



## Rescued - Genesis 18-19

### Week Eleven: Rescued from Judgment

1. God's \_\_\_\_\_ frees us from judgment
  
2. God \_\_\_\_\_ us of the judgment to  
\_\_\_\_\_
  
3. Nothing can \_\_\_\_\_ against God's judgment
  
4. God \_\_\_\_\_ us from judgment even when it  
doesn't make any \_\_\_\_\_
  
5. We don't deserve to be \_\_\_\_\_ from judgment

*Abraham now has a son. His name is Ishmael, but he is not the son of faith promised by God. There is still another son to come. Meanwhile, Lot is living in Sodom and we're about to see that even his capture by the enemy back in Genesis 14 didn't teach him a thing!*

*Throughout this week's study, you will see aspects of God's grace that will blow you away. Don't lose sight of God's goodness despite the faithlessness and sin of his children.*



## **Day One: Unexpected Guests**

*Imagine strangers showing up at your door unexpectedly. Most of us would be tempted to quickly turn the lights off and act as if nobody was home. Not Abraham! He quickly puts a meal together for his guests and finds out they are much more than just mere guests!*

*Start today's time with prayer. Ask the Lord to continue to soften your heart towards Him.*

*Now read Genesis 18:1-15.*

## **Exploring the Text**

- 1.** What do you suppose Abraham was doing when the 3 strangers showed up at his tent door?

2. If you were one of the strangers in vs.1-8, what elements of hospitality in Abraham's welcome would impress you?
3. Picture Sarah's response to Abraham's demands. Do you think she may have been inconvenienced by the visit?
4. As you read today's passage in what verse do you have the first clue as to the reason for the visit of the 3 men?
5. What was Sarah doing in vs.10?

6. Why do you think Sarah laughed?

prayer

7. How did God respond to Sarah's lack of faith?

We look at your plan, Father. We know that it is all based on love, yet still we have trouble trusting that you have in mind what is best for us. Help us not to look at our circumstances, but to know your will and timing are perfect.

8. What do you think may have been the difference between Sarah's laugh in Genesis 18 and Abraham's laugh in Genesis 17:17?

## Personal Application

9. How hospitable do you think you are on a scale of 1-10 (10 being what Abraham exemplified!)? What can you do to become more hospitable?
10. In what area of your life do you need more trust in God's plans and promises for you?

Application for  
your life?  
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thoughts here.

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## Day Two: Intercession

*Now that God has dealt with Sarah and her unbelief, it's time to deal with Lot and the sin of Sodom and Gomorrah.*

*In today's passage, we will see what effect Abraham had on Lot. My prayer is that you will be encouraged to intercede for others as you study God's heart towards the prayers of His loved ones.*

*Read Genesis 18:16-33.*

### Exploring the Text

1. In verses 18-20 we get a glimpse of the kind of relationship Abraham and God have developed. Write down what you may glean from these verses about the friendship between Abraham and God.
2. As a side note, read James 2:23 and write down how the Bible describes Abraham's relationship with the Lord.
3. What does God have against Sodom and Gomorrah?

4. What do you think gave Abraham the courage to intercede for Sodom and Lot?
5. What do you learn about God through the interchange in vs.22-33?

## song

6. What truth about God's judgment should Abraham have learned from his conversation with God?
7. Less than how many righteous people were in Sodom? What does that tell us about Lot's influence on the city?

Who am I that you  
are mindful of me

That you hear  
me, when I call

Is it true that you  
are thinking of  
me

How you love me,  
it's amazing

I am a friend  
of God  
He calls me  
friend.

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## Personal Application

8. Have you ever interceded for anyone like Abraham did?

9. How does today's passage encourage you to pray harder for people?





## Day Three: Sodom and Gomorrah

*They have become household names for sin and depravity: Sodom and Gomorrah. Even the words make me cringe, but even worse is the reality that Lot lived among the people of Sodom and completely lost his influence, never sharing the truth of God with a people who desperately needed the Lord.*

*Judgment was about to come to Sodom and Gomorrah, and Lot is oblivious to it. May God protect each of us from such a lack of influence.*

*Prayerfully read Genesis 19:1-22.*

### Exploring the Text

1. It says in vs.1 that Lot was sitting in the gate. What does that reflect about the position that Lot had acquired in Sodom?
2. Summarize some of the depravity that Sodom was guilty of as noted in vs.4-8.
3. In vs.9, the people of Sodom ridicule Lot. Why?

4. How do the angels of God respond to the attack by the men of Sodom?
5. Does God give Lot fair warning as to the coming judgment?
6. How did Lot's sons in law respond to Lot's warning? Why do you think they reacted as they did in vs.14?
7. Was Lot quick to get out of dodge once warned by the angels of what was to come?

8. How did God show great mercy towards Lot in today's account?

9. What specific instructions did the angels give Lot as they threw him out of Sodom?

did you know

The effects of our choices can indeed haunt generations that follow us. And yet through it all, God will remain faithful and work out His plan for the world.

10. How did Lot respond to the angels' final warnings?

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## Personal Application

**11.** I am blown away by Lot's callousness and stupidity. Yet, if you're honest with yourself, you've probably had your share of struggle with sin. Can you describe a time in your life when you persisted in sin despite God's great mercy urging you to run?

**12.** Write down a prayer confessing any persistent attachment to sin, and surrender yourself afresh to the Lord. Oh how we need to remain sensitive to the Spirit of God stirring our hearts to obedience and action.



## Day Four: A Pillar of Salt

*Yesterday was a long and heavy reading. Today's reading may be shorter, but it is equally heavy. Lot and his family are a mess, and despite God's mercy towards them, they still don't get it!*

*I pray the same is not true of you. I pray that as you study the life of Lot, you will be reminded of God's mercy, and be encouraged to live a holy life fully pleasing to the Lord.*

*Read Genesis 19:23-29.*

### Exploring the Text

1. Was Zoar the place that God had intended for Lot to end up in? You may want to read vs.18-22 to remember how Lot ended up in Zoar.
2. What happened to Sodom and Gomorrah?
3. What had the angel of the Lord told Lot and his family to do after leaving Sodom? (see vs.17)

4. What did Lot's wife do?

verse

2 Peter 2:9

The Lord knows  
how to rescue the  
godly from trials.

5. Why do you think she looked back?

6. What happened to her?

7. What does that tell you about God's promises?

8. When all was said and done, why did God save Lot?

## Personal Application

9. It's easy to look back in life, isn't it? Have you ever been tempted to look back in your life wistfully? What good did it do you?
10. Look up 2 New Testament verses as we close today's time and jot down some personal lessons from the lives of Lot and his wife.

  - a. Luke 17:32-33
  - b. II Peter 2:6-10

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## Day Five: A Sad Ending

*I wish I could tell you that the end of Lot's life is better than his beginning, but it's not.*

*Lot started his life out with his godly uncle Abraham and had every chance to make right choices and live a godly life. Instead, from the very beginning he longed for the things of this world and his entire life became a series of wrong choices affecting not only his family but his city as well.*

*Let's finish up his sad story by reading Genesis 19:30-38.*

### Exploring the Text

1. If you had to summarize Lot in 1 word based on vs.30, what would that be?
2. Summarize the tragic events of today's passage.
3. What are the names of the sons born to Lot and his daughters?



4. How do you think Lot's daughters were able to pull off the sick deed that they did?

song

5. Can you think of a famous woman in the Bible who was a Moabite?

I need thee,  
O I need thee,  
Every hour  
I need thee,  
O bless me now  
my Savior  
I come to thee

6. Why do you think the Bible includes such a tragic story? In what way may this sad chapter actually encourage you?

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## Personal Application

7. If you had lived in Lot's day, what is some advice you may have given him at various points of his life?