

# ESCAPE FOR THY LIFE

## GENESIS 13-19

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Introduction:

We have an expression found in this verse that I shows us the mercy and grace of God.

This is the sad of a family who had every chance to go the right way and do the right thing, but they chose the wrong way and ultimately did the wrong thing. This is a story of a family whose “want” power was stronger than their “will” power.

Notice:

#### 1. Lot Looked (Gen 13:10)

Genesis 13:10

And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered every where, before

the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, even as the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt, as thou comest unto Zoar.

Notice the expression in this verse, “like the land of Egypt”

Egypt in Scripture has always been a type of the world.

Most evil is carried out after it enters through one of the senses gates.

A. Eyes

- Eve saw that the tree was good for fruit.
- David looked and saw Bathsheba bathing herself.
- Samson saw a woman of the Philistines.

B. Ears

C. Mouth

No one ever became an alcoholic without first tasting alcohol.

Illustration: Children's song “O Be Careful”

## 2. Lot Lingered (Gen 19:17-20)

### Genesis 19:17-20

And it came to pass, when they had brought them forth abroad, that he said, Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed. 18And Lot said unto them, Oh, not so, my Lord: 19Behold now, thy servant hath found grace in thy sight, and thou hast magnified thy mercy, which thou hast shewed unto me in saving my life; and I cannot escape to the mountain, lest some evil take me, and I die: 20Behold now, this city is near to flee unto, and it is a little one: Oh, let me escape thither, (is it not a little one?) and my soul shall live.

Why did Lot linger?

A. He made the wrong choices early in life. (Gen 13:5-11)

### Genesis 13:5-11

And Lot also, which went with Abram, had flocks, and herds, and tents. 6And the land was not able to bear them, that they might dwell together: for their substance was great, so that they could not dwell together. 7And there was a strife between the herdmen of Abram's cattle and the herdmen of Lot's cattle: and the Canaanite and the Perizzite dwelled then in the land. 8And Abram said unto Lot, Let there

be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we be brethren. 9Is 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 depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left. 10And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered every where, before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, even as the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt, as thou comest unto Zoar. 11Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other.

B. He found his fellowship with sinners. (Gen 13:11-13)

Genesis 13:11-13

Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other. 12Abram dwelled in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain, and pitched his tent toward Sodom. 13But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the Lord exceedingly.

C. He had raised his family there.

D. His treasures were all in Sodom.

E. He felt at home where he should have felt uneasy. Sodom was home.

Many today are lingering like Lot.

- They know more truth than they live.
- They believe in Heaven but don't long for it.
- They know time is short but live as if it were long.
- They build their lives around things below.
- They understand the battle but consort with the enemy.
- They say that they love Christ but they don't live for Him.

Even after knowing what was going to take place he still didn't want to get too far away from Sodom.

Genesis 19:20

Behold now, this city is near to flee unto, and it is a little one: Oh, let me escape thither, (is it not a little one?) and my soul shall live.

3. Lot Lost

- A. Fellowship with Abraham
- B. Family
- C. Flocks
- D. Friends
- E. Finances