

The Mistakes Of Lot

Lot “moved” (“pitched” KJV) his tents toward Sodom... Gen. 13:12

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Bible Picture of Sodom...Sodom is described truly as a den of iniquity:

Gen 13:13 “Now the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners against Jehovah exceedingly.” (cf. 19:4-11; Rom. 1:24-27; Lev. 20:13-17)

Gen. 18:20-21 Description of the destruction.

Gen. 19:15-25 Lot, his wife and 2 daughters delivered. Cf. Lk. 17:32

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The Mistakes Of Lot ... Wrong Priority Gen. 13:9-11

- Just as with Lot, the choices we make today determine where we shall be tomorrow.
- No one makes the deliberate choice to turn away from God.
- We go gradually.
 - A choice is made that is based on the WRONG PRIORITY.
 - Then another choice is made and we have “moved our tents toward Sodom.”
 - The depths of sin in which we find ourselves is not what we intended as a destination, but our choices led us there.

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How do we “move our tents” toward Sodom?

- When our attitudes lead us in the wrong direction.
- “Abstain from every form of evil.” 1 Thess. 5:22
- We condition ourselves. We allow an attitude or tendency to lead us one step...
 - “I don’t see anything wrong with it...”
 - “Keep thy heart with all diligence; For out of it are the issues of life.” Prov. 4:23; cf. Mt. 15:19

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How do we “move our tents” toward Sodom?

- When we allow ourselves to become selfish.
- cf. Lk. 10:30-37 How many of us would be the “good Samaritan” or would we “pass by on the other side.”?
- In our business relationships, our job, community dealings, neighborhood, and sometimes even in family relationships, we “look out for number one!”
cf. Phil. 2:5; 1 Pet. 2:21

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How do we “move our tents” toward Sodom?

- When we become materialistic.
 - cf. Eccl. 2:3; 4:8; 5:13
- The craving for riches destroys:
 - cf. 1 Tim. 6:10; Cf. Achan. Josh. 6-7; Deut. 28

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How do we “move our tents” toward Sodom?

- When we live for pleasure. cf. Mt. 16:26
 - We cannot become “lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God.” cf. 2 Tim. 3:4; (cf. Book of Eccl.)
 - Real purpose in life: Eccl. 12:13; Mt. 16:24

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How do we “move our tents” toward Sodom?

- When we seek to be popular.
 - Jesus condemned those who so avidly sought approval of men that they neglected the things of God. (cf. Mt. 23:1-12; cf. Lk. 16:12; Jno. 12:42-43; Jno. 9:20-23; Jno. 11:43-12:10)
 - When we forget our purpose in life... (Eccl. 12:13; cf. Gal. 1:10); we have “move our tents” toward Sodom.

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How do we “move our tents” toward Sodom?

- When we pursue the path toward immorality
 - Adultery, etc. was punishable by death. Lev. 20:10-17; cf. Jno. 8:3-5
 - One Step leads to another step... cf. Gal. 5:19; 1 Cor. 6:9ff, 18; Gen. 39:7-12; Mt. 5:27-28

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Our clothes send a message. 1 Tim. 2:9ff

Not this...

- ↓ 1 Tim 2:9
- ↓ braided hair, and gold or pearls or costly raiment;

But this...

- ↓ 1 Tim 2:9
- ↓ modest apparel, with shamefastness and sobriety;
- ↓ (becometh women professing godliness) through good works. 1 Tim 2:11
- ↓ Quietness

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Our clothes send a message. 1 Pet. 3:1ff

Not this...

- ↓ 1 Peter 3:3
- ↓ “outward adorning of braiding the hair, and of wearing jewels of gold, or of putting on apparel”

“without moral defect or blemish and hence pure”
(from Greek-English Lexicon Based on Semantic Domain)

But this...

- ↓ 1 Peter 3:2
- ↓ “chaste behavior (coupled) with fear.”
- ↓ Quietness 1 Peter 3:4
- ↓ “(let it be) the hidden man of the heart, in the incorruptible (apparel) of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.”

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How do we “move our tents” toward Sodom?

- When we are not honest.
 - “Lie not one to another...” Col. 3:9
 - “Let him that stole steal no more...” Eph. 4:28
 - “Take thought for things honorable in the sight of all men.” Rom. 12:17

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The Mistakes Of Lot ... Lot Had A Choice Gen. 13:8-13

Gen 13:9-11 "Is not the whole land before thee?
Separate thyself, I pray thee, from me. If (thou wilt
take) the left hand, then I will go to the right. Or if
(thou take) the right hand, then I will go to the left.
And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the Plain of
the Jordan, that it was well watered every where,
...like the garden of Jehovah, like the land of Egypt,
as thou goest unto Zoar. So Lot chose him all the
Plain of the Jordan. And Lot journeyed east. And they
separated themselves the one from the other."

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You Have A Choice ... Don't Make The Same Mistakes as Lot !

- If YOU would gain the favor of God, He must be first in your life – NOT SELF!
- *Mt. 6:33 "But seek ye first his kingdom, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."*
- May the mistakes of "Lot" serve as a warning for us!