



Abraham and Lot

And Abram went up out of Egypt, he, and his wife, and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the south. Genesis 13:1

Abraham represents God's righteous remnant. Lot is a picture of the backslidden church. When Abraham was called to walk with God, Lot went with him. At first, they appeared to be of the same mind. However, there was a root of worldliness in Lot that began to surface, even polluting the camp, and making it no longer possible for these two to walk together. Abraham was of a different spiritual substance than Lot and God was about to separate him for His higher purposes.

*And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere, before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, even as the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, as you come to Zoar. Then Lot chose all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves one from the other. Abram dwelt in the land of Canaan, and **Lot dwelt in the cities of the plain, and pitched his tent toward Sodom.** But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly. Genesis 13:10-13*

When the time came to make a critical choice, out of the lust of his eyes, Lot pitched his tent in Sodom. Many today are choosing to pitch their tent in Sodomville because by their natural eye it appears beautiful, but in reality they are aligning themselves to a world ripe for judgment. God is allowing the backslidden Lot church to be exposed because He is doing a house cleaning. There are many who are choosing to make a false peace with sin and unrighteousness, but soon they, like Lot, will find the Sodomites trying to break down their door to invade their house.

*And they (the wicked of Sodom) said, Stand back. And they said again, This fellow came in to sojourn, and will he now be a judge: now we will deal worse with you, than with them. And **they pressed sore upon the man, even Lot, and came near to break the door.** Genesis 19:9*

Lot put himself and his family in harm's way by choosing to dwell in Sodom. The spirit of iniquity and deception insidiously invaded their lives and their conscience became defiled.

*Behold now, I have two daughters which have not known man; let me, I pray, bring them out to you, and **do to them as is good in your eyes:** only to these men do nothing; for therefore they came under the shadow of my roof. Genesis 19:8*

Not only did his own conscience become defiled, but the consciences of his descendants got seared by his foolish choice to dwell among the wicked and they committed abominable acts.

*Come, **let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him,** that we may preserve seed of our father. Genesis 19:32*

Furthermore, by choosing to abide in Sodom among the wicked, Lot lost his testimony of God and his power of persuasion, becoming totally ineffective in rescuing others from imminent judgment and destruction.

*And Lot went out, and spoke to his sons in law, which married his daughters, and said, Up, get out of this place; for the LORD will destroy this city. **But he seemed to his sons in law as one that mocked.** Genesis 19:14*

*And the LORD said, Because **the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous; I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come to me; and if not, I will know. And the men turned their faces from there, and went toward Sodom: but Abraham stood yet before the LORD.** Genesis 18:20-22*

Beloved, we are living in the days of Sodom. Our sin is so grievous and the cry out of the earth so great that God is rising up to judge. **But Abraham stood before the Lord** and interceded for the righteous who were entangled in Sodom. God is separating the Abraham remnant from backslidden Lot in our day, so that he can stand before the Lord on behalf of those who are caught up in the spirit of the world.

*And Abraham drew near, and said, **Will you also destroy the righteous with the wicked? If there be fifty righteous within the city: will you also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are there? That be far from You to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from You: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?** Genesis 18:23-25*

It is through Abraham's intercession that backslidden Lot is rescued from the judgment of God. Similarly, there is a remnant today that is being purified and separated from Lot. His prayers will be heard by God and in the midst of judgment, God will remember mercy and rescue his relative, the backslidden church.

***And he (God) said, I will not destroy it for ten's sake.** Genesis 18:32. And while he (Lot) lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; **the LORD being merciful to him: and they brought him forth, and set him without the city.** Genesis 19:16*

*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 dwelt.** Genesis 19:29*

Beloved saint, will you come out from among them so that you can stand before the Lord that He may spare "Lot" and save the lost?

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