

## Genesis 19:30-38 – The Consequences of Compromise

Context: Remember, Peter tells us that Lot is “righteous” – *“And delivered **just** Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: (For that **righteous man** dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed **his righteous soul** from day to day with their unlawful deeds;) – 2 Peter 2:7-8*

Yet, we have seen that Lot has been more than willing to compromise with the world. Although he himself did not engage in the world’s wickedness, he has condoned it implicitly by not standing against it or removing himself from it. Lot’s compromise leads to his deterioration, the corruption of his daughters, and a lasting impact on his descendants.

### I. Lot Experiences Consequences of Compromise (30)

#### A. Lot and His Daughters Head to The Mountains

##### 1. Lot Ends Up Fleeing To the Mountains After All

- a. Lot previously bickered with the angel that told him to escape to the mountains
- b. Lot feared going to the mountains and asked to be spared in Zoar instead (19:18-20)
- c. Now Lot is afraid to stay in Zoar and flees to the mountains
  - i. What is Lot fearful of?
  - ii. The people of Zoar? Another judgment?

##### 2. Lot Flees With His Two Daughters

- a. Lot has lost his wealth, his herds, his servants, his wife, and his sons-in-law.
- b. Lot’s only comfort now is his two daughters – his only family
- c. Why doesn’t Lot return to the tents of his uncle Abraham?

#### B. Lot and His Daughters Dwell in A Cave

1. Lot surely didn’t expect this outcome when he “pitched his tents toward Sodom”
2. Lot is suffering the consequences of compromising with the world
  - a. A righteous man cannot expect to live perilously close to worldliness and come out unscathed
  - b. Lot chose to live as close to evil as possible without engaging himself in it – It reached out and took his family and everything he valued

### II. Lot’s Daughters Experience Consequences of Compromise (31-35)

#### A. Lot’s Daughters Are Left Without Husbands (31)

1. For women in the ancient near east, childlessness is a curse and a blight upon their life

- a. To bear children and be fruitful is the height of blessing in this culture
    - b. To be fruitful and multiply is also God's command for humanity made in the image of God
  - 2. With no husbands, and living in isolation, there is no hope for the two daughters to marry and have a family – Lot's line will end
    - a. The daughters' motivation is seen when they say "after the manner of all the earth"
    - b. They wanted the blessing of children like all the other families of the earth
    - c. They also wanted to preserve their father's line (see v.32) which is a good and noble pursuit. But they are willing to do evil so that good may come out of it.
      - i. The ends justify the means
      - ii. They believed it is ok to put up with a little worldliness in order to make your way in life. – Where did they learn this lesson?
- B. Lot's Daughters Are Willing To Sin In Order To Prosper (32-35)
  - 1. The Daughter's Plan is Hatched (32)
    - a. Just like Noah, Lot is to be overcome with wine before the daughters execute their plan
    - b. Lot once tried to offer the daughters to the men of Sodom to appease their appetite, now it is the daughters satiating their appetite (for the blessing of a family) with drunken Lot
  - 2. The Older Daughter's Sin (33)
  - 3. The Younger Daughter's Sin (34-35)
    - a. Both daughters execute their plan willfully
    - b. Notice that Lot is culpable in this sin – just because he allowed himself to become incapacitated doesn't mean he bears no responsibility
      - i. Would the husband bear responsibility in a marriage if he allowed himself to become so intoxicated he could not control his lusts?
      - ii. Would the judge dismiss the DUI because the person allowed himself to become helplessly drunk?
    - c. Lot and His Daughters were taken out of Sodom, but it seems clear that Sodom was still ingrained in Lot's daughters.
- C. Lot's Daughters Exhibit the Result of Lot's Compromised Life
  - 1. They knew of Lot's standards and His trust in the true God
  - 2. They saw Lot continually compromise with the world
  - 3. They saw Lot tolerate wickedness so they could make a good life in Sodom

4. They learned that everything is permissible in order to get what you want.

### III. Lot's Descendants Experience Consequences of Compromise (36-38)

- A. Lot's Daughters Bear Son's To Lot (36)
- B. Lot's Grandson is Named Moab (37)
  1. Moab means "from my father"
  2. The Moabites would be enemies of God's people
  3. King Balak (who summoned the prophet Balaam to curse Israel as they traveled toward the promised land) was the king of Moab
- C. Lot's Grandson is Named Ben-Ammi (38)
  1. Ben-Ammi means "Son of my people" or "Son of my kinsmen"
  2. The Ammonites would also be enemies of God's people
- D. These two peoples would be indicative of the "seed of the serpent" in their attempts to destroy the line of God's people through which the seed of the woman would come.
- E. God is Still in Control of The Promise –
  1. This episode teaches God's people not to compromise with the world – it always leads to disaster
  2. However, these lines from Lot are not totally hopeless in their rebellion. God will use them for His purposes
  3. Many years later, a Moabite woman would trust in the true God and become the great, great, great, great, great grandmother of the seed of the woman (there is a book named after her)