



THE BOOK OF BEGINNINGS – Genesis 13-19, Message 40

The past three messages from Genesis have focused our attention on Abraham. Today our study leads us to his nephew, _____. Interestingly enough, God gives this particular man much scriptural space and detail...and it is all _____. The only good thing mentioned about Lot is his association with his uncle Abraham and his personal relationship with Abraham's God. Many times the Bible teaches us by caution and _____. Lot's life is one of those times; it is a tragic account of backsliding and failure. He is an example of the worldly believer who pursues all that this life has to offer and loses everything in the end. But beyond this practical warning is an incredibly accurate depiction of the prevailing attitude and condition of the days just prior to the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

LOT – THE PROCESS OF VEXING YOUR SOUL

1. The definition of vexing

- Vex – To _____; to bring trouble; to bring physical distress; to be irritated and provoked; the act of harassing or troubling.
 - 2 Peter 2:6-8 – *And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly; And delivered just Lot, _____ with the filthy conversation of the wicked: (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, _____ his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;)*

2. The process of vexing your soul

- Compromise for personal _____ – Genesis 13:8-13
 - Pride – verses 8-9
 - Unbelief – verse 10a
 - Materialistic – verse 10b
 - Self-centeredness – verse 11
 - Lustful heart – verse 12
 - Close association with the wicked – verse 13

Notice the progression...Lot's road to perdition – He focuses his attention on Sodom—travels in the direction of Sodom—camps out facing Sodom. All this happened _____ he ever lived there...

- Compromise for _____ – Genesis 19:1
 - Christ does _____ keep company with this behavior
 - He made a name for himself
 - Lot demonstrates some characteristics of a believer

3. The end _____ of vexation – Genesis 19:2-38

- A _____ conscience – Genesis 19:2-30
 - He is convicted and embarrassed when in the company of the _____ – verse 3a
 - He has a _____ of godliness – verse 3b
 - He tries to _____ his sin – verse 6
 - He is the brother of the world – verse 7
 - His conscience is so vexed that he has no _____ affection – verse 8
 - His testimony as a believer is a joke – verse 14
 - He wants to _____ in the world even though he knows judgment is coming – verse 16a

Note: God is merciful to his people – verse 16b

- He refers to him as Lord, but does not treat him as Lord – verse 18
- He does not properly lead his family – he does not protect his family – verse 26

Note: All this is clearly observed by the believer who is standing close beside God; God honors the requests of deliverance when coming from those who love and obey him – verses 27-29

- Because he lived in _____ with anxiety, he chose to dwell in a cave – verse 30
- The _____ of the father are contagious – Genesis 19:31-38; Ex. 20:5; 34:7; Nu. 14:18; Deut. 5:9
 - Lot's daughters live by _____, not by faith – verse 31
 - They justify sin – verse 32
 - They easily give themselves over to sexual sin – verse 36
 - They continue to pass along the same sin to their lineage – verses 37-38

Lot and his daughters live in a drunken stupor, stuck in the mire of sin, in a dark and dank _____