

“THE WALK OF FAITH”

“THE PROMISE OF GOD AND THE PATH OF THE PATRIARCHS”

Part 2 of the Book of Genesis (Chapters 12-50)

PART 37

“DON’T GET SWEEP AWAY!”

“Escaping the Path of the Coming Judgment”

(Genesis 19:1-29; Luke 17:22-35)

INTRODUCTION:

Last week we listened in as Abraham interceded on behalf of Sodom, and by proxy, on behalf of his nephew, Lot. The contrast between the two men and the two storylines are significant. And the theological themes we introduced are profound and just as pertinent for us today. These are supplied again below and are worthy of our revisit.

This week we are confronted with a very different text. It is a story that shows the depravity of man in its full expression — unrestrained and unvarnished. It is truly unsettling and disturbing. Yet, woven through this dismal and dark narrative of sin and its fitting judgment is the startling story of God’s sovereign mercy, grace and deliverance. Hope in the midst of heartache!

But we must not miss the strong warning in this passage. It is one to which Jesus would later draw the attention of His listeners. And should we hear and heed the warning, we too can escape the coming judgment.

THE COMPELLING CONTRASTS OF GENESIS 18 & 19:

1. Abraham & the **faithful** promise of **God** is set in contrast to Lot & the **false** promise of **the world**.

“...all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes, the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. **The world is passing away, and also its lusts...**”

—1 John 2:16, 17a

2. Abraham, the **committed** righteous man **standing** in the **gap** for the wicked city is set in contrast to Lot, the **compromised** righteous man **sitting** in the **gate** of the wicked city.

“I searched for a man among them who would build up the wall and **stand in the gap before Me for the land, so that I would not destroy it;** but I found no one.”

—Ezekiel 22:30

THE THEOLOGICAL THEMES OF GENESIS 18 & 19:

1. The **Gravity** of **Sin**:

2. The **Certainty** of **Judgment**:

3. The **Availability** of **Mercy**:

4. The **Possibility** of **Repentance**:

5. The **Efficacy** of **Righteousness**:

"Now Abraham arose early in the morning and went to the place where he had stood before the LORD; 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. 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."

—Genesis 19:27-29

THE THREE STORYLINES OF GENESIS 19:

1. IT IS THE _____ STORY OF LOT AND HIS _____.
2. IT IS THE _____ STORY OF SODOM AND ITS _____.
3. IT IS THE _____ STORY OF GOD AND HIS _____.

1A. THE STORY OF LOT:

1B. Lot's _____ ...that _____ from His _____
to _____ in Sodom. (19:1-11)

2B. Lot's _____ ..._____ in His _____
in _____ Sodom. (19:12-16)

3B. Lot's _____ ...that _____ His _____
to not fully _____ of Sodom. (19:12-16)

2A. THE STORY OF GOD:

1B. God _____ Him... _____ in the wicked city. (19:1-3)

2B. God _____ Him... from the _____ of the wicked city. (19:4-11)

3B. God _____ Him... what was in _____ for the wicked city. (19:12-13)

4B. God _____ Him... _____ from the wicked city. (19:14-29)

CONCLUSION:

"Remember Lot's wife.
Whoever seeks to keep his life will lose it..."

—Luke 17:32, 33a