

Study Guide for September 20, 2009. The Cost of Compromise – Genesis 19:30-38.

Introduction: Describe a situation where there was compromise. What was the outcome?

I. A Sordid Story: (Gen. 19:30-38)

1. Why did Lot and his daughters leave Zoar? (Recall vs. 18-22)
2. Where do they end up living? (Compare Lot's earlier dwelling 13:2, 19:2)
3. What does Lot's older daughter propose to her younger sister? (Compare 9:20-27)
4. What happens the following night? (Evaluate in light of Lev. 18:6-18)
5. What is the ultimate result of these encounters? (Num. 25:1-3, Deut. 2:9, 19)
6. Compare Lot's sad offer (Gen. 19:8) with this sordid outcome (vs. 32-36).
7. "Sin, when it is full grown, gives birth to sin." (James 1:15) Trace the process by which sin developed and eventually gave birth to "death" in Lot's life.

II. A Stark Contrast:

1. Compare and contrast Lot with Abraham. (Note key choices, their prayers, their actions and influence on others)
2. Compare Sarah with Lot's wife and Lot's daughters.
3. Compare Abraham's sons (Ishmael & Isaac) with Lot's sons and sons-in-law.

III. A Sober Warning:

1. Read and reflect on James 4:4-6. How did Lot cultivate friendship with the world? What was the cost for this friendship? How are you susceptible to the same?
2. Read and reflect on I John 2:15-17. The things of this world are fleeting. How was this true in Lot's case? Where do you need this corrective in your life?
3. Read and reflect on Rom. 12:1-2. How can the story of Lot transform your mind?

Conclusion: "It is impossible to compromise with sin and conquer it at the same time."