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13:18-13  
18:20 of Abraham Pleading for  
Sodom & Gomorrah -  
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Division

THE LAST NIGHT OF SODOM  
Gen. 19

INTRODUCTION:

Historical Background Gen 13:8-13 Division - Lot Pitched Tent towards Sodom V.12#3  
life today.  
Pleading for Sodom 18:20 sin great - Abraham Payer 50 R<sub>2</sub>W - 10 V.12

I want to begin a series of sermons on the night scenes in the Bible.  
I think we can go to some of the events of the past, and discover the most  
reliable records from the Bible, that will bring us something of the past that  
will help us to see that here is something that describes all conditions of

And it is the one Book for all ages, all nations, all classes of men, all  
conditions of society. And I think through the night scenes we will discover  
something that will guide us in our pilgrimage on our way through this land -  
to the land where there is no night.

V.12  
As we consider these night scenes, we want to begin with the last night in  
Sodom. And of course there is a text that says in the Bible, in the 2nd verse  
of our chapter tonight, tarry all night. And we have some very interesting  
things happening in this scene which we are considering tonight. These were  
words of Lot spoken to an angel, who had come - and he was going to show hospitality.  
These angels were ministers of mercy. And the man speaks of the house, the home,  
and feasting. And the angels speak of the on-coming wrath of God.

There is really a contrast between feeling and fact. In the appearance of  
things and the reality of things. And this is the difference between the judgement  
of a man who is involved in toils and pleasures of day - and the judgement of God.

Things are seldom what they seem to be to those who judge only what they see.

World's Second Oldest Person Dies Blowing out Candles on her birthday cake  
Louisia Maket 119 Brussels, Belgium - March 17, 1997. Friends gather  
chocolate cake - born before days of telephone, cars, movies - problem with  
breathing. She had heard about Jeanne Calment of France 122 yo. Celebration.  
"Didn't want to be out done" or tried to talk her into having 1 candle in  
shape of No 119 - Refused - Sadly strain trying to extinguish too much for  
failing lungs & heart - 17 candles still burning - When extinguished on table died  
at all times by this great truth. The flames of life burn so feebly upon our  
2 cardiac arrest.

We are walking every moment upon the very brink of eternity. Every one who  
hears my voice is walking on the brink of death and eternity. We are surrounded  
by the flames of life burn so feebly upon our hearts that it can be put out with one breath. There is just one little partition  
between us and the unseen world. There is just one little thin veil between us.  
A slight change in the elements of the air we breathe could stop breath for every-  
thing that breathes. And man might take one swallow of water and that would be  
the last swallow he ever received to quench his thirst.

Things are not what they seem! The appearance of rest and security is often  
just a thin veil that hides us from the approaching calamity and destruction.

Wife look over her shoulder - the man going fishing - middle night -  
getting boat trailer - draws crowd - get place, old man did catch anything 3  
rows should have been here yesterday.

Here is a car moving down the highway and there are voices that are gay.  
There is gladness. The radio is bringing in wonderful music. You are traveling up  
and down the mountains and the hills, you are going through the forest. Crossing  
the streams. And here are happy travelers seeking new delights and other scenes.  
And then suddenly there is a crash that is heard. And that car is a place of death.  
Or that flying airplane becomes just engulfed in flames. Railroad trains are a place  
of terror and there are cries of agony. And there are cries of death.

Here is a healthy happy family, they retire to rest in the evening feeling  
everything is peaceful and secure. In the morning they look in - and there is a  
chamber that is darkened. We see a company of people who are mourners. Beside  
the one whom the death angel came in the night. Came on the scene at night so  
swift and summons that one to leave.

There was no time to say farewell. Last Sunday evening I journeyed to the  
cemetery and there stood and conducted the service of a farmer. A strong, healthy  
man 58 years of age. Went to bed strong, healthy, and the next morning he did not

get up. His wife got up. Went about her chores. Even left the house to go away to take care of a job. When she came back home, he was still in bed. He had died that night and she was not aware of it.

Here is a man who may rise with the sun, and go forth with all of his strength. He may take up his burden. With his tireless energy - but in an unexpected moment, life is broken. He falls. Just like the lightning stroke - never to rise again.

We are met in our daily paths and visits in homes by the power and the mysteries, and the might, and we see them - not with our eyes but every day's experience compels us to believe in the reality. The awful nearness of the forces that can take our visible body away.

Messengers from the unseen world step out from beneath the shadow of eternity to teach us a great lesson.

Look at our passage of Scripture. Here is Lot - not a care in the world. His cattle are feasting in grass over knee deep. Why? Here he has heaven and here he has earth. And Lot has made a choice. And we look at people and we have to make a choice. And Lot made a choice. I'll say more about this later on. Let us look at the view now of this night scene. The last night in Sodom.

- 1 - Time of Parturition
- 2 - Angels
- 3 - Sins of City of Sodom
- 4 - The House of Doom
- 5 - Stripes
- 6 - What Jesus had to say

# I. Angels Night Visit

VII I. IT IS A TIME OF QUIETNESS

First of all, we see that it is evening. There is security in the evening.

A fair city lies upon the borders of the plains. It is like a garden - beauty. Here is a bright lake that stretches out to the North. And there are the steep walls of

the Eastern shore. And the mountains mirrored in on the surface.

Laborers are coming in from the vineyards.

Shepherds are folding their flocks on the distant hills.

There are no signs of wrath in the sky. No voice of wailing in the air.  
Everything is sure and firm.

And yet, this is the last night. It is casting its shadows on the walls  
of that doomed city.

According to custom the chief men are sitting in the gate. Old and young  
are abroad in the open air. The idle multitude are coming and going together -  
the gossip of the day. Others are out to enjoy the cool wind that is coming up from  
the lake outside of the walls. The sun has gone down behind the Western hills.  
And there is a brief twilight that lingers. There are the youth that are enticed  
by the voice of pleasure, that are moving through the city.

The evening is so mild and beautiful - it is cloudless. And the idle, pleasure  
loving population, gives themselves up to the freedom and the charm, and the streets  
of the city. And there are voices that are gay and loud as they laugh with their  
vacant minds.

There's is the land of the olive and the vine. And the flowers blossom throughout  
all the year. There is perfume in the flowers. The light clothes landscape, and the  
plains surrounding the city are like the garden - very fertile. And there is an  
abundant supply of every want. The distant hills are covered with the flocks of sheep  
and goats.

The merchants of the East have brought their treasures in from afar.

The camels of the desert lay down their burden at the gate of this fair city. And everything seems to be quiet.

But the chief men are there in the luxury and the pride of a prince. The common people make a holiday of the whole year. Like birds in the summer - they enjoy the season as it passes. Idleness and riches stimulate their pleasure. They have everything that they desire - according to the flesh, could possibly seek. And they are always seeking new ways of gratifying their base passions. They eat, they drink, they buy, they sell, they plant, they build. And they go on denying God and debasing the soul.

The city is thronged with thoughtless people around the gates of the beautiful city. And the shadows of evening are deepening. This is for the last time. This is the last night.

How many millions of men live like a thoughtless and pleasure loving people of Sodom. All of their devotion is given over to earthly cares. To joys, to drink, to occupations. Until the pit of the grave opens in their path and they sink to rise no more. How often the solemn lesson of sudden death is lost upon the living. Here is the crowd - and it is the last night in Sodom. And one single step - and they are going to be in eternity.

## II. THE ANGELS - V. 1

Two angels came to Sodom at evening. As Lot sat in the gate to Sodom. And Lot seeing them, rose up to meet them. He bowed himself with his face toward the ground. They seemed to be only common travelers coming from the hill country.

✓<sub>2</sub> And they were turning in for shelter by night. That they may arise early tomorrow to go on their way.

Let me pause to say that sometimes God's mightiest messengers of mercy and of wrath - often come in very common garb. We must give heed and keep ourselves upon the watch. Or the angels of blessing and deliverance will come and pass by us unawares.

✓<sub>3</sub> But there was one man at the gate of Sodom that gave attention and notice at the gate to the strangers. The Scripture says he invited them to his own home. He did not know who they were. Nor did he suspect their awful errand. He secured himself help - as angels alone could give in a great time of need. Therefore, he opened his home to them and invited them to come in.

The idle throng perhaps looked at the old man and said, um, taking in these two strangers. They see nothing in them worthy of such attention. And of course, they are ready to treat them with rude contempt.

And they want to subject them to passion. As that city was known for. They hooted and laughed at the old man. When he rises up from his seat, to meet the travelers, and bow himself with his face to the ground. Behold, now my Lord, turn in I pray you unto your servant house and tarry all night. This is a night scene.

✓<sub>4</sub> The vilest suggestions are passed too and fro among the lude men as the old man leads his guests away. The hour of rest has come. And the crowd gathers in the street. They come upon the old man's house and they begin to clamor at his door. They want to take these visitors and assault them.

And these messengers had come to see whether there were any in all the city

# II. SIN CITY

## III. SODOM AND THE SINS OF THE CITY - V. 4

Now this tells about what happened, and the angels that night visited Lot's house. And the crowd gathered out in the street. But before they could lay down - that is before the angels and before Lot could retire for the night, the men of the city - even the men of Sodom compassed the house round both old and young. All the people from every quarter. And they called unto Lot, and they said unto him - where are the men that came in with thee. "Bring them out unto us, that we may know them." What this means is - bring out those men to us so we can rape them. What an awful city and a situation Lot was in. And when they beset the house of Lot and they came near to break down the door, they were no more dissolute on this last night than they had been many nights before. This was their usual custom in Sodom. But there is a point beyond which the divine forbearance can go. These men had reached that point. They wanted Lot. And they wanted these strange men to come out in the street.

But here Lot was under the protecting hand of the angels. And blindness fell upon those men outside and they couldn't even find the door. They had already passed by

then and Lot said, the door is shut. And he had beseeched them not to be wicked in V. 7. And he even offered to let them have his two daughters, to go out, and use them. But the angels pulled Lot back inside the house, shut the door, and smote

the men on the outside with blindness.

*Abominable - Corrupt - Filthy Billy Sunday: "I used to say that society is going to the dogs, but I've quit saying that out of respect for the dogs." They couldn't even find the door. "at the south America is decaying morally, we will soon have to change our national symbol from the eagle to the Kulture Nazi Hun - Purify their race - six million Jews Gas Chambers - also Solgenitsyn Decland Stalin High 5 Power Spending 40,000 People per month, Siberian slave camp, slaughter dissidents."*

## IV. ONE NEEDFUL THING - V. 12.

That last night, the angels said to Lot - hast thou here any besides. Son-in-law, thy sons, and thy daughters. Whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring them out of this place. There was one more thing to be done - the aged father is permitted to go out and urge his son-in-law, to flee from the doomed city. He makes his way to the houses, through the blind ravel in the streets. To give his warning.

V.13  
Homosexuals have gained membership in some churches while openly living together. They are demanding the right to sit on the church board and be ordained to the ministry. They want their partnership to be accepted the same as the marriage of a man and woman. They have won court decisions in some states recognizing such partnerships. Some candidates for high political office court homosexual support by promising to repeal laws against sodomy.

Homosexuals intend to take over America. "We shall sodomize your sons...we shall seduce them in your schools, in your locker rooms, in your seminaries, in your youth groups, in your movie theatre bathrooms, in your army bunkhouses, in your truck stops, in your houses of congress...your sons will do our bidding. They will be recast in our image. They will come to crave and adore us," Michael Smith wrote in the Boston Gay Community News on February 15, 1987.

V.14  
When God sent two angels to Sodom they found that it was not safe for a man to spend the night there. All the men, both old and young, attacked the house where the angels stayed (Gen. 19:4-5). God destroyed the city by fire and brimstone the next day. The destruction of Sodom is held up in Scripture as a warning (Matt. 10:15; 11:23-24; 2 Peter 2:6; Jude 7). If God spared not Sodom, why should He spare other cities and nations that are as bad or worse?

daughters - up, get your out of this place, for the Lord will destroy this city.

But he seems as one that mocked unto his sons in law.

They (paid no attention) to him.

How little do sons and daughters know - the fears and hopes, the anxieties, and sorrows of Christians parents in their behalf.

Now, at this point, during that night scene. We could preach a sermon. There are some blessed old saints of Israel who today are trying to warn their sons and their daughters. And the only return that they get is something of a laugh. Here is a father's heart that is burdened all day long with a desire and a prayer for his son that he will come to the place of everlasting peace. But here is a son that sleeps soundly.

Here is one who is sleeping soundly which a self-denying mother spends long hours in the night weeping for their sake.



awful language and knowing about the unlawful deeds that these men performed. This vexed his soul because Sodom was in the depths of perversion. Nothing was really carried on in a natural way in Sodom.

What a disappointed father. He comes back to his own house where the angels of rescue are waiting for him. When Lot gets back into the house, the first streaks of dawn are just beginning to appear in the East.

There is no apparent change in the earth. There is no trumpet to blow, through the midnight. There is no earthquake that is shaking the hills. There are no little fires that are flaming up in the peaceful valley. There are no threatening waves that are coming in, upon the shore of the quiet lake. There are no dark clouds of vengeance hanging over head. The morning star shines, brightly over the mountains. The cool air brings in the perfume of the flowers. And everything seems to be coming just like it has every other day.

III Hastening Lot V. 15  
V. HEEDING ONE NEEDFUL WORD V. 15

Righteous need come apart from world -  
Why - flesh is weak!  
Our Business is to warn

V. 15

The Lord will destroy this city. The beautiful skies speak of peace, and safety. The earth promises riches and abundance. The sleeping cities dreams of long life and continued pleasure. The coming day looks down from the Eastern hills with a smile. But the angels have said, the Lord will destroy this city. And that is reason enough, for we read in V. 15 - when the morning began to approach - the angels hastened Lot saying, arise. Take thou wife, thy two daughters which are here - lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city.

When the angels command and give the first dictation of duty and safety, there needs to be obedience.

The desires of the deceiving heart and the temptation and the example of multitudes is that we say, well, peace is all about us. Let's live on without Christ. Live on without hope. Let's go on without any change.

It was hard for the old man to leave this house. And to leave part of his own family there in that city. It was hard for him to leave his earthly possessions. And to begin the march out of the city.

*V. 16*  
*Apply spirit of work →*  
V. 16 - The Bible says he lingered. The angel laid hold upon his hand - the hand of his wife, and the hand of his two daughters. This tells us that the Lord was merciful unto him. And they were leading them forth without the city. And it came to pass as they were brought forth, he said, escape for thou life. Look not behind thee. Neither stay thou in the plain but escape to the mountains. And Lot said unto them, oh, not so my Lord. What a terrific battle was going on in Lot. Can't you just feel some of it. In that early morning, after the last night in Sodom, he is now starting out. Look not behind, escape.

*V. 17*  
A moment's delay will cost him his life. If he only turns to take one lingering look - at the old house, and all that is nearest to his heart on this earth. If he only waits to see what will become of the city - he himself will be consumed in the coming storm.

Any delay would mean that he would never escape. Those steps across the plain are counting out the last moments of the doomed city. As Lot takes a step, it is like the countdown in a football stadium - the last seconds of play. They begin to count it off. About 50 seconds - 40 seconds - 30. And they count them down.

*1, 20 - 22*  
V. 20 - We hear the old man as he said, behold now, this city is near to flea unto. It is a little one. That is, the city of Zoar. Lot, the old man is still begging that he might not go all the way to the mountains - but that he might stop in

this little town. It is a small place. It is like we say, just a wide place in the road. And from this place, he wanted to stop. So his request was granted.. And the firey storm cannot be long restrained.

V, 26

V. 26 - Tells us that one of the fugitives from the city of Sodom, looked back.

And she failed to escape and became a pillar of salt.

*Boy said, that nothing my mother driving the car turned into a telephone pole.*

V, 23

V. 23 - The sun is already beginning to make it's way up upon the earth.

The Bible says, the sun was risen upon the earth - when Lot entered into Zoar.

*Little SMALL CITY near Dead Sea*

Well, there is a promise of a beautiful day to the early risers in Sodom. They are now beginning to make merry again. And there are those who had been perhaps, discovered that the old man had fled with his family to the mountains.

The sons in law are on their way to Lot's house to laugh at him. Old man, you walked in your sleep last night. You came around with some idle advice. This is a new day of pleasures before us. And we are going to stay up late tonight and have a big time. What they are saying, is Lot, you have left your household goods and your property - you have gone out on a fool's errand.

Jude 23 -

*Proach was eating home, term, etc - A little pig kept nudging him, & pulling his pants legs. P. - That sure is a very affectionate pig! - you're eating out of his bowl!*

*V, 10 Judgment At Sunrise*  
VI. THE HOUR OF DOOM STRIKES

V, 24

And the Lord reigned fire upon Sodom, brimstone and fire. V. 24. It was like paradise the day before. And the smoke of the burning goes up like the smoke of a great furnace. And it can be seen from afar by the shepherds on the hills of Hebron. And it becomes a desolate place. A place never to be inhabited from generation to generation. It is to be a valley of desolation of death. And even an Arab will never dare to pitch his tent nor a shepherd to make his fold. It is to be a haunted, horrible region in reality - which is in the minds of all. A place

# The Bible's Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse are coming to Earth in the fulfillment of Bible prophecy that proves the end of the world is at hand!

That's the word from the famed evangelist Dr. Billy Graham, who declines to give an exact date for the end but flatly states:

"I have heard the distant sound of hoofbeats — and seen the evil riders on the horizons of our lives. There is serious trouble ahead for our world, for all of us who live in it.

"It will be a time of nuclear conflagrations, biological holocausts and chemical apocalypses rolling over the Earth, bringing man to the edge of the precipice.

"History will 'bottom out' in the battle of Armageddon," he continued.

"We already see its shadow creeping over the Earth.

"It is estimated that 40 wars are going on somewhere in the world at any given time," continued the evangelist.

"Any one of them could be the beginning of

**The day of The Lord will come like a thief. The Heavens will disappear with a roar. The elements will be destroyed by fire, and the Earth and everything in it.**

the 'beginning of the end.'"

Dr. Graham expressed his grim but ultimately hopeful vision of man's future in his landmark book, *Approaching Hoofbeats. The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse* (Avon Books, New York, \$4.95).

The hope, as he points out, is found in the words of Jesus Christ, who promised to return to Earth before mankind is annihilated — and establish Heaven on Earth.

The problem, continues Dr. Graham, is the period of trial and tribulation, of pestilence, plague and world war that we face before Christ returns.

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In fact, in Matthew 24:22, Christ himself said: "If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive."

For those who think the end will come out of "nowhere," Dr. Graham points out that the end, in many ways, has been creeping up on mankind for years.

From the poisoning of the environment with pollutants of every description to the stockpiling of enough nuclear warheads to destroy the world 17 times over, the seeds of our own horrifying destruction have already been sown.

And yet, he notes, quoting 2 Peter 3:9, 10: "The day of the Lord will come like a thief.

"The Heavens will disappear with a roar. The elements will be destroyed by

fire, and the Earth and everything in it."

Before that cataclysmic event horrifyingly comes to pass, said Dr. Graham, mankind faces the terrible lies and wrath of Satan who, according to Revelation 6:8 will kill one quarter of the population of Earth — over a billion people.

The "spiritual death" of billions more will impoverish the world. Drought, famine and pestilence will contribute to global starvation and suffering.

Millions will go mad with pain and terror.

Disease, possibly worse than AIDS, will sweep the globe, contributing to the horrifying scenario that eventually leads to Armageddon itself.

And then, "suddenly, chaos grips the universe," said Dr. Graham. "An earthquake shakes the entire world, no Richter scale could measure its fury.

"There is a complete eclipse of the sun.

"In fact, reports John (in Revelation), 'the sun turned

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moon turned blood red, and the stars in the sky fell to Earth, as late figs drop from a fig tree when shaken by a strong wind."

Only then, said Dr. Graham, will the misery turn to joy — after God closes the books on human history and He establishes Paradise on

Earth. "Before judgment falls, however, God always warns," said Dr. Graham.

"And lest you be frightened by the specter of misery

to come, you should really rejoice, because Christ tells us in the next to the last verse in the Bible: 'I am coming soon.'"

# Atomic Bomb!

Jude?

The angels hastened Lot. The voice of the divine mercy still calls and repeats

in your ear and in your conscience haste. Escape for thou life. Wait not for a

better opportunity. Look not behind you. Your soul is in danger. All the perils and

*Roar little message from mighty city Sodom!*

the sorrows and the necessity of the soul continue to say to you - escape for your life. Make sure that you have a strong hope in Jesus Christ.

*Salvation is like that - we leave position that we go down to. Bob Frost wrote "two roads diverged into a yellow wood" and I took the one less traveled by and that has made all the difference.*

Jesus said remember Lot's wife. She looked back. He longed to be back. Her heart was in Sodom. And Christ was speaking about future judgement. Whosoever shall

*choice we make about the Jesus Road!*

be saved in that day must give himself wholly over to Christ. Because she tried to make the best out of two world. Now if the destruction of Sodom makes us tremble at the righteousness of God, God's mercy to Lot - makes us wonder at his love. When Lot lingers, the angels took him by the hand. The angels still take men by the hand. Men who will not be reasoned with and who will not be warned. Does not conscience reproach you of your past sins. Does evil habits? Is there not something in your life that says, flea. You need to be a better person than you are now. Lot's life is just like a stop light in the road - saying destruction is ahead if you continue

*on in the direction of Sodom. Funeral of Louis XIV - Cathedral filled with mourners - final tribute - when they considered great - Room DARK save for 1 lone candle which illuminated the gold casket - Court preacher stood to address the citizens - reached from his pulpit and snuffed out the one candle which had been put there to symbolize the greatness of the King, then from the darkness came just four words) direction to Sodom and you need to stop and change your life. Now, it is tragic when "God only is great," men live and slowly drift into Sodom. I trust that this night scene will help you discover the daylight of hope through Jesus Christ.*

The message may be a caution light for somebody. It may be that it is necessary for you to re-examine your aim or your ambition. It means that you are on the direction to Sodom and you need to stop and change your life. Now, it is tragic when men live and slowly drift into Sodom. I trust that this night scene will help you

discover the daylight of hope through Jesus Christ.

*Prison Chaplain - Walls tint - Tex. Sgt, corrections 56 men execution witnessed every one in the chain during list of tint. They all have one thing in common - walls in execution Room. "Do you have any last words?" without exception - "no sir - I would like to pray" - none were executed or atheist -*

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associated with evil.

God made this great desolation because the sin of Sodom was great and the cry of its iniquity had come up to Heaven.

The last night was beautiful night - with a starred curtain hung out over the sleeping world. And when the golden dawn broke into day, the rising sun, in the gorgeous East - that was the moment and the last cry went up to Heaven. And amid the tempest of fire that reigned down - Sodom has become a name of evil and sin for all generations. And it's awful doom stands forth as a sign of God's dealing with sin. Those who have gone beyond the point will not escape.

The Scripture says the firey fate of that ancient city is the example for men today. Divine justice is going to be sent. And it shows us that there is a God in Heaven.

*Atomic Bomb!*

Ezekiel says that the sin of that city was pride and fullness of bread. Abundance of idleness. There were those who counted themselves happy because they had nothing to do. But to make merry - passion was in their heart.

The sin of Sodom with its gross reputation was the reality and off-spring of wealth and leisure. Those are the two things which the world at heart most desires.

If men could have all that they desire of both, how hard it would be for them to think or care at all for the life to come.

Many are ashamed of work. They all are afraid of want. But they like to enjoy the pleasures of the flesh.

VII. NOTE WHAT JESUS HAD TO SAY

Here is a lesson from sacred history. The last night of Sodom. And we see the two words summed up - one is from man and one is from God and Heaven. One says terry. Be at ease. Enjoy yourself, while you can. The other says, escape for thy life. One says wait - don't be alarmed. Make yourself comfortable. The other says, haste. Look not behind thee. These are the mountains lest thou be consumed - flee. One says, soul, take thine ease. Eat, drink, and be merry. The other says, thou fool, this night, thy soul may be required of thee.

The question is which everyone must answer for himself. It is always this. Which of these two voices shall I obey. Shall I sit down and be absorbed of the earthly things in this world. And the sins which I have. Or shall I obey the voice from Heaven. Shall I arise and shake off the dangers of this world and escape for my life.

Now to many, the preaching of salvation to them is just mockery. Foolish talk. The cities of the plain - rioted in pleasure. The righteous man exposed himself to the mobs on the street - to warn his sons in law. And yet, there was that one word. We will wait. Now God's patience will not last always. The day of grace will end. And I'll tell you - it is going to be shorter than you think. God's going to reign fire and brimstone down upon you.

Jesus was very compassionate. And he declares that there is a greater sin than that which Sodom was over thrown. It is the sin of those who hear the Gospel, call to repentance, and heed not. It is the sin of those who see the son of God hang on the cross for their salvation and refuse to give him their heart. When you put off the first thing until your dying hour - he says it will be more tolerable for Sodom in the day of judgement - than for those people today who live their lives and neglect the great salvation.

who could be persuaded to escape the impending doom.

It is a dreadful thing in the sight of God for men to slight God's offer of salvation. And the angels of mercy go back to him that sent them - and then it will be time for the fires of wrath to be established. But the city has settled down in quietness. The angels are now in Lot's house - inside the city.

If you will remember, it was a merciful warning, to the rest of mankind. The lesson of the flood should never fade from the memory of man's heart. Nations are not destroyed, nor cities either until they are rotten at the core. And the North wind does not snap a tree limb in the forest until it has been hastened as a result of insects or worms that have already prepared it. And therefore, as God was searching out 10 righteous men, these angels came in to bring a warning of the doom of the city. It is worthy of notice that God saved all of those that he could. Lot was a sorry wreck. And Lot would have gone down with Sodom, and the motives of the angels visit - the angels love us. And they came as a cause and as a result of Abraham's prayer. As he prayed for this city. And they came as an ultimate result of God's mercy. The Lord being merciful to Lot and the angels went to where Lot was. There came two angels to Sodom at evening. What did angels go to Sodom - yes, to Sodom. And it was for the salvation of Lot.

If you had asked Lot before hand, he would have said that it would have been unthinkable, that I should be living in this city. And being prosperous and marrying my daughters off with these men of Sodom. Along the highway of life, there is what we might call a twilight region between light and darkness. There is a border between right and wrong. There are some acts that cannot be described as positively sinful. But which certainly tend in that direction. And Lot was living a very fashionable life here in Sodom.