degrading Passions Woman w/ Woman Man w/ Man God gave them over to a depraved mind
 - 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 Lists Homosexuals that will not inherit the Kingdom
 - 1 Timothy 1:10 List again
- Showed great hospitality even risking his own life and his daughters
- APPLICATION - Carnal Christian living
 - The world will tolerate your belief only until you cross them

Gen 19:10 But the men reached out their hands and brought Lot into the house with them, and shut the door.

Gen 19:11 They struck the men who were at the doorway of the house with blindness, both small and great, so that they wearied {themselves trying} to find the doorway.

- Deuteronomy 28:18 Listed in the Curses for not obeying is blindness (Physical or Spiritual)
- Examples of God inflicting Blindness
- Gen 19:11 Sodomites
- II Kings 6:18 Syrian army
- Acts 9:8-9 Saul
- Acts 13:11 Sorcerer (Elymas)
- Healing From Blindness
- Matt 20:30-34 Bartimaeus
- Mark 8:22-25 Man of Bethsaida
- John 9:1-7 Man Born Blind

Types of blindness

Physical Seen throughout scripture and evident through out history

Spiritual Psalm 10:4-5 The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek [after God]: God [is] not in all his thoughts. His ways are always grievous; thy judgments [are] far above out of his sight: [as for] all his enemies, he puffeth at them.

Judicial Ex.23:8 Bribes cause Blindness

Gen 19:12 **2) Difficulty in Heart** vs 12-29

Then the {two} men said to Lot, "Whom else have you here? A son-in-law, and your sons, and your daughters, and whomever you have in the city, bring {them} out of the place;

Gen 19:13 for we are about to destroy this place, because their outcry has become so great before the LORD that the LORD has sent us to destroy it."

Gen 19:14 Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law, who were to marry his daughters, and said, "Up, get out of this place, for the LORD will destroy the city." But he appeared to his sons-in-law to be jesting.

- His son in laws thought he was joking.
- Does our witness seem to be a joke. Do we preset judgement and destiny in a light hearted manner? Do people know from us how serious this decision is?

Gen 19:15 When morning dawned, the angels urged Lot, saying, "Up, take your wife and your two daughters who are here, or you will be swept away in the punishment of the city."

Gen 19:16 But he hesitated. So the men seized his hand and the hand of his wife and the hands of his two daughters, for the compassion of the LORD {was} upon him; and they brought him out, and put him outside the city.

- He Hesitated Obedience was unfamiliar to Lot
- Gospel of mark is an "immediate" Gospel 40x Just Ch. 1:10,12,18,20,21, 28, 29, 30, 42, 43
- How responsive are we to our Lord

Gen 19:17 When they had brought them outside, one said, "Escape for your life! Do not look behind you, and do not stay anywhere in the valley; escape to the mountains, or you will be swept away."

- Leave
- Don't Look Back
- Don't settle for less than God's will
- Press in to the Mountain (Mountain is always God's Presence)

Gen 19:18 But Lot said to them, "Oh no, my lords!

Gen 19:19 "Now behold, your servant has found favor in your sight, and you have magnified your lovingkindness, which you have shown me by saving my life; but I cannot escape to the mountains, for the disaster will overtake me and I will die;

- Gen 19:20 now behold, this town is near {enough} to flee to, and it is small. Please, let me escape there (is it not small?) that my life may be saved."
- *God's Instruction has become difficult He has practiced inactivity*
- Gen 19:21 He said to him, "Behold, I grant you this request also, not to overthrow the town of which you have spoken.
- Gen 19:22 "Hurry, escape there, for I cannot do anything until you arrive there." Therefore the name of the town was called Zoar.
- *Urgency in Salvation*
- Gen 19:23 The sun had risen over the earth when Lot came to Zoar.
- Gen 19:24 Then the LORD rained on Sodom and Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven,
- Gen 19:25 and He overthrew those cities, and all the valley, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground.
- Gen 19:26 But his wife, from behind him, looked {back,} and she became a pillar of salt.
- *Luke 17:22-33 Remember Lot's Wife*
 - *Looking Back (Looking intently / lagging behind)*
 - *This is our danger if we look intently and begin to long for that with which we have been delivered. We will find ourselves not just looking back but soon walking back.*
- Gen 19:27 Now Abraham arose early in the morning {and went} to the place where he had stood before the LORD;
- Gen 19:28 and he looked down toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the valley, and he saw, and behold, the smoke of the land ascended like the smoke of a furnace.
- Gen 19:29 Thus it came about, when God destroyed the cities of the valley, that God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when He overthrew the cities in which Lot lived.
- Gen 19:30 **3) Difficulty with Alcohol** vs 30-38
 Lot went up from Zoar, and stayed in the mountains, and his two daughters with him; for he was afraid to stay in Zoar; and he stayed in a cave, he and his two daughters.
- Gen 19:31 Then the firstborn said to the younger, "Our father is old, and there is not a man on earth to come in to us after the manner of the earth.
- Gen 19:32 "Come, let us make our father drink wine, and let us lie with him that we may preserve our family through our father."
- *Fleeing for Life yet Alcohol is present This was a priority.*
 - *Biblical References concerning Strong Drink*
 - *Numbers 6:3 Nazarite vow to separate from strong drink & wine*
 - *Deut 29:6 "Ye have not eaten bread, neither have ye drunk wine or strong drink: that ye might know that I [am] the LORD your God." Wandering in wilderness.*
 - *Proverbs 20:1 "Wine [is] a mocker, strong drink [is] raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."*
 - *Isaiah 5:22 "Woe unto [them that are] mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink:"*
 - *Luke 1:15 Speaking of John the Baptist "For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb."*
- Gen 19:33 So they made their father drink wine that night, and the firstborn went in and lay with her father; and he did not know when she lay down or when she arose.

- Gen 19:34 On the following day, the firstborn said to the younger, "Behold, I lay last night with my father; let us make him drink wine tonight also; then you go in and lie with him, that we may preserve our family through our father."
- Gen 19:35 So they made their father drink wine that night also, and the younger arose and lay with him; and he did not know when she lay down or when she arose.
- Gen 19:36 Thus both the daughters of Lot were with child by their father.
- *Fruit of Alcohol*
 - *Changes Priorities*
 - *Changes Inhibitions* ex. Aarons sons offered strange fire.
 - *No Mention of seeking God*
 - *No Mention of Prayer*
 - *Father doesn't even remember 1st night then again a 2nd a sign of being out of control*
 - *Ironically, in his own drunkenness Lot carried out the shameful act that he himself had suggested to the men of Sodom: he lay with his own daughters (Guzik)*
- Gen 19:37 The firstborn bore a son, and called his name Moab; he is the father of the Moabites to this day.
- Gen 19:38 As for the younger, she also bore a son, and called his name Ben-ammi; he is the father of the sons of Ammon to this day.

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