

## The Consequences of Compromise – Part 1

### Introduction and Review

- God still uses worn out believers (Gen. 18:1-33).
- Abraham was gracious with hospitality before the good news of birth (Gen. 18:1-8).
- Sarah did not believe the good news of her giving birth (Gen. 18:9-15).
- The Lord revealed the sad news of Sodom's destruction to Abraham (Gen. 18:16-21).
- Abraham intercedes for the inhabitants of Sodom (Gen. 18:22-33).

### I. The Compromising Saint is Rescued (Gen. 19:1-22)

#### A. A saint's true character revealed (v. 1-11)

*Lot became a leader in Sodom – “sitting in the gate”. He was an effective worldly leader; ineffective as a godly leader. He demonstrated righteousness in hospitality – humility, generosity, love (v. 1b-3). The wickedness of Sodom is revealed (v. 4-5). This was pervasive, generational homosexuality leading to other sins (Ezek. 16:49; Rom. 1:21-32). Lot also demonstrated righteousness by resisting the homosexual intentions & protecting his guests (v. 6-8). God is gracious to righteous Lot by protecting him (v. 9-11; 2Pe. 2:7-8). Lot was ineffective in dissuading the citizens of Sodom from sin; he could lead them while in sin but not away from sin.*

#### B. A saint's sad deliverance (v. 12-22)

*Lot is an ineffective leader with his sons-in law (v. 12-14) – they loved darkness more than light. Lot & his immediate family revealed their own worldliness (v. 15-16) – lingered, seized, brought, set. APPL: reluctance, slow to believer & procrastinating = major problems for believers. Lot also reveals unbelief & fear as part of his compromising character (v. 17-22). This is the reason that he is an ineffective witness for the Lord in Sodom.*

***As a believer, Lot is ineffective with a godly influence on people inside & outside his family because of his compromising lifestyle.***

### II. The Compromising Saint Suffers Loss (Gen. 19:23-38)

#### A. A saint suffers immediate loss (v. 23-30)

*Zoar (little) represents another compromise in Lot's life (v. 23). Lot's wife reveals her love for the world when God destroys her world & her (v. 24-26). Abraham observes & understands that God has faithfully answered his prayer – judgment & mercy (v. 27-30). True intercession is effect & a humble saint can accept the will of God after true intercession (Jas. 5:16).*

#### B. A saint suffers long-term loss (v. 31-38)

*Fear continues to affect the decisions of a compromising saint (v. 31). The legacy of Lot was immorality, incest, idolatry & two nations of heathens because of his compromising worldly lifestyle (v. 32-38). He was a saint with very few Godly works (1Co. 3:12-15). His daughter having been raised in the sexual perversion of Sodom saw no problem with incest.*

***The compromising, worldly lifestyle of a believer results in immediate & long-term loss.***

Gen. 19:1-38

**APPL:** Lot chose the allurements of prosperity & sin as a lifestyle for him & his family. He became very wealthy & influential in this sinful society as he adopted a compromising lifestyle. This compromising lifestyle made him a weak ineffective witness for the Lord & left a legacy of ruin lives & lost souls. His losses were massive: fellowship & intimacy with God, wife, sons-in-law, respect & decency from daughters, reputation, wealth, home, citizenship...