



Genesis 19:1-16

# COMPROMISE ACCORDING TO GOD

*The root of homosexuality is also the root of a myriad of others sins—pride. Pride is the root of all sin. Pride puffs up one with a false sense of independence. Proud people always feel that they can live independently from God and from other people. Proud people feel entitled to do what they want when they want to... Pride combined with wealth leads to idleness because you falsely feel that God just wants you to have fun; if unchecked, this sin will grow into entertainment-driven lust; if unchecked, this sin will grow into hardness of heart; if unchecked, we become bold in our sin and feel entitled to live selfish lives... Pride, not sexual orientation, is the root sin... Conversion is a heart affair. Before we can come to Christ, we must empty ourselves of the false pride, blame-shifting, excuse-making, and self-deception that preoccupies our days and our relationships. Before we can come to Christ, we must come to ourselves.*

—Dr. Rosaria Butterfield, *The Secret Thoughts of an Unlikely Convert*

Genesis 18-19 form one story in the life of Abraham with all the events in these two chapters occurring in a span of a little more than 48 hours (except the actual births of Lot's daughters' sons, 19:36-38).

- A **Miraculous Birth of Isaac Revealed** (18:1-15)
  - B Abraham's Visitors Look Toward Sodom (18:16)
  - C Yahweh Considers Judgment on Sodom (18:17-21)
  - D Abraham Intercedes for Sodom (18:22-33)
  - E Angels Visit Lot in Sodom (19:1-3)
    - F **Sodom's Great Sin against Yahweh** (19:4-14)
    - E Angels Rescue Lot from Sodom (19:15-16)
    - D Lot Pleads for Zoar (19:17-22)
    - C Yahweh Executes Judgment on Sodom (19:23-26)
    - B Abraham Looks Toward Sodom (19:27-29)
- A **Incestuous Births of Moab and Ammon Revealed** (19:30-38)

## THE CARNALITY OF LOT (19:1a; cf. 13:8-13; 14:12)

- Lot went from gazing at Sodom to sitting in leadership at its gate.
  1. He \_\_\_\_\_ at it.
  2. He \_\_\_\_\_ it.
  3. He \_\_\_\_\_ it for himself.
  4. He \_\_\_\_\_ toward it.
  5. He \_\_\_\_\_ in it.
  6. He \_\_\_\_\_ in it.
  7. He \_\_\_\_\_ in it.

*In the Abraham cycle, Lot is either the passive individual or else when he does take initiative, he invariably makes the wrong choice.*

—Laurence A. Turner

*Lot's presence **in the gate** suggests that politically he had become one with the Sodomites, if not a leader among them. Curiously Lot is alone at the focal point of communal life, suggesting that he alone is concerned about the community's well-being.*

—Bruce Waltke

*Good & evil both increase at compound interest. That is why the decisions you and I make every day are of such infinite importance. The smallest good act today is the capture of a strategic point from which, a few months later, you may be able to go on to victories you never dreamed of. An apparently trivial indulgence in lust or anger today is the loss of a ridge, railway line or bridgehead from which the enemy may launch an attack otherwise impossible. While we fret the big decisions—jobs, family changes, retirement—the action is in the endless small ones.*

—C. S. Lewis

## THE HOSPITALITY OF LOT (19:1b-3)

- Lot greets his guests with humility and respect.
- Lot seeks to protect his guests from the dangers in Sodom.
- Lot provides his guests with a “feast” of unleavened bread.

## THE FUTILITY OF LOT (19:4-14)

- Lot futilely tried to \_\_\_\_\_ them.
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- Lot futilely (and shockingly) tried to \_\_\_\_\_ them.
- Lot futilely tried to \_\_\_\_\_ them.

## THE DEPRAVITY OF SODOM (19:13; cf. 13:13; 18:20)

*Behold, this was the guilt of your sister Sodom: she and her daughters had arrogance, abundant food and careless ease, but she did not help the poor and needy. Thus they were haughty and committed abominations before Me. Therefore I removed them when I saw it.* —Ezekiel 16:49-50

*In a similar way, Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion. They serve as an example of those who suffer the punishment of eternal fire.* —Jude 7

1. Prideful \_\_\_\_\_
2. Prosperous \_\_\_\_\_
3. Pitiless \_\_\_\_\_
4. Perverted \_\_\_\_\_

## THE MERCY OF GOD (19:15-16)

- The Lord protects Lot and his family, by His mercy and grace.
- The Lord rescues Lot and his family, by His mercy and grace.

*When a man took in a stranger, he was bound to protect him, even at the expense of the host's life.*

—John J. Davis

*19:3 is the only passage where miš-teh [feast] and maššâ [unleavened bread] occur together; they provide another incongruity in the passage by the offer of an inferior meal to honored guests.* —K. A. Mathews

*Lot tries to be a blessing but instead appears as a bungler and buffoon. He fails as a host, as a citizen, as a husband, as a father.*

—Bruce Waltke

*Those who try to enjoy the friendship of the world are often caught in moral dilemmas in which there is simply no good way out.*

—H. Van Dyke Parunak

*Now when the Sodomites saw the young men to be of beautiful countenance, and to an extraordinary degree, and that they took up their lodgings with Lot, they resolved themselves to enjoy these beautiful boys by force and violence.*

—Flavius Josephus (AD 37-100)

*This is what the residents of Sodom stipulated among themselves—“Any guest who comes here, we will have sexual relations with them and take their possessions.”*

—Rabbi Beivai (~AD 200-300)

*Pride is the rejection of the Creator and the divinely sanctioned order of creation.* —Robert A.J. Gagnon

*Original sin is not **who** we are but rather a pervasive pollution of our essential identity—in other words, it is **how** we are. Every one of us has sinful distortions of our sexuality.* —Christopher Yuan