

Lessons Learned from Lot

One of the great blessings of the Bible is that we have examples from people's lives, protected by inspiration, enabling us to learn from both their successes and failures. One might think that only the successes would provide lessons to be emulated as we strive to grow in our own faith. However, I also believe that we can learn a great deal from failures as we understand them and learn how to avoid the same problems.

As a child of God, we should be those who have an influence for good on those around us rather than those who allow those around us to harmfully influence us. We should be shining lights rather than allow others to determine our morality and character. Lot and his family stand as an example of what happens when we allow our culture to shape our spiritual state (or lack of the same). As we embark on this study together, may we be those who determine today to influence those around us for good. In doing so, we must look to God and His Word for our guidance rather than looking to what is acceptable in society as the gauge for living our lives.

Outline: Lessons Learned From Lot's Family

- I. Decline for Parental Respect (Gen. 19:14; Lev. 20:9; Eph. 6:1-3)
- II. Reluctance to Flee from Evil (Gen. 19:15-16; 1 Cor. 6:18; 10:14; 1 Tim. 6:10-11; 2 Tim. 2:22; James 4:4; Rom. 8:1; Mt. 25:46; Gal. 6:7)
- III. Fear Reigned Rather than Faith (Gen. 19:17-22; Eph. 6:10; Mt. 10:28)
- IV. Yearning for the Wrong Things (Gen. 19:26; Lk. 17:32; 1 Jno. 2:15-17)
- V. When Immorality Takes Root (Gen. 19:30-38; 1 Cor. 15:33; Prov. 6:27-28; Hos. 8:7).

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Introduction:

- A. Background (Lev. 26:14-45; Deut. 28:15-68)
- B. Approach in his role as a prophet

Discussion:

1. The Role of a Faithful Minister

- A. He must proclaim the truth regardless of the response of the people (2:6-9; 2 Tim. 4:1-4; Isa. 30:10)
- B. He must proclaim the truth in order to deliver his own soul.
- C. He must proclaim the truth regardless of whom the message affects (1 Tim. 5:17-20; Gal. 6:1)

2. Man's Response to God

- A. It should be one of reverence (36:22-23)
- B. It should be one of gratitude and humility (16:14-15)
- C. It should be one of rejecting the world (11:12; 20:32)

3. While these are all powerful lessons, I see one as probably the most important and edifying... the restoration of the remnant (Ezek. 37)

- A. At first, this is a gruesome sight.
- B. Several pertinent points of application...