

# What A Difference A Day Can Make!

Genesis 19:1-38

## Introduction

### I The Visitation Of The Angels

- A. Lot was sitting in the gateway of the city
  - 1. He was a **leader** in this corrupt city - Gen 13:10,12;14:12
  - 2. He offered the angels hospitality - Heb 13:2
    - a. They had planned to sleep in the town square
- B. Lot **insisted** that they be his personal guests

### II The Corruption Of Sodom

- A. The men of Sodom **surrounded** the house - Judges 19:1-30
- B. The men of Sodom demanded of Lot: - Lev 18:22; 20:13
  - 1. "Where are the men who came to you tonight?"
  - 2. "Bring them out so that we can have **sex** with them!"
- C. Lot met them outside and spoke with them:
  - 1. He referred to them as "my **friends**" - James 4:4-5
  - 2. He pleaded with them to not do this wicked thing
  - 3. He offered them his virgin **daughters**
  - 4. He appealed to them to honor his guests - Jn 15:13
- D. The men of Sodom were indignant with Lot
  - 1. They told him to get out of their way
  - 2. They identified him as an **alien** - Jn 9:34; 15:18-19
  - 3. They rebuked him for judging them - Prov 9:7
  - 4. They **threatened** him and tried to break down his door

### III The Intervention Of The Angels

- A. The angels **rescued** Lot
  - 1. They pulled Lot into the house and shut the door
  - 2. They struck the men with **blindness** - Isa 57:10
- B. The angels inquired about Lot's family
  - 1. Do you have other family members here? - Num 16:21
  - 2. Get them out because God is going to **destroy** this place

### IV The Pathetic Leadership Of Lot

- A. He was not taken **seriously** by his sons-in-law - 2 Chr 36:16

- B. He **hesitated** to obey the command of the angels - 1 Jn 2:15-17
  - 1. They grasped his family's hands and led them to safety
  - 2. They warned them not to look back or stop - Lk 9:62
- C. He failed to **fully** obey the command of the angels - Is 41:10

### V The Lord Judged Sodom and Gomorrah

- A. He rained down burning **sulfur** on the cities - Lk 17:28-29
- B. He overthrew those cities and the entire plain
- C. He turned Lot's wife into a pillar of **salt**
- D. He rescued Lot on **behalf** of Abraham - Heb 7:25; Phil 3:9

### VI The Corruption Of Lot's Family

- A. Lot and his daughters left Zoar and lived in a **cave**
- B. His two daughters devised a wicked plan
  - 1. They got Lot **drunk** to preserve their family - Hab 2:15
  - 2. They took turns sleeping with their father - Lev 18:6
  - 3. They **conceived** sons; Moab and Ben-Ammi - Zeph 2:9

## PERSONAL APPLICATION

Take some time this week to consider the following:

1. Share a day that was particularly transformational in your life.
2. What conclusions can you draw from the fact that Lot's family failed to respond to his leadership? How would you you're your spiritual influence with 1) your family? 2) with others? Do people respect your words and actions? Why or why not?
3. Lot's wife looked back in disobedience to the angels' command. What do you think motivated her? Read Luke 9:57-62. How does Jesus warn us in a similar way? What, if anything, is drawing your heart away from a total focus on Christ?
4. Pray through Hebrews 12:1-2. Ask the Lord to protect you from the entanglements of the world and to enable you to run your race well as you keep your eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of your faith.

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