

SECOND PETER CHAPTER 2
Lesson 30
EXAMPLES OF FALSE TEACHERS [3]
The Example of Sodom and Gomorrah

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Multitudes of people have knowledge about the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, but they are not believers. False teaching concerning God is responsible for preventing people from accepting Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. One such teaching harkens back to the days of Sodom and Gomorrah.

- The angels that fell with Satan didn't fall for lack of knowledge. They fell FROM heaven! But they chose to follow error.
 - The people of Noah's day before the flood didn't drown for lack of warning. They drowned because they chose to believe something else.
 - The citizens of Sodom and Gomorrah were not destroyed for lack of warning. They were destroyed because they chose to believe something else.
 - Today people who have knowledge about Jesus Christ will die and go to hell because there are false teachers providing them with a choice that unwittingly leaves them in a state of eternal condemnation. Someone needs to warn them about the terrible consequences of making that wrong choice.
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WHAT PRACTICES BROUGHT ABOUT THE DOOM AND JUDGMENT OF SODOM AND GOMORRAH?

JEREMIAH 23:14, 16 The prophets (preachers) were committing sins: adultery, lying, approving of others sins instead of condemning them and calling for repentance. When the leaders violate God's commands, those who follow them will do the same.

Today's teachers are promoting a God of love who doesn't care if you sin and therefore there are no consequences for sin. If that were true, Jesus would not have had to shed His blood for sinners.

Just as in the days of Sodom and Gomorrah, God is not necessarily being denied, but He is often being redefined as a God who allows sin in our lives. If you choose to believe that, you'll think you're okay without Jesus and you'll die in your sins and go to hell.

EZEKIEL 16:48-50 The iniquity of Sodom was pride, fullness of bread, abundance of idleness, not helping the poor and needy, haughtiness.

PRIDE: The root cause of all the visible trouble in Sodom was pride that makes a person say, "I don't need to listen to God." You might be able to be proud of yourself in comparison to another person, but when you compare yourself to Almighty God, that should humble you.

FULLNESS OF BREAD: People who have sufficient stores of food often neglect to look to the Lord for their daily needs (Matt. 6:11). They also assume that God is pleased with them, "supposing that gain is godliness" (1 Tim. 6:5) and that wealth is an evidence of God's blessing. A people who think that God is blessing them with material goods will not think that they need to repent of their sins.

ABUNDANCE OF IDLENESS: People have too much time on their hands to waste as they like, but they won't make time for things that will benefit them spiritually or that will serve the Lord.

GENESIS 19:1-9

This is the end result of teaching people that nothing is sinful and that material well-being is proof of God's approval.

It starts with the little sins until you get bored with them and move up to the next level of sin—until you get bored again—and this process continues until you're engaged in the most depraved forms of sin imaginable to man.

If you don't give your heart, soul, strength, and mind to Jesus Christ, you'll keep chasing other things to excite and stimulate and satisfy you. But since those things don't really satisfy, you'll keep going deeper and deeper into sin to get a stronger dose of whatever you're chasing.

GENESIS 18:20-22

19:24-28

"The cry of Sodom and Gomorrah was great" (18:20). These were sinful people who were shamelessly crying out, "We can do whatever we want to do!" The result was "brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven" (19:24).

Men say that God wouldn't do something like that.

Men also say that God wouldn't send a man to hell for rejecting Jesus Christ. But the Bible says, "For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect? ⁴ God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar" (Rom. 3:3-4).

LUKE 10:1-13

MARK 6:11-12

MATT. 11:16-23

Sodom and Gomorrah didn't have the benefit of seeing the mighty works of Jesus. And yet God was just and right to condemn them for rejecting what they knew.

In 70 A.D. God destroyed Jerusalem because the people of that city rejected all that they had seen and beheld of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Today, we have the full revelation of God written down in Holy Scripture. The gospel is broadcast on the radio, TV, and internet and is available worldwide. People today who reject Jesus Christ certainly have no excuse for it. God is perfectly fair and right to judge such nations of Christ rejecters.

REVELATION 11:8

When the Antichrist brings false peace to the nation of Israel, the people of Jerusalem will be enjoying a time of abundance of bread and idleness (like Sodom), which will open the door to false teachers who will mislead the people into bowing to the image of the beast.
