

## JUDE: Lesson 5

### Verse 7: The Results of Knowing Right but Choosing Wrong

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In verse 7, God tells us that Sodom and Gomorrha are examples of those who knew right but chose to do wrong and suffer the consequences. Sodom and Gomorrha is the most oft repeated illustration found throughout the pages of holy scripture.

We live in a day when preachers are claiming that homosexuality is okay, and that God never condemned the act (New bible perversions support this. A perverted bible breeds perverts.). Jude was written to warn you that this day would come.

#### **BACKGROUND OF SODOM**

**Ezekiel 16:46-49** The sin of Sodom was pride, fulness of bread, and abundance of idleness.

- When a nation gets proud, God abandons that nation.
- When a nation is full of bread, that nation abandons God.
- When a nation has enough wealth to enable people to enjoy abundant idle time (time when they are doing something other than working or worshipping God), that nation will begin to participate in abundant wickedness.
- Israel had done something worse than homosexuality (vs 48).

**Matt 10:14-15** According to Jesus Christ, the sin of rejecting Jesus Christ and His gospel is worse than being a homosexual.

- A homosexual can repent, receive Christ, and go to heaven.
- A Christ rejector will not go to heaven. That's why we preach against all sin: so the sinner will turn to the Savior.

**Matt 11:20-24** Jesus Christ warned the cities that rejected Him. He pointed to Sodom, which only had Lot as a witness. If Sodom had better witnesses than Lot, they would have repented in sackcloth and ashes. The cities in this passage had Jesus and His disciples to preach and perform mighty works, but they still rejected Christ.

- Homosexuals don't go to hell because of their sexual practices. They go to hell when they choose to reject the gospel that is preached to them.

**Luke 17:28-30** Homosexuality was not what destroyed the people of Sodom. It was that the people were so occupied with worldly activities and responsibilities that they wouldn't take the time to heed the clear preaching to get out of danger's way.

**Lev 18:14-22** Here God lists a number of things that men do that are an abomination to Him. Homosexuality is on the same level as child sacrifice, idolatry, and every form of adultery.

- Men tend to view homosexuality as worse than other sins. That is not the case, according to the word of God.
- God created human beings. He gets to make the rules concerning their sexual relationships, among other things.

**Romans 1:22-27** Homosexual behavior is the result (vs 26) of rejecting the truth of God's word (vs 25).

- **"God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts."** The problem was their heart attitude toward the word of God.

## **LOT'S DEGRADED STATE (Genesis 19:1-33)**

- Vs 1** God sent two angels to Sodom where Lot was. Lot was in a city that God wouldn't even visit. "Lot sat in the gate." He was a true member of that wicked city.
- Vs 2** When Lot met the angels, he invited them to come to his house, but "they said, Nay." Christians are instructed not to keep company with men who are actively sinning (1 Cor. 5:11).
- Vs 3** Lot "pressed upon them greatly...and he made them a feast." See 1 Cor. 10:27
- 4-5** A great number of the men of the city wanted to indoctrinate the men (angels) into their perverse practices. They completely surrounded Lot's house and demanded that he produce the men.
- 6-8** Lot is so depraved and influenced by the ways of Sodom that he calls the men "brethren" and suggests that they take his daughters instead of the men in his house.
- 9-10** The Sodomites accused Lot of trying to judge them. Oftentimes guilty people will say, "Judge not, lest ye be judged." Then they got violent, and the angels had to step in to save Lot.
- This is a picture of a believer who is saved by grace, but lives like the devil, and still barely gets into heaven by the grace of God. That is no way for a believer to live.
- Vs 11** The sodomites were smitten with blindness, but it didn't restrain their desire to sin. This reveals that they are truly captive to their sin. (See Proverbs 23:33-35 for an example of sin's hold on man).
- It doesn't matter what form of sin you occupy yourself with, that sin is going to control you (Jn 8:34, 2 Pet 2:19, Rom 6:6).
- 12-14** When Lot tried to warn his family to flee from the coming danger, the warning was not credible coming from a man they viewed to be the same as everyone else. They didn't believe anyone dwelling in Sodom could have a relationship with God.
- 30-33** Even after Lot was dragged out of Sodom, the depravity in his family continued. Lot had allowed the world to infect his children. He didn't protect them from the depravity all around them.
- As a believer, when you see sin, you need to cry out against it and never, never join it like Lot did.

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**2 Peter 2:6** The destruction of Sodom and Gomorrha is an example to those that live ungodly.

- Psa 38:1-18** This Psalm depicts a man who is suffering a loathsome disease (vs 7) as a result of committing sin (vs 3, vs 18). The lesson here is that there will be consequences for sins committed. Those consequences will be related to the sin that you are guilty of (Romans 1:27).
- This man had the judgment of God in his flesh, not for his sexual immorality, but for lifting himself up in pride against the Lord. The sexual sin was a result of Pride.
    - When you think you're above God's commandments, you are filled with pride that will lead to sin.
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