



God Rescues Lot

May 8

INTRODUCTION: We've anticipated this event for some time (13:13, 14:21, 18:17). Now, God honours Abram's request to rescue the righteous ten (if they can be found), showing just how unrighteous and deserving of judgement Sodom was.

REVIEW: The Bible Project, [Genesis](#) (be cautious with other videos)

KEY POINT: rescue, wickedness, sodomy, justice

A.M. SERMON RECAP (Joel Angelis)

- What was the sermon about?
- What were the key points?
- Key takeaways...? Questions to keep considering?

P.M. SERMON RECAP (Gen 18:16–33, Chris Crocker)

- Why does God reveal His will to His friends?
- How would God's judgement of Sodom be just?
- Like Jesus, how did Abraham intercede for others, even his enemies?
- Might God be withholding judgement on Canada because of us?

READ: Genesis 19:1–22

QUESTIONS:

1. *V. 1- Entertaining angels unawares (Heb 13:2)...neither the Sodomites nor Lot fully knew who these men were. Lot was in the gates [as a Judge, v. 9] perhaps as a favour for Abram's victory (Gen 14). Why is it sobering to think we might entertain angels unawares? Why is hospitality so important?*
2. **V.v. 2–3-If the angels were investigating the city, why would they have wanted to spend the night in the square? Why did Lot 'press them strongly'?**
3. **Why is much sin done at night? What does it say of a culture when it is practiced openly in the daylight?**

4. *V. 4- Lot shows hospitality like his uncle. By contrast the residents inhospitably sought gang rape. The totality of the group shows the depravity of the entire community.*
5. *Vv. 5–7- "to know" refers to intimate relations (c.f. 4:1, 24). Why would Lot describe these as 'wicked'? [he speaks to more than being inhospitable] (Read Gen 2:24, Jude 1:7).*
6. *Why does the Bible universally condemn homosexuality, or Sodomy? (Gen 19; Lev 18:22, 20:13; Judg 19; Ro 1:26–27; 1 Cor 6:9; 1 Ti 1:10; Jud 1:7). (C.f. our statement on 'Creation Order, Gender and Sexuality').*
7. **V. 8- While being cowardly, and possibly linked to social custom, how does Lot's response shed light on what he thought was more sinful?**
8. *V. 9- How do the Sodomites condemn themselves here?*
9. *Vv. 10–11- The angels wonderfully deliver Lot. Why did they not need to continue their investigation?*
10. *How is sin and pride like groping in the dark?*
11. *Vv. 12–14- The Angels continued their search for the righteous (c.f. Ch. 18), could they find 10 righteous?*
12. *The future sons-in-law thought Lot was joking. How do people fool themselves into thinking that God is only joking about judgement? How does Sodom remind us it is a reality?*
13. **V. 16- Why did Lot linger? Why should we seek to escape judgement and sin? How was the Lord merciful in snatching Lot? How has He ever snatched us?**
14. **How is Lot and Sodom a good picture of the need to flee to Jesus from destruction? (think Little Pilgrim's Big Journey).**
15. *How did God show Lot grace in letting him go to Zoar?*
16. *What purpose and place do you think the story of Sodom and Lot have in the story of Abraham, of Genesis?*

NEXT WEEK: May 15- Genesis 21, Isaac and Ishmael