

SODOMY OF THE SOUL

Request: “As a believer, if Lot was sick of the immorality of Sodom, why didn’t he leave willingly before or at least when told that it would be destroyed?”

The long version of this story is recorded in **Gen.19:1-28**. We will examine it by the following nine homiletical points.

- Gen.19:1 Sodom
- Gen.19:2 Square
- Gen.19:3-7 Surrounded
- Gen.19:8-10 Switch bait
- Gen.19:11 Struck blind
- Gen.19:12-15 Sent to destroy
- Gen.19:16-23 Sense of urgency
- Gen.19:24-26 Salt pillar
- Gen.19:27-28 Saved Lot

The cliff-note version is given in **2 Pet.2:6-9**. We will examine it by the following four homiletical points.

- 2 Pet.2:6 Living among the ungodly Lot rescued.
- 2 Pet.2:7 Living among unprincipled people Lot oppressed.
- 2 Pet.2:8 Living among the lawless Lot tormented
- 2 Pet.2:9 Living among the unrighteous Lot’s temptations

This lesson will study SIX aspects of the Sodomizing of Lot’s Soul while living in the city of Sodom.
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1. In Genesis 14, God gave Lot warning discipline when King Chedorlaomer took him captive regarding reversionism. (Gen.13:2; 14:12, 16) (Heb.12:5-11)

At the same time, God gave the cities of the Jordan plain a similar warning of coming judgment upon evil.

Lot was rescued by Abraham and the strike force of 318. But neither the cities nor Lot heeded the divine discipline warning because of NV and spiritual callousness towards divine truth.

2. Lot’s problem was that he had become a volitional spiritual prisoner of Sodom.

“For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ, and we are ready to punish all disobedience, whenever you disobedience is complete.” (2 Cor.10:3-5)

Lot was willing to live with a phallic cult culture (life style) in order to have certain things of big city life that he and his family enjoyed (Phil.3:20; Heb.11:10) [read].

Sodom was an anarchy and anti-establishment city. It was a culture that had exchanged the natural for the unnatural because of evil (Rom.1:24-28).

3. Once again, God is intervening in Lot's life and bad decisions. This time is the deathblow of divine discipline to Sodom. They didn't pay attention to the earlier shot over the bow.

Once again, Abraham is involved in rescuing Lot. Once again, God had to use another spiritually mature believer because the Lord was unable to work through Lot - for Lot and his own family.

You ask, "How did this believer get in this spiritual condition?"

"But you did not learn Christ in this way, if indeed you have heard Him and have taught by Him, just as truth is in Jesus, that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth." (Eph.4:20-24)

4. Lot was operating under old man cosmos diabolicus (OMCD) while living in Sodom and it had become the norm and standard of his spiritual existence.

He was willing to compromise most of the truths of God's word in order to have certain things that big city life offered him and his family.

When Lot explains the truth of God's word to his future son-in-laws regarding the coming of God's judgment, they didn't believe him as a good source of spiritual truth: "But he appeared to his sons-in-laws to be jesting." (Gen.19:14)

By the time the angels show up, Lot and his family had sodomized their souls. This is seen in Lot's appeal to reverse the divine command to flee the city to the mountains: "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." (Gen.19:20) [Zoar]

In the end, Lot will be forced to do the will of God: "And 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.19:30)

5. Lot's wife had also become sodomized in her soul.

Angels warned: "Escape for your life! **Do not** look behind you, and **do not** stay anywhere in the valley; escape to the mountains, **lest** you be swept away." (Gen.19:17)

"But his wife, from behind him, **looked back**; and she became a pillar of salt." (Gen.19:26)

She became in death what she was unwilling to be in life: "You are the salt of the earth." (Matt.5:14)

6. Lot's two daughters were also sodomized in their souls.

"Thus both daughters of Lot were with child by their father." (Gen.19:36)

These three had no appreciation for the grace and mercy of God to spare them the judgment of Sodom. They learned nothing from their mother's disobedience to the word of God: "Remember Lot's wife. Whoever seeks to keep his life shall lose it, and whoever loses his life shall be preserved." (Luke 17:32-33)

Footnote: The two sons of this incestuous relationship will become the enemies of Israel (Ps.83:1-8).