

Good Morning Belfield Baptist Church Family and Friends.
Sunday – Sept. 20, 2020.

Our Verse for the day: Proverbs 22:6 (KJV) ⁶ Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Our devotion today as with each Sunday is an outline of the message at Belfield Baptist Church for September 20, 2020.

The History of Lot

Genesis 19:1-16

Many times, we think about someone that we know that made the wrong decision or are going the wrong way. We think about someone that has gone against the will of Christ; we have all kinds of names for these people we even call them backsliders at times. I want us to think about Lot this morning and look at the decision that he made and the results.

As we look at the history of Lot, we can see that he was the nephew of Abraham, and many times Abraham had to come to the rescue of Lot.

We can also read in these first few chapters that Lot and Abraham were both very rich, and the land that they were living in could no longer hold them. Abraham said that they would have to split up. HE GAVE LOT HIS CHOICE OF THE LAND.

When Lot turned away from Abraham, he turned aside from faith. When he sought the well-watered plains, he was seeking HIS OWN GLORY. While seeking his own interest, his testimony as a believer in the Lord was despised.

LET US LOOK AT THE:

1. CHOICE HE MADE:

Genesis 13:10-12 ¹⁰ Lot looked out and saw that the entire Jordan Valley as far as^[a] Zoar was well watered everywhere like the Lord's garden and the land of Egypt. This was before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah. ¹¹ So Lot chose the entire Jordan Valley for himself. Then Lot journeyed eastward, and they

separated from each other. ¹² Abram lived in the land of Canaan, but Lot lived in the cities of the valley and set up his tent near Sodom.

He let his own heart dictate what to do and he wanted a sure thing, he was influenced by appearance. Today we face the same dangers as children of God . . . If we let our hearts tell us what to do, or our feeling, then we will cast our tents toward Sodom. A city ruled by Satan and his angels. That is if we look for an easy way out.

II POSITION HE OCCUPIED

Gen 19:1 **And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground;**

1. He had become a companion of the Sodomites.
2. He is now seen as partners with them. Taking on their customs.
3. This is the same thing that will happen to Christians when they can find pleasure in the fellowship of the ungodly, they will soon become a sharer of their iniquity.

We are not to become associated with the worldly people. (Explain) We are not to accept their ways as our ways as Lot did.

III. MESSAGE HE RECEIVED.

(V. 13) **For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the Lord; and the Lord hath sent us to destroy it.**

“The Lord hath sent us to destroy this place” Wicked places and wicked things must all be destroyed. The Cry of this evil situation in this city had reached up to the ears of God and He sent His angels to destroy the city.

(As we think about this verse let me ask you a question, if God destroyed all the evil in your life, would he destroy anything? Or would you have anything left?) This verse alone should be enough to make us realize that we should put our trust in the things above and not the things on earth.

IV. TESTIMONY HE BORE. (Vs.14) **And Lot went out, and spake unto his sons in law, which married his daughters, and said, Up, get you out of this place; for the Lord will destroy this city. But he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons in law.**

“Lot went out and spake unto his sons-in-law . . . but he seemed as one that mocked.”

Lot had lived in this condition so long that they looked at him as one of them and he had no influence. This is the same testimony that we will bare if we do not live an upright life.

He had lost all his influence, even with his own family.

Lot turned from God and followed his own heart and lost all.

What kind of life are we living today? Is our tent pitched toward God or Material things?

There are 4 lessons to be learned from Lot's downfall.

The first is not to let conflicts go unresolved. Had the conflict between Lot's herdsmen and Abraham's herdsmen been resolved sooner, Lot and Abraham might not have had to split up. Prolonged conflict always leads to broken relationships.

The second lesson we learn is that the desire for earthly pleasures leads to destruction. Lot looked down on the plain of Jordan and the city of Sodom, and he liked what he saw. He saw fast riches, and a city where people were living it up, and were uninhibited. But the Bible says Sodom was a wicked city.

Often, Christians are attracted to the wrong things. We can be attracted to earthly wealth, living the high life, and pursuing personal pleasures. When Christians give in to personal pleasure, and turn their back on God, destruction follows.

The third lesson is what the destruction of a Christian life looks like. Motivated by his own selfish desires, Lot moved to Sodom, where he was kidnapped, lost everything, including his home and wife, and saw his witness ruined. Lot's legacy in scripture is not a good one.

If you leave God's Will, not only will you see destruction in your life, you will also see your witness ruined as well.

The fourth lesson: Lot was told to go to the mountains, and he wanted to go to Zoar (19:20) He left Zoar went to the Mountains, got drunk and both of his daughters became pregnant. (19:30-36) That was the last we hear of Lot.

As we move through the COVID-19, let's put this into practice. Don't be ruled by greed, trust God for who He is, and look forward to His Kingdom. Don't be distracted by the temporary things of this world. Maintain a strong relationship with God.

Today, Sept. 20, as you pray, pray for the Lots in this day and time. They have left God for mammon.