

## THE TRAGEDY OF A LOST TESTIMONY Genesis 19:12-38

### I. Lot's Family Corroded by Sin (12-26).

#### A. Lot's worthless witness (12-14).

2 Peter 2:6-9 (concerning the doom of false teachers): and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned *them* to destruction, making *them* an example to those who afterward would live ungodly; and delivered **righteous Lot, who was oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked (for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented his righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing their lawless deeds)**—*then* the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment.

#### B. Lot's weak will (15-23).

1 John 2:15-16: **Do not love the world or the things in the world.** If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.

#### C. Lot's wayward wife (24-26).

Luke 17:31-33: In that day, he who is on the housetop, and his goods *are* in the house, **let him not come down to take them away.** And likewise the one who is in the field, **let him not turn back. Remember Lot's wife.** Whoever seeks to save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it.

### II. Lot's Family Corrupted by Sin (27-38).

#### A. What Lot might have become (27-29).

Hebrews 11:8-10: **By faith Abraham obeyed** when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. **By faith he dwelt** in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; **for he waited** for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

#### B. What Lot had become (30-38).

Leviticus 18:6: None of you shall **approach anyone who is near of kin to him, to uncover his nakedness:** I *am* the Lord.

Numbers 25:1: Now Israel remained in Acacia Grove, and the people **began to commit harlotry with the women of Moab.**