

Lot's Choices

Lot Was A Believer But Carnal

“And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned them to destruction, making them an example to those who afterward would live ungodly; and delivered righteous Lot, who was oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked (for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented his righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing their lawless deeds)—” (2 Peter 2:6-8)

1. Only a believer can be so miserable.
2. Only a believer can live each day under condemnation from his own heart.
3. Only a believer can be more miserable and worse than an infidel.

Lot Only Came to the Lord When He Had a Need

“Now these are the ones sown among thorns; they are the ones who hear the word, and the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.” (Mark 4:18-19)

1. Lot made the choice for eternal life but did not make the choice to make his calling and election sure.
2. The world is the enemy of God (James 4:4, 1 John 2:15).

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1. **Prosperity Came Early in Lot's Spiritual Walk** – The strife could be seen by the unbelievers (Genesis 13:2, 5-11)
2. **Lot's Heart Went With His Choice**
 - a. Lot had no personal commitment, no personal study, or altar.
 - b. We are told Abraham built an altar, but Lot did not.
 - c. Lot thought he could ride the fence between the Lord and the world. He thought he could handle it. He could tell his family about the Lord, but they did not need fellowship from Abraham or the spiritual influence of the presence and voice of God.
 - d. We all live with the world around us. Our heart is the issue.
 - e. Lot's heart was not fixed on God and could not handle Sodom.
 - f. Abraham's heart was fixed on the Lord, and he could handle it.
3. **Lot Moved Toward Sodom**
 - a. At first, Lot looked toward Sodom, then pitched his tent toward Sodom (Genesis 13:12). Finally, Lot moved to Sodom.

- b. His family was raised in Sodom. His wife shopped with the women of Sodom, no longer with Sarah.
- c. Gone was the godly influence of Abraham and his home.
- d. Lot thought if he talked about the Lord or led a good example in the home, it would be alright.

The Consequences of Lot's Choices

1. Lot Was Taken Captive

- a. Sodom was attacked and overrun. Lot and his family were taken captive and led away into slavery.
- b. Abraham risked all to rescue Lot, his family, and all who were taken captive.
- c. When Abraham came back, he was met by Melchizedek and the king of Sodom.
 - 1. The king of Salem blessed God and Abraham.
 - 2. The king of Sodom was asked for the people and Abraham could keep the riches (Genesis 14:21).
- d. Why did the king of Sodom tempt Abraham with riches over people.
 - 1. Sodom was filled with people who thought more of riches and power than family or others.
 - 2. Why did Lot choose the well-watered plains of Jordan? He cared more about his cattle and income than his family.
- e. When Lot was rescued and brought home, he was given a second chance by the Lord to make his life right.
 - 1. He could have told his family they were moving back to the land with Abraham.
 - 2. There was still time to take spiritual leadership in his family.
- f. Abraham fellowshiped with Melchizedek after the victory. Lot fellowshiped with the Sodomites.
 - 1. The Sodomites probably congratulated Lot for knowing such a powerful military genius like Abraham.
 - 2. The king probably congratulated Lot for know such a great connection.
 - 3. Lot was offered a position in the government of Sodom, and he accepted as the minister of state.
 - 4. Lot learned nothing.

2. Destruction Comes – Lot's Situation Ethics

“Now the two angels came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw them, he rose to meet them, and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground. And he said, “Here now, my lords, please turn in to your servant’s house and spend the night and wash your feet; then you may rise early and go on your way.”

And they said, “No, but we will spend the night in the open square.”

But he insisted strongly; so they turned in to him and entered his house. Then he made them a feast, and baked unleavened bread, and they ate.

Now before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both old and young, all the people from every quarter, surrounded the house. And they called to Lot and said to him, "Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us that we may know them carnally."

So Lot went out to them through the doorway, shut the door behind him, and said, "Please, my brethren, do not do so wickedly! See now, I have two daughters who have not known a man; please, let me bring them out to you, and you may do to them as you wish; only do nothing to these men, since this is the reason they have come under the shadow of my roof."

And they said, "Stand back!" Then they said, "This one came in to stay here, and he keeps acting as a judge; now we will deal worse with you than with them." So they pressed hard against the man Lot, and came near to break down the door. But the men reached out their hands and pulled Lot into the house with them, and shut the door. And they struck the men who were at the doorway of the house with blindness, both small and great, so that they became weary trying to find the door." (Genesis 19:1-11)

1. This is situation ethics. The family never held a fixed place but was moved around with each situation.
2. Lot's daughters had friends from Sodom.
 - a. Two married men from Sodom.
 - b. Two lived at home but were offered as sexual diversions by their father.
3. Lot had a saved soul but a lost life. He hated the city but did nothing about it (2 Peter 2:8).
 - a. Lot's wife had her social life and friends in Sodom.
 - b. The entire family cared nothing for spiritual values.
4. Lot tried to save his family, but it was in vain. His testimony never had a supporting lifestyle.
5. Everything Lot did following was too late.
 - a. He woke his two married daughters and told them to run (Genesis 19:14).
 - b. The angels dragged his two other daughters from their home. They were taken outside the city, and they ran into the hills.
 - c. Lot's wife died, turned to a pillar of salt. She could not help but look back longingly to the city of Sodom.
 - d. Lot was alone in the mountains with his daughters. While he slept, the committed incest with him and became pregnant.