

The Consequences of Compromise – Part 3

Introduction and Review

- Lot was an effective worldly leader in Sodom – “sitting in the gate” (v. 1a).
- Lot demonstrated righteousness in hospitality & resisting the homosexual intentions against his guests (v. 1b-3, 6-8).
- Homosexuality was pervasive & generational in Sodom (v. 4-5). God considers homosexuals to be men – “men of the city”. Homosexuality is not satisfied until it completely **dominates** a person, home, group...society (1Co. 5:6-7).
- Lot was an ineffective godly leader in his family because of worldliness, unbelief & fear (v. 12-22). He was reluctant to leave Sodom – lingered, seized...
- God was merciful to righteous Lot by protecting & delivering him (v. 9-11, 16).

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

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

COVERED 3 WEEKS AGO & REVIEWED ABOVE! *Lot was an effective worldly leader in Sodom, but an ineffective godly leader in Sodom & his home.*

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

COVERED 2 WEEKS AGO & REVIEWED ABOVE! **APPL:** *Are you reluctant, slow to believe & a procrastinator when God reveals His will to you? As a believer, Lot was 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. 31-36). The legacy of Lot was immorality, incest, idolatry & two nations of heathens because of his compromising worldly lifestyle (v. 37-38). He was a saint with very few godly works (1Co. 3:12-15). His daughters having been raised in the sexual perversion of Sodom saw no problem with incest. **Parents Beware of the things to which your children are exposed (1Co. 15:33)!***

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 ruin 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.