

STUDY SEVENTEEN

DO NOT LOVE THE WORLD

Genesis 19

Introduction

The story turns now to Abraham's nephew Lot. Lot and his family had by this time become residents of Sodom. In the ancient West Asian city the elders would meet to discuss the affairs of the city at the city gate. When the angels arrive, Lot is sitting at the city gate. From this we can understand that he had probably become one of the city elders.

Questions For Discussion

1. Is it all right for followers of Christ to be involved in the affairs of the world?

2. What was the main sin of Sodom (v.5)?

3.a) At daybreak, when the angels told Lot to leave the city, what did he do (v.16)?

b) Why?

4. Why did the Lord save their lives (v.16)? (See also Tit. 3:4-8)

5.a) Why did God judge Lot's wife (v.26)?

b) Why did she look back (see Lk. 9:62, Php. 3:12-14)?

6.a) Why did Lot and his daughters leave Zoar to stay in the mountains (v.30)?

b) What was the result of his lack of faith?

c) Is sin something we are born with or something we learn from others?

7.a) Was Lot a true follower of the Lord? (See 2Pe. 2:4-9)

b) How did he fall so deep into sin?

c) If believers live in sin will they be saved? (See 1Cor. 3:11-15 & 6:9-11)

For Further Thought And Action

Search your heart for anything that you love more than you love Christ.

Memory Verse

Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

1John 2:15