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“Lot Redux”

“Likewise, just as it was in the days of Lot.. so will it be on the day when the Son of Man is revealed.” (Luke 17:28, 30)

Alerting the Faithful

Genesis 18:16-21 – (16) “Then the men set out from there, and they looked down toward Sodom. And Abraham went with them to set them on their way. (17) The LORD said, ‘Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, (18) seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? (19) For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice, so that the LORD may bring to Abraham what he has promised him.’ (20) Then the LORD said, ‘Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, (21) I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know.’”

Wake-Up Call

Genesis 19:1-11 – (1) “The two angels came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw them, he rose to meet them and bowed himself with his face to the earth (2) and said, ‘My lords, please turn aside to your servant’s house and spend the night and wash your feet. Then you may rise up early and go on your way.’ They said, ‘No; we will spend the night in the town square.’ (3) But he pressed them strongly; so they turned aside to him and entered his house. And he made them a feast and baked unleavened bread, and they ate. (4) But before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both young and old, all the people to the last man, surrounded the house. (5) And they called to Lot, ‘Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us, that we may know them.’ (6) Lot went out to the men at the entrance, shut the door after him, (7) and said, ‘I beg you, my brothers, do not act so wickedly. (8) Behold, I have two daughters who have not known any man. Let me bring them out to you, and do to them as you please. Only do nothing to these men, for they have come under the shelter of my roof.’ (9) But they said, ‘Stand back!’ And they said, ‘This fellow came to sojourn, and he has become the judge! Now we will deal worse with you than with them.’ Then they pressed hard against the man Lot, and drew near to break the door down. (10) But the men reached out their hands and brought Lot into the house with them and shut the door. (11) And they struck with blindness the

men who were at the entrance of the house, both small and great, so that they wore themselves out groping for the door.”

Response:

(1) Warn Others

“Then the men said to Lot, ‘Have you anyone else here? Sons-in-law, sons, daughters, or anyone you have in the city, bring them out of the place. For we are about to destroy this place, because the outcry against its people has become great before the LORD, and the LORD has sent us to destroy it.’ So Lot went out and said to his sons-in-law, who were to marry his daughters, ‘Up! Get out of this place, for the LORD is about to destroy the city.’ But he seemed to his sons-in-law to be jesting.” (Genesis 19:12-14)

(2) Engage God’s Saving Grace

“As morning dawned, the angels urged Lot, saying, ‘Up! Take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you be swept away in the punishment of the city.’ But he lingered. So the men seized him and his wife and his two daughters by the hand, the LORD being merciful to him, and they brought him out and set him outside the city. And as they brought them out, one said, ‘Escape for your life. Do not look back or stop anywhere in the valley. Escape to the hills, lest you be swept away.’” (Genesis 19:15-17)

(3) Key Point: “Remember Lot’s Wife” (Luke 17:32)

“But Lot’s wife, behind him, looked back, and she became a pillar of salt.” (Genesis 19:26)

Questions:

What impacted me the most in this message?

Am I more like ‘alert Abraham’ or ‘Lingering Lot’? (1 Thes. 5:1-5; Rom. 13:11-12; Rev. 3:2-3)

Have I been lulled to sleep by a culture which is on the brink of God’s judgment? (Luke 17:32; 2 Cor. 6:14-18; Eph. 5:14-16; Rev. 18:4-5)