

REVELATION

“How to Live in the Last Days?”

What do we do?

Are we living in last days?

- How should we live in the last days?
- What do we do?

Our illustration from scripture:

Luke 17:26 And **as it was in the days of Noe**, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. 27 They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. 28 **Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot**; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; 29 But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. 30 Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed. 31 In that day, he which shall be upon the housetop, and his stuff in the house, let him not come down to take it away: and he that is in the field, let him likewise not return back. **32 Remember Lot's wife.**

Why remember Lot's wife?

- She was caught between
- She left, but she looked back

1 John 2:15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world.

- They got their eyes off of God and onto the things of this world
- It will change you

Luke 17:34 I tell you, in that night there shall be two men in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left. 35 Two women shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left. 36 Two men shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

We are in a battle – a Spiritual Battle

Ephesians 6:10-12 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹² For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*.

We must have the right perspective:

- We are soldiers of Jesus Christ
 - Keep your eyes on the mission

- We are here for a reason

We must also keep our guard up:

The condition of the last days:

2 Thessalonians 2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, **except there come a falling away first**, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

2 Timothy 3:1 This know also, that in the last days **perilous times shall come**.

We must live in the world, but not become of the world

The Story behind the story:

Why is this used as an illustration?

Genesis 13:11 **Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan**; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other. ¹² Abram dwelled in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain, **and pitched his tent toward Sodom**. ¹³ But the men of Sodom *were* wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly.

Two men - Two families

- They were given the same opportunities
- **But they made two very different choices**
 - With two very different outcomes

The Urgency of Keeping our Guard Up

Proverbs 4:23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

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A. Lot made a choice to ignore the danger

- Lot did not make a choice to lose his family
 - It started with a choice to ignore the danger

Genesis 13:13 But the men of Sodom *were* wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly.

¹⁸ Then Abram removed *his* tent, and came and dwelt in the plain of Mamre, which *is* in Hebron, and built there an altar unto the LORD.

B. Abraham chose to fight

Choosing to fight is going to cost you something!

The best way to avoid getting caught by the devil is to keep your hands out of the traps

It is not a question of “if there is danger,” BUT Where is the danger

II. The Effects of Not Keeping Our Guard up

- If we choose to ignore the battle, then we choose to accept consequences

God came to Abraham through two angels

- They told him of God’s plan
- They went down to see Sodom and to visit Lot

Genesis 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;

- Because Lot is found sitting at the gate of the city
 - It is said that this is a sign of a man with a position in the city
 - Lot recognized these men to be from God

This is how it happens....

A. Lot became comfortable with the darkness or the world around Him

- The longer you get comfortable in the dark
- The more your eyes adjust to the darkness

Genesis 19:2 And he said, Behold now, my lords, turn in, I pray you, **into your servant's house**, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early, and go on your ways. And they said, Nay; but we will abide in the street all night. ³ And he pressed upon them greatly; and they turned in unto him, and entered into his house; and he made them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread, and they did eat.

Notice a change in residency

- He now owns a home there
 - He started by pitching his tent towards Sodom

Question: If it is so wicked, and he knows it, why is he raising his family there?

B. Lot lost his respect and influence over people

Genesis 19:4 But before they lay down, the men of the city, *even* the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter: ⁵ And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where *are* the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them.

When we drop our guard, we will lose our witness

C. Lot lost his character and self respect

Genesis 19:6 And Lot went out at the door unto them, and shut the door after him, ⁷ And said, I pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly. ⁸ Behold now, I have two daughters which have not known man; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as *is* good in your eyes: only unto these men do nothing; for therefore came they under the shadow of my roof.

- He had twisted moral discernment

Genesis 19:7 And said, I pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly. ⁸ Behold now, I have two daughters

- He dishonored his family

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III. We see the results

A. HE LOST HIS CHILDREN

Genesis 19:12 And the men said unto Lot, Hast thou here any besides? son in law, and thy sons, and thy daughters, and whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring *them* out of this place: 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.**

“Go and find your married children before it is too late”

Genesis 19:14 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.**

B. HE HAD LOST HIS PRIORITIES

Genesis 19:15 **And when the morning arose**, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which are here; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city.

Genesis 19:16 And while he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; the LORD being merciful unto him: and they brought him forth, and set him without the city.

- He was still apathetic
- He was still not getting it
- He was still half asleep

God's Judgment Falls from Heaven:

Genesis 19:24 Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven; ²⁵ And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground.

Judgment comes from God

- The Rain with Noah
- The fire here at Sodom
- The Judgments of Revelation to come

C. Lot lost the one He loved

Genesis 19:26 But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.

- Why did she look back?
 - Her heart was still there
 - Her children
 - Her home
 - Her friends
- This would have been different if he chose the way of Abraham

A look at Abraham:

Genesis 19:27 And Abraham gat up early in the morning to the place where he stood before the LORD: ²⁸ And he looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the plain, and beheld, and, lo, the smoke of the country went up as the smoke of a furnace. ²⁹ And it came to pass, when God destroyed the cities of the plain, that God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when he overthrew the cities in the which Lot dwelt.

- What did Abraham lose?
 - Nothing, not even sleep
- What did Lot lose?
 - Everything

2 Corinthians 6:16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and

they shall be my people. 17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, 18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.