

## 29. The miserable results of a compromiser

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The morality in America and the world degrades so rapidly that the line once used to separate between moral and immoral becomes fuzzy. Especially when it comes to homosexuality in America. There are several big groups of lobbyists who work vigorously to push their homosexual agenda through the federal, state, and local governments.

They have great allies – the major TV media and movie industry from Hollywood. They present gays and lesbians as poor abused people who are rejected by narrow-minded conservative Christian bigots. With the help of liberal Hollywood and media, they promote homosexuality as an acceptable lifestyle. Corporate America, such as Ford, Chevy, Apple, Microsoft, etc. demand their employees go through diversity training which is nothing more than homosexual propaganda. I know what they want, but according to the Bible, homosexuality is sin and abomination against God.

They may call me a bigot. Then they have to call our God a bigot, too. Because I am repeating what God says in the Bible about homosexuality. If they are willing to call God a bigot, it would be my honor to be called a bigot with Him. I will not compromise the truth of the Word of God just to be politically correct or to accommodate someone's perverse lifestyle.

The cities of Sodom and Gomorrah were exceedingly wicked because the men of these cities were given over to sexual practices that were contrary to nature. The words "sodomy" and "sodomize" are synonyms for these homosexual practices. The men did not try to hide their sin according to Isaiah 3:9, nor would they repent as it is mentioned in Jeremiah 23:14. Sound familiar? That is what the homosexuals do now.

We are going to see a miserable result of a compromiser who lived in the midst of a homosexual hometown and see how it affects his walk with God.

### A. STRANGERS IN TOWN

*Genesis 19:1-4 Now the two angels came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw them, he rose to meet them, and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground. 2 And he said, "Here now, my lords, please turn in to your servant's house and spend the night, and wash your feet; then you may rise early and go on your way." And they said, "No, but we will spend the night in the open square." 3 But he insisted strongly; so they turned in to him and entered his house. Then he made them a feast, and baked unleavened bread, and they ate.*

When the heavenly visitors came to Abraham, he was at his tent door. But Lot was sitting in the gate of a wicked city which indicates that he was a man of some authority. Abraham was a pilgrim and stranger, only passing through this world. But Lot had gradually abandoned his tent and settled down in Sodom. Instead of keeping his eyes on the heavenly city, Lot looked toward Sodom and began to walk by sight. Then he moved his tent near Sodom, and finally, he moved into Sodom.

Lot's heart was in Sodom long before his body arrived there. No doubt he got his first love for the world when he went to Egypt with Abraham, and he never overcame it.

Erosion of a backslider never happens overnight. It is such a gradual process that the backslider chooses to not notice it until it is too late.

Why did Lot insist these visitors stay in his home instead of the open square? Because he knew about the wickedness of his neighbors. He was living in a really, really wicked place, yet he chose to stay there.

## **B. THEIR DRIVEN PERVERSIVE LUST**

*Genesis 19:4-11* Now before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both old and young, all the people from every quarter, surrounded the house. 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 know them carnally." 6 So Lot went out to them through the doorway, shut the door behind him, 7 and said, "Please, my brethren, do not do so wickedly! 8 See now, I have two daughters who have not known a man; please, let me bring them out to you, and you may do to them as you wish; only do nothing to these men, since this is the reason they have come under the shadow of my roof." 9 And they said, "Stand back!" Then they said, "This one came in to stay here, and he keeps acting as a judge; now we will deal worse with you than with them." So they pressed hard against the man Lot, and came near to break down the door. 10 But the men reached out their hands and pulled Lot into the house with them, and shut the door. 11 And they struck the men who were at the doorway of the house with blindness, both small and great, so that they became weary trying to find the door.

These citizens of Sodom came to rape these two visitors.

NIV makes it very clear for us:

*Genesis 19:5* 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."

That is a shocking demonstration of depravity, but we are just as shocked at the will-  
ingness of Lot to give up his daughters to the mob.

The offer is horrible and cannot be justified. We understand it a little more when we consider the low place of women in the pre-Christian world and the very high place of any guest in their homes in the Middle East. It was understood a guest was to be protected more than your own family. Not on my watch. Nobody mess with my daughter.

Homosexual advocates insist that homosexuals are exactly like everyone else, except they love people of their own sex. But when the conduct of homosexuals is observed, this is not the case.

We can bring out statistics on the number of partners homosexuals have: 43% of homosexuals say they have had 500 or more sexual partners in their lifetime. Only 1% of homosexuals say they have had four or fewer sexual partners in their lifetime. According to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, 77% of homosexuals say they have met sexual partners in a city park, 62% in a homosexual bar, 61% in a theater, 31% in a public restroom. Only 28% of homosexuals said they had known their partners for at least a week before participating in homosexual sex.

Homosexuals are actively recruiting young people from high schools who are full of hormones into their perverse lifestyle. Because the older generation homosexuals are dying with their sexually transmitted diseases and AIDS.

The average age of a homosexual man dying with AIDS is 39. The average age of gays dying of all other causes is 41. The average heterosexual married man lives 75 years. Gay men are three times more likely to have alcohol or drug abuse problems. Homosexuals are 14 times more likely to have had syphilis, and 23 times more likely to contract venereal diseases. AIDS killed 324,029 men and women in the USA between 1987 and 1998.

Homosexuals have insisted that up to 10% of the population of America is homosexual. But the most reliable statistics show only 2.3% of men in their 20's and 30's report ever having had a homosexual experience. Only 1.1% reported being exclusively homosexual.

Homosexuals also have an interest in defining themselves as "gay," a word that used to mean "happy" or "carefree." But it is a poor description of a lifestyle that has such a high rate of death, depression, illegal drug use, and suicide.

Homosexuality is not a disease, nor is it a heritage. It is nothing more than a down-right perversion. It is a sin of perverse lust. Nothing more, nothing less, nothing else.

Yes, our God is a loving God. Homosexual people claim that they were born in this way and made by our loving God. But they ignore the fact that the Bible stands absolutely against homosexuality. If what they say is true – God made them be homosexual, then why would the same God condemn homosexuality from the Bible? That would be a contradiction to His Word and God wouldn't do that.

*Romans 1:24-27 Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, 25 who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. 26 For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. 27 Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.*

Please note that even after these homosexual people in Sodom were stricken with blindness in v11, they were not leaving for their homes, but still looking for the door of Lot's home to rape these visitors. They were purely driven by their perverse lust.

However, we must love the people who practice homosexuality though we despise the sin of homosexuality. Their sin of homosexuality is no different than the sins we commit in the eyes of God. We must show them the way of salvation through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

If any homosexual wants to escape this wicked lifestyle, he or she needs to come to God with a sincere repented heart and ask Him to deliver him from the bondage of this sin. God is more than willing to do so.

### **C. COMPROMISE DESTROYS HIS TESTIMONY**

*Genesis 19:12-14 Then the men said to Lot, "Have you anyone else here? Son-in-law, your sons, your daughters, and whomever you have in the city—take them out of this place! 13 For we will destroy this place, because the outcry against them has grown great before the face of the Lord, and the Lord*

*has sent us to destroy it.” 14 So Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law, who had married his daughters, and said, “Get up, get out of this place; for the Lord will destroy this city!” But to his sons-in-law he seemed to be joking.* The effect of Lot’s life of compromise is clearly seen. When he spoke with utmost seriousness to his sons-in-law about the judgment of God, they thought that he was joking. The life of Lot shows us that it is possible to have a saved soul and a wasted life.

#### **D. HELLFIRE AND BRIMSTONE**

*Genesis 19:15-29 When the morning dawned, the angels urged Lot to hurry, saying, “Arise, take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you be consumed in the punishment of the city.” 16 And while he lingered, the men took hold of his hand, his wife’s hand, and the hands of his two daughters, the Lord being merciful to him, and they brought him out and set him outside the city. 17 So it came to pass, when they had brought them outside, that he said, “Escape for your life! Do not look behind you nor stay anywhere in the plain. Escape to the mountains, lest you be destroyed.” 18 Then Lot said to them, “Please, no, my lords! 19 Indeed now, your servant has found favor in your sight, and you have increased your mercy which you have shown me by saving my life; but I cannot escape to the mountains, lest some evil overtake me and I die. 20 See now, this city is near enough to flee to, and it is a little one; please let me escape there (is it not a little one?) and my soul shall live.” 21 And he said to him, “See, I have favored you concerning this thing also, in that I will not overthrow this city for which you have spoken. 22 Hurry, escape there. For I cannot do anything until you arrive there.” Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar. 23 The sun had risen upon the earth when Lot entered Zoar. 24 Then the Lord rained brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah, from the Lord out of the heavens. 25 So He overthrew those cities, all the plain, all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground. 26 But his wife looked back behind him, and she became a pillar of salt. 27 And Abraham went early in the morning to the place where he had stood before the Lord. 28 Then he looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the plain; and he saw, and behold, the smoke of the land which went up like the smoke of a furnace. 29 And it came to pass, when God destroyed the cities of the plain, that God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when He overthrew the cities in which Lot had dwelt.*

The angels had to take Lot by the hand and forcibly drag him out of Sodom. First, Lot lingered, then he argued. Furthermore, he begged to be allowed to go his own way. Instead of being grateful for God’s mercy and obeying his rescuers, Lot resisted them and created trouble for them.

This lack of urgency to do the things of God is a common sign of compromise and a backslidden condition. Like Lot, backsliders are the most miserable people in the world. Because they have too much of the world to be happy in God, and too much of God to be happy in the world.

Mrs. Lot didn’t want to leave Sodom, because her heart was still there. We need to look forward to our deliverance of God, not back at a world that is passing away and ripe for judgment.

Lot, his wife, and their daughters basically had to be dragged by the hand out of the city. That’s why Jesus said, “Remember Lot’s wife” in Luke 17:32. As she was leav-

ing Sodom, she was warned not to look back, but she did anyway. In the original language, the words that describe her looking back don't indicate a quick look. Rather, she looked with longing. Have you ever looked at something with longing? That's how Lot's wife looked at Sodom and Gomorrah, and she turned into a pillar of salt.

I find it interesting that Noah spoke and his family moved. But Lot spoke and his family laughed and lingered. What kind of impact are you having on your family? How effective is your word as a parent? As a mother? As a father? As grandparents? The people whose hearts are drawn to the Lord draw their families to Christ, but those who are changed by the world drive their families away from Christ. We all have moments of inconsistency and even hypocrisy, but our children and grandchildren are watching us. They are looking to us as examples. Be a good one.

## **E. OUT OF FRYING PAN INTO FIRE**

*Genesis 19:30-38 Then Lot went up out of Zoar and dwelt in the mountains, and his two daughters were with him; for he was afraid to dwell in Zoar. And he and his two daughters dwelt in a cave. 31 Now the firstborn said to the younger, "Our father is old, and there is no man on the earth to come in to us as is the custom of all the earth. 32 Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve the lineage of our father." 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. 34 It happened on the next day that the firstborn said to the younger, "Indeed I lay with my father last night; let us make him drink wine tonight also, and you go in and lie with him, that we may preserve the lineage of our father." 35 Then 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. 36 Thus both the daughters of Lot were with child by their father. 37 The firstborn bore a son and called his name Moab; he is the father of the Moabites to this day. 38 And the younger, she also bore a son and called his name Ben-Ammi; he is the father of the people of Ammon to this day.*

If Lot was really afraid to stay in Zoar, why didn't he go to his uncle Abraham instead of the mountains? This is like many backslidden Christians. They'd rather dwell in the place of isolation than making themselves accountable to the fellow believers in the Lord.

Lot's daughters' flimsy excuse for this terrible sin is that all the people have perished. However, their brief time in Zoar was enough to show them there were other people. Obviously living in Sodom affected these young women more than Lot realized.

We may be uncomfortable with the idea that the Bible includes the record of such disgraceful sins. It is far better for children to learn the facts of life and the consequences of our sins from the Word of God where sin is condemned than from any other places.

These Moabites and Ammonites became enemies and obstacles for Israel later. Lot's life ended in ruin, all because of his love for the world.

## **F. APPLICATIONS**

**1) We need to keep in mind that love for the world is a sin in the sight of God.**

*1 John 2:15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.*

**2) We must remember that the lack of urgency to do the things of God is a common sign of compromise and a backslidden condition.**