

The Consequences of Compromise – Part 2

Introduction and Review

- Lot became an effective worldly leader in Sodom – “sitting in the gate” (v. 1a).
- Lot demonstrated righteousness in hospitality (v. 1b-3).
- Homosexuality was pervasive & generational in Sodom leading to other sins (v. 4-5; Ezek. 16:49; Rom. 1:21-32). *Homosexuality is not satisfied until it completely dominates a person, home, group...society (1Co. 5:6-7).*
- Lot demonstrated righteousness by resisting homosexual intentions & protecting his guests (v. 6-8).
- God is merciful to righteous Lot by protecting him (v. 9-11; **2Pe. 2:7-8**).

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

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

REVIEW FROM LAST WEEK! *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 believe & procrastinating = signs of sins in our heart. 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 his 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). Lot lost his sons-in-law, wife, home, wealth, career, reputation & respect – now living in a cave with his 2 daughters.

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

*Lot's daughters make compromising decisions like him – no faith (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. **Parents Beware!***

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

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 ruined lives & lost souls. His losses were massive: fellowship & intimacy with God, wife, sons-in-law, respect & decency from daughters, reputation, wealth, home, citizenship... Some job offers & promotions are not good for you; relocation of home or family; places of education, entertainment, etc.