

A dramatic, fiery sunset or sunrise over a cityscape, with a silhouette of a person in the foreground. The sky is filled with intense orange and yellow light, and the city below is shrouded in a hazy, golden glow. The silhouette of a person is visible in the lower center of the frame, looking towards the horizon.

Pleading for Others

Genesis 19



Genesis 19:

1 ¶ 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 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



Genesis 19:

go on your way." They said however, "No, but we shall spend the night in the square."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.⁴ ¶ Before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, surrounded the house, both



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young and old, all the people from every quarter; 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."

When Society Falls

- The absence of 'good' in a city...
- Lot had lived among these people
 - Come back from captivity with them
 - Possible 'elder' status – at the gate
 - Daughter's engaged

How do you live?

- The City around us affects:
 - Status, priorities, influence
 - Lot knew better – Abraham
 - Did this affect Lot?



2Peter 2:

7 and *if* He rescued righteous Lot, oppressed by the sensual conduct of unprincipled men 8 (for by what he saw and heard *that* righteous man, while living among them, felt *his* righteous soul tormented day after day by *their* lawless deeds),

Hospitality Extended

- Lot knew his city's failures
- “urged them strongly”
- Feast and unleavened bread...
- The blessings, safety and joy
- Sadness of sin and shame

Hospitality Destroyed 6-11

- Mob attack on the house
- Violation of “hospitality”
- Lot fails to influence them... (9)
 - Alien, acting like a judge
 - We need to do more...

Hospitality Extended

- Missionary activity at last!
- ‘Whom else do you have here?’
- ‘Jesting’ ? Foot-dragging exit!
- 16 – “compassion of the Lord”

Hospitality Fails

- The “little city” ... Zoar
- Was it for their sake... or his?
- “lovingkindness” 1st time!
- Not enough for backwards looks...



Matthew 10:

14 "Whoever does not receive you, nor heed your words, as you go out of that house or that city, shake the dust off your feet. 15 "Truly I say to you, it will be more tolerable for *the* land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city.

A close-up photograph of a wooden cross. The cross is painted with a vibrant red paint, which appears to be dripping down the vertical beam. The background is a dark, weathered wooden surface with vertical planks. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the texture of the wood and the glossy finish of the red paint.

JESUS SAID
COME
FOLLOW ME