

Genesis 18-19 are chapters heavy with topics of brokenness and the fruit that comes when man chooses to live in rebellion from God. Lot is a character who comes into view as a man weak in his faith and strong in his compromise. However, in the midst of God's just judgement, He continues to show great grace and mercy toward those who's faith is in Him.

# Genesis 18:20- 19:38

## Sodom and Gomorrah

### I. COMPARING OUR STORIES

**MY EXPERIENCE...**

**YOUR EXPERIENCE...**

God's Word is just that, God's Word. The Bible makes strong claims about itself and where it originates, not in the minds of men, but from God's Spirit (2 Timothy 3:16, 1 Thessalonians 2:13). It's for this reason that some have trouble making sense of why certain things appear in Scripture. Knowing God's purposes and the greater context of what was written, to whom, and at what time, can give great insight in achieving understanding.

### II. CONSIDERING OUR STRUGGLES

**WHAT** passages from Scripture have you struggled to make sense of or understand?

**HOW** do you navigate those portions of the Word that create difficulties?

**ARE** there still passages or books of the Bible that you find hard to understand or perhaps believe? **WHAT** does the process of understanding look like for you now?

**DO** any of your "problem passages" cause you to struggle with God, His character, or what He's accomplished for your sake on the cross?

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## Read Genesis 18:20-19:38

### OBSERVATION

What is the nature of Abraham's interaction with the Lord in vs. 20-33?

In 19:1, who comes to visit Lot, and where is *he* sitting?

What can you observe regarding Lot's treatment of these two visitors from vs. 1-3?

Who visit's Lot's house and for what purpose in vs. 4-5?

How does Lot respond to the visitor's request in vs. 6-8?

In vs. 9-11, how do those at Lot's house respond to *his* offer, and what do the two visitors do to those surrounding Lot's house?

How do the two visitors show grace toward Lot and his family (vs. 12-22)?

Describe how God executes justice toward Sodom and Gomorrah.

What happens to Lot's wife in vs. 26?

What atrocity takes place between Lot and his daughters as the chapter ends, and what is the result (vs. 36-38)?

### INTERPRETATION

As you consider Abraham's interaction with the Lord in 18:22-33, what can you infer about *their* relationship?

What does Lot's location in 19:1 reveal about his position in the city of Sodom?

Considering his interaction with the two visitors in vs. 2-3, Lot's character seems generous and thoughtful. Does this attitude continue in vs. 4-8? Explain your response.

As you consider the mob's response to Lot in vs. 9 and his son-in-laws' reaction to his warning in vs. 14, what more might we perceive about Lot and his character?

Where do you see God's mercy extended to Lot in vs. 21-22. How?

What is revealed about Lot's wife in vs. 26? Consider other translations for greater insight.

What do we know about the Moabites and Ammonites, the offspring of Lot? See 1 Kings 11:7-8, 2 Kings 3:26-27, Psalm 60:8.

### APPLICATION

What are we to learn from Lot and his actions (Isaiah 45:2)? What can we gather from God's response to these events? Consider Jesus' reference to Lot in Luke 17:22-37 and His use of Moab in the book of Ruth.