

Israel's Patriarch

A Study in Genesis 12-24

Epilogue: Lot and His
Daughters
Genesis 19:30-38
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Thus both the daughters of Lot became pregnant by their father. - **Genesis 19:36**

I. SODOM REBORN

- Lot's poor choices lead to poor outcomes. Zoar proves to be no better than Sodom, so he ends up in a cave (Vs.30; cf. Gen. 13:5-6).
- Lot's righteousness apparently did not extend to his daughters. They were more products of the city they grew up in than they were of their father.
- Lot is not innocent in this travesty of sexual sin and ungodliness. Not once, but twice, his own drunkenness leads him to bad consequences (Gen. 9:20; Prov. 20:1, 23:39-45; Gal. 5:19-21; Eph. 5:18).
- The result of this great sin was future enemies and chaos for Israel. It also resulted in the birth of two nations, one of which (Moab) would produce Ruth, who would give birth to Obed, who would lead to King David, who would lead to Jesus Christ (Ruth 1:4, 4:13-17; Matt. 1:5).

II. A MISPLACED LOVE

- This world is not "home" for believers in Christ. To make it so leads to heartache and loss (John 8:23, 16:33; Rom. 12:1-2; James 4:4).
- God's righteousness is not extended by our unrighteous acts. His purposes need not be fulfilled by our cunning and craftiness (Gen. 12:10-20, 16:1-4, 20:1-2; Zech. 4:6).
- Our choices matter. Godly men and women can make poor choices, and they can lead to life-long consequences (Gen. 25:29-34; 2 Sam. 11; Heb. 12:16-17).
- The answer is simple yet profound, easy yet immensely costly. Turn to Jesus, and seek his kingdom over the kingdom of this world (Jer. 45:4-5; Matt. 6:25-34; John 12:31).

KNOW: Poor choices lead to poor results, and to poor consequences. Human righteousness does not preclude poor judgments. We must seek to be like Christ, in both thoughts and conduct.

DO: Be transformed. Be prayerful. Think, then think again, before you act.

Suggested Reading:

**The Hole in our Holiness* by Kevin DeYoung (LifePoint Library #248.4 DEY).

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

Please Read Genesis 19:30-38

1. What seems to be the main point of this narrative?
2. Why, do you think, does God record events like this in the Bible?
3. Why did Lot flee Sodom? Why did he flee Zoar?
4. What seemed to have the most influence; Lot on the cities he lived in, or the cities he lived in on Lot (and his daughters)? What does this teach us?
5. How does God bring anything good out of a sordid story like this?
6. What are some lessons learned for you from this narrative?