



Lesson 12

1 John 2:15

Do not love the world or anything in it. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them.

The Lord Destroys Sodom and Gomorrah

Genesis 19:1–29

¹The two angels arrived at Sodom in the evening. Lot was sitting near the gate of the city. When Lot saw the angels, he got up to greet them. He bowed down with his face to the ground. ²“My lords,” he said, “please come to my house. You can wash your feet and spend the night there. Then you can go on your way early in the morning.”

“No,” they answered. “We’ll spend the night in the town square.”

³But Lot wouldn’t give up. So they went with him and entered his house. He prepared a meal for them. He baked bread without using yeast. And they ate. ⁴Before Lot and his guests had gone to bed, all the men came from every part of the city of Sodom. Young and old men alike surrounded the house. ⁵They called out to Lot. They said, “Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us. We want to have sex with them.”

⁶Lot went outside to meet them. He shut the door behind him. ⁷He said, “No, my friends. Don’t do such an evil thing. ⁸Look, I have two daughters that no man has ever slept with. I’ll bring them out to you now. Then do to them what you want to. But don’t do anything to these men. I’ve brought them inside so they can be safe.”

⁹“Get out of our way!” the men of Sodom replied to Lot. “You came here as an outsider. Now you want to act like a judge! We’ll treat you worse than them.” They kept trying to force Lot to open the door. Then they moved forward to break it down.

¹⁰But the angels inside reached out and pulled Lot back into the house and shut the door. ¹¹Then they made the men who were at the door of the house blind. They blinded both young and old men so that they couldn’t find the door.

¹²The two angels said to Lot, “Do you have any other family members here? Do you have sons-in-law, sons, daughters or any other relatives in the city? Get them out of here! ¹³We are going to destroy this place. Many have cried out to the Lord against the people of this city. So He has sent us to destroy it.”

¹⁴Then Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law. They had promised to marry his daughters. He said, “Hurry up! Get out of this place! The Lord is about to destroy the city!” But his sons-in-law thought he was joking.

¹⁵The sun was coming up. So the angels tried to get Lot to leave. They said, “Hurry up! Take your wife and your two daughters who are here. Get out! If you don’t, you will be swept away when the city is destroyed.”

¹⁶Lot didn't move right away. So the men grabbed him by the hand. They also took hold of the hands of his wife and two daughters. They led all of them safely out of the city. The Lord had mercy on them.

¹⁷As soon as the angels had brought them out, one of them spoke. He said, "Run for your lives! Don't look back! Don't stop anywhere in the valley! Run to the mountains! If you don't, you will be swept away!"

¹⁸But Lot said to them, "No, my lords! Please! ¹⁹You have done me a big favor. You have been very kind to me by sparing my life. But I can't run to the mountains. I won't be able to escape this horrible thing that's going to happen. And then I'll die. ²⁰Look, here's a town near enough to run to. It's small. Let me run to it. It's very small, isn't it? Then my life will be spared."

²¹The Lord said to Lot, "All right. I will also give you what you are asking for. I will not destroy the town you are talking about. ²²But run there quickly. I can't do anything until you reach it." The town was named Zoar. Zoar means Small.

²³By the time Lot reached Zoar, the sun had risen over the land. ²⁴Then the Lord sent down burning sulfur. It came down like rain on Sodom and Gomorrah. It came from the Lord. It came out of the sky.

²⁵The Lord destroyed these cities and the whole valley. All the people who were living in the cities were wiped out. So were the plants in the land. ²⁶But Lot's wife looked back. When she did, she became a pillar made out of salt.

²⁷Early the next morning Abraham got up. He returned to the place where he had stood in front of the Lord. ²⁸He looked down toward Sodom and Gomorrah and the whole valley. He saw thick smoke rising from the land. It looked like smoke from a furnace.

²⁹So when God destroyed the cities of the valley, He showed concern for Abraham. He brought Lot out safely when He destroyed the cities where Lot had lived.

Questions

- ① Who arrived at Sodom in the evening? Two _____ arrived at Sodom in the evening. (Gen. 19:1)
- ② Where was Lot at the time? Lot was _____ near the _____ of the city. (Gen. 19:1)
- ③ What was Lot's response when he saw the angels? Lot _____ up to _____ them, _____ down with his face to the ground, and **i** _____ (means "politely requested") them to his house so they could _____ their feet and spend the _____ there. (Gen. 19:1-2)
- ④ From Lot's response to seeing the angels, do you think Lot still had some respect for God? (Yes/No) _____.
- ⑤ What did the angels say to Lot? Why? The angels said, "**N** _____," because they wanted to spend the night in the _____. (Gen. 19:2)
- ⑥ Did Lot accept the angels' refusal to go to his house? (Yes/No) _____. (Gen. 19:3)
- ⑦ When Lot refused to give up, did the angels change their minds about going to his house? (Yes/No) _____. (Gen. 19:3)

- 8 What happened before Lot and his guests went to bed? _____ the _____ came from _____ part of the city of Sodom and surrounded Lot's house. (Gen. 19:4)
- 9 What were the ages of these men? They were _____ and _____. (Gen. 19:4)



This was a very large number of men.

- 10 What did these men want? They wanted to have _____ with the Lot's two guests. (Gen. 19:5)
- 11 Lot obviously panicked and offered what to the men instead? Lot offered his two virgin _____ to the men instead. (Gen. 19:8)
- 12 Did Lot trust God to protect him and his family? (Yes/No) _____.
- 13 From your knowledge of angels so far, do you think the angels needed Lot's protection? (Yes/No) _____.
- 14 Did the men accept Lot's offer of his daughters? (Yes/No) _____. (Gen. 19:9)
- 15 What did the men do? They kept trying to _____ Lot to open the door, and they moved forward to _____ it _____. (Gen. 19:9)
- 16 What did the angels, who Lot thought needed protection, do? The angels _____ Lot back into the house, _____ the door, and _____ all the men. (Gen. 19:10–11)
- 17 What did the angels tell Lot to do? Why? The angels told Lot to get all his **f**_____ (means "family members") out of the city, because the angels were going to _____ it. (Gen. 19:12–13)
- 18 Who gave the angels the order to do this? The _____ gave the angels the order to destroy Sodom. (Gen. 19:13)



Obviously there wasn't even ten godly people living in Sodom.

- 19 Who refused to go with Lot? Why? Lot's two _____ refused to go with him, because they thought he was _____. (Gen. 19:14)
- 20 Were Lot and his family eager to leave Sodom when the sun came up? (Yes/No) _____. The angels had to **h**_____ them up. (Gen. 19:15)
- 21 Even then Lot didn't make a move right away, so what did the angels have to do? The angels had to

_____ Lot by the hand, take _____ of the hands of his wife and two daughters, and _____ them safely out of the city. (Gen. 19:16)

- 22 What were the instructions the angels gave to Lot and his family? The angels told them to _____ for their lives, don't _____ back, and don't _____ anywhere in the valley. (Gen. 19:17)
- 23 Where were Lot and his family to run? They were to run to the _____. (Gen. 19:17)
- 24 Did Lot become scared? (Yes/No) _____. (Gen. 19:18–20)
- 25 Where did Lot want to go instead? Why? Lot wanted to go to a small _____ nearby called _____, because he felt he couldn't _____ to the mountains. (Gen. 19: 19–22)



I guess Lot was out of shape.

- 26 Did the angels agree to Lot's request? (Yes/No) _____. (Gen. 19:21)
- 27 What did the Lord send down upon Sodom and Gomorrah? The Lord sent down _____ upon Sodom and Gomorrah. (Gen. 19:24)
- 28 How did the burning sulphur come down? It came down like _____ (Gen. 19:24)
- 29 Did the Lord wait until Lot reached Zoar? (Yes/No) _____. (Gen. 19:23)
- 30 What was destroyed? The **C** _____ of Sodom and Gomorrah, the whole _____, all the _____ who were living in these cities, and the _____ in the land were destroyed. (Gen. 19:25)
- 31 Who in Lot's family disobeyed the angels' instructions? Lot's _____ did. (Gen. 19:26)
- 32 What did Lot's wife do? She _____ back. (Gen. 19:26)
- 33 What became of Lot's wife when she looked back? She became a _____ made out of salt. (Gen. 19:26)

Psalm 101:3

I won't look at anything that is evil and call it good. I hate the acts of people who aren't faithful to You. I won't have anything to do with those things.

- 34 Why do you think Lot's wife looked back to the evil city? She loved Sodom *too* much, which meant her heart was not **r** _____ (opposite of "wrong") with God.

Philippians 3:20

But we are citizens of heaven. And we can hardly wait for a Saviour from there. He is the Lord Jesus Christ.

- 35 Where is your true citizenship if you are a child of God? My true citizenship is in _____.



When it is time for God to take us home to Heaven, we should not be like Lot and his family. We should eagerly look to our Heavenly Father. Our love for the world should not be greater than our love for God.

- 36 Why did God save Lot and his two daughters when they struggled with the angels' order to leave the evil city? God saved Lot and his two daughters because of his concern for _____.
(Gen. 19:29)

How did the Holy Spirit speak to you this week as you studied these Bible verses? In other words, what did you learn this week from reading God's Word?

