

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. How did Lot's sons-in-law answer the opportunity given them to escape?
2. Do you ever find yourself in a comparable situation today? How? What is your answer?
3. What lesson do we learn from Lot's wife?
4. How is it possible to live in this sinful and evil world today and yet live a righteous life?

### SUMMARY:

The two angels of God found Lot in the evil and sinful city of Sodom where they came to see if there were any righteous. The time had come for God's judgment to come upon Sodom. Lot's family was given the opportunity to escape, but his sons-in-law would not heed the warnings and were left behind. They were told not to look back at the city, but as the fire and brimstone fell from heaven, Lot's wife looked back and became a pillar of salt. We, today, can have the faith of Lot and not turn to look back. We can have it through the love and mercy of our great God in heaven and the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The judgment came swift and sure upon the sinful and disobedient of Sodom and in like manner, shall be again on the last judgment day where "*if the righteous scarcely be saved where shall the ungodly and sinner appear?*" (1 Peter 4:18)

### NOTES:

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #11

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### LOT'S DELIVERANCE

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**LESSON TEXT:** *Genesis 19:1-29; 2 Peter 2:7-8*

**LESSON SETTING:** At Lot's home near the gate of Sodom.

**TIME:** Approximately 1900 BC

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#### I. LOT'S PLEADING. Genesis 19:1-14

- A. Divine Call (vs. 12) Ezekiel 33:11; Matthew 22:4; 2 Corinthians 5:20
- B. Sin Known to God (vs. 13) Hosea 7:13; Amos 5:12
- C. Warnings (vs. 14) Ezekiel 33:9; Malachi 3:5

#### II. LOT'S SECOND DELIVERANCE. Genesis 19:15-23

- A. Procrastination (vs. 16) Matthew 25:11-12; Acts 17:32
- B. God's Mercy (vs. 17) ; Psalm 103:17; Lamentations 3:22-23; Titus 3:5

#### III. SODOM'S DESTRUCTION. Genesis 19:24-29; 2 Peter 2:7-8

- A. Sudden Destruction (vs. 24-25) 1 Thessalonians 5:3
- B. Disobedience (vs. 26) 2 Thessalonians 1:8; Hebrews 2:2-3
- C. End of the Wicked (vs. 28) Romans 6:23; Revelation 21:8
- D. Deliverance for the Righteous (vs. 29) 1 Corinthians 10:13; 2 Timothy 4:18; 2 Peter 2:9

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *THE LORD KNOWETH HOW TO DELIVER THE GODLY OUT OF TEMPTATIONS, AND TO RESERVE THE UNJUST UNTO THE DAY OF JUDGMENT TO BE PUNISHED:* 2 Peter 2:9

**NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON:** Genesis 22:1-19; Hebrews 11:17-19  
**SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES:** Romans 4:13-25; Hebrews 11:8-12

**QUARTERLY THEME:** The Beginnings

**TOPIC:** ABRAHAM'S FAITH THROUGH OBEDIENCE

**INTRODUCTION:**

God, being a just and Holy God, has perfect right to prove or test His children's faith. Very often those whose faith seems to be the strongest are tested the most severely. Scripture tells us again and again of the faith of Abraham. He had explicit faith in God believing that whatever He did was good.

How sorely his poor heart must have ached when he was told to sacrifice his son. He did not question nor reason the request, he simply made ready to obey. A sword must have pierced his soul when Isaac asked where the lamb for the burnt offering was. What an answer Abraham gave him, "*My son, God will provide Himself a lamb for a burnt offering.*" He believed without a doubt God could do anything. Even if Isaac was killed, God could raise him again to life. He remembered God's promise to him in respect to being made the father of nations through Isaac, and he knew God would keep His promise.

God does not promise to keep us from trials, but he does promise to be with us and lead us through the trial and He has already provided the lamb (Christ) for the sacrifice. How gracious and merciful He is!

**CENTRAL TRUTH:** Trust and obedience to God made Abraham the "Father of Faith", it is also the only way to please God.

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *AND IN THY SEED SHALL ALL THE NATIONS OF THE EARTH BE BLESSED; BECAUSE THOU HAST OBEYED MY VOICE.*  
Genesis 22:18

Thus God repeated the most important part of His threefold blessing to Abraham. The promises were, to be the father of many nations, to possess all the land in which he sojourned, and now again, a promised blessing to all the world for Abraham's sake. How the heart of God must have yearned for His own Son when He saw that Abraham was willing to sacrifice his son of promise, whom he so loved. How the Son of God must have been renewed in His determination and willingness, in the fullness of time to also offer Himself in love for mankind, a sacrifice for their sins. Such promises God could never revoke. When Israel lost the land of promise by continued backsliding, lost much of the blessing through unbelief, God still did not forget them. Even now, He is calling them back to repossess their land.

We, who are called and invited to become children of Abraham by faith also share in the promised blessing which includes all the nations of the world. If we would share in God's promises for this life and the life to come, we also like Abraham must hear the voice of God and obey Him.

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF March 19 - 25**

- M. \*Abraham's Faith Through Obedience. Genesis 22:1-19;  
Hebrews 11:17-19
- T. Rewards of Implicit Faith. Genesis 22:13-18
- W. The Object of Faith. John 12:37-50
- T. The Walk of Faith. 2 Corinthians 4:8-18
- F. The Work of Faith. Hebrews 11:1-6
- S. Life from the Dead. Hebrews 11:8-19
- S. The Trial of Faith. 1 Peter 1:1-9