



Pastor's Comments

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Separation

Prior to its destruction by God, sexual perversion was rampant in Sodom. Burning with lust, the men of Sodom tried to force Lot to turn over his two angelic visitors to them for homosexual rape (Genesis 19:4-5). The angels told Lot that they had been sent by God to destroy Sodom and that he should get all of his relatives to leave immediately. However, Lot was unable to convince his two son-in-laws to leave. When Lot chose to live in sinful Sodom he made a big mistake! He ended up losing most of his family—his married daughters, their children, and even his own wife! This is a strong warning for us today to **maintain a clear separation** between our lives and the wicked world around us. The eternal souls of our families are at stake!

In 2 Peter 2:6-8 we read that Lot was “vexed with the filthy conversation (or lifestyle) of the wicked...in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds.” While we live in a sinful world, we don’t have to bring **the filthy lifestyle of the wicked** right into our living rooms as some do. Genuine Christians will **maintain separation** from the sins and lusts of the world consistent with the intercessory prayer of our Lord for us: “I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest **keep them from the evil**” (John 17:15).

God has made it possible for us through Jesus Christ to live in His holy presence and enjoy the fullness of His glory free from the corruption and lusts of this world. See 2 Peter 1:3-4. If we are to be His children, our holy God demands **separation**. “Wherefore come out from among them, and **be ye separate**, saith the Lord...and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty” (2 Cor. 6:14-18).

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