

SODOM HAD NO BIBLE

GENESIS 18:16-33; 2 PETER 2:4-7

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⁴ For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast *them* down to hell, and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; ⁵ And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth *person*, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly; ⁶ 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; ⁷ And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked:

Introduction:

We are living in what I feel are very dangerous days.
We are much like the church in Revelation 3.

Revelation 3:14-18

¹⁴ And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; ¹⁵ I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. ¹⁶ So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. ¹⁷ Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: ¹⁸ I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and *that* the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

America as a nation has been living as if God does not exist, and that He doesn't see our sin.

The Prophet Isaiah warned the nation of Israel against living as America is living today.

Isaiah 22:8-13

⁸ And he discovered the covering of Judah, and thou didst look in that day to the armour of the house of the forest. ⁹ Ye have seen also the breaches of the city of David, that they are many: and ye gathered together the waters of the lower pool. ¹⁰ And ye have numbered the houses of Jerusalem, and the houses have ye broken down to fortify the wall. ¹¹ Ye made also a ditch between the two walls for the water of the old pool: but ye have not looked unto the maker thereof, neither had respect unto him that fashioned it long ago. ¹² And in that day did the Lord GOD of hosts call to weeping, and to mourning, and to baldness, and to girding with sackcloth: ¹³ And behold joy and gladness, slaying oxen, and killing sheep, eating flesh, and drinking wine: let us eat and drink; for to morrow we shall die.

As we consider the events surrounding us today we must remember that God is in control, and that He is no respecter of persons.

Acts 10:34-35

³⁴ Then Peter opened *his* mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: ³⁵ But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.

Note as we consider this though: "Sodom Had No Bible."

1. THE TRUTH

A. A Nation Will Be Blessed Whose God Is the Lord

Psalm 33:12

¹² Blessed *is* the nation whose God *is* the LORD; *and* the people *whom* he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

1. Not Building

2. Not Businesses

B. We Are To Glory in God, and Not Ourselves

Jeremiah 4:2

² And thou shalt swear, The LORD liveth, in truth, in judgment, and in righteousness; and the nations shall bless themselves in him, and in him shall they glory.

C. Righteousness Exalts a Nation

Proverbs 14:34

³⁴ Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin *is* a reproach to any people.

D. There Is a Price for Forgetting God

Psalm 9:17

¹⁷ The wicked shall be turned into hell, *and* all the nations that forget God.

2. THE TURN

America has turned from God. America has had many opportunities and blessings that many have never enjoyed. In our text we find a reference made to Sodom.

2 Peter 2:6

⁶ 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;

We must remember:

Sodom had no Churches – We have thousands

Sodom had no Bible – We have millions

Sodom had no Preachers – We have Thousands

Sodom had no Christian Schools – We have Hundreds

Sodom had no Prayer Meetings – We have Many

Sodom had no Christian Radio Stations – We Have
Thousands

Sodom had no Internet Access to Access the Gospel –
Today its Unlimited

Sodom had no History of God's Judgment to Warn Them of Their Dangerous Sin – We Have Volumes of Them

A. What obligation has a Holy God to a people who spend one hour in church on Sunday, then walk in the counsel of the ungodly the rest of the week?

B. What obligation has God to a people who since 1970 have murdered more than 35,273,546 babies in abortion clinics and hospitals?

C. What obligation has God to a people whose "religious coalition for reproductive choice" stated in an ad "Abortion is a personal decision best left in the hands of a woman and her God," "Pro-Faith, Pro-Family, Pro-Choice."

D. What obligation has God to a people who place on its currency "In God We Trust," then ban and bar children from singing Christmas carols and allowed just a few people cause a law to be passed not allowing prayer or God's Word in its schools?

E. What obligation has God to a people who have made sodomy legal, and are considering allowing them to be able to adopt children?

F. What obligation has God to a people whose President and Vice-President put their endorsement on Sodomite marriages?

Leviticus 20:13

¹³ If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood *shall be* upon them.

G. What obligation has God to a people who consume millions of gallons of what God calls a mocker and raging?

Proverbs 20:1

¹ Wine *is* a mocker, strong drink *is* raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

H. What obligation has God to a people who worship the creation more that the creator?

Notice Joshua's reminder to Israel:

Joshua 22:29

²⁹ God forbid that we should rebel against the LORD, and turn this day from following the LORD, to build an altar for burnt offerings, for meat offerings, or for sacrifices, beside the altar of the LORD our God that *is* before his tabernacle.

America has turned her back on God and has thumbed her nose to Him. She has said as did the Laodiceans, we are rich and have need of nothing.

3. THE TUMULT

A. We are facing things that we have never faced before

1. Viruses with no cures
2. Children killing children in our schools
3. Terrorist running loose and destroying people and property.

4. THE TREATMENT

A. Humble Ourselves

2 Chronicles 7:14

¹⁴ If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

B. Repent, Seek Forgiveness and His Face

Jeremiah 36:3

³ It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the evil which I purpose to do unto them; that they may return every man from his evil way; that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin.

C. Turn to the Lord

Deuteronomy 30:9-10

⁹ And the LORD thy God will make thee plenteous in every work of thine hand, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy land, for good: for the LORD will again rejoice over thee for good, as he rejoiced over thy fathers:

¹⁰ If thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which are written in this book of the law, *and* if thou turn unto the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul.

2 Chronicles 30:6-9

⁶ So the posts went with the letters from the king and his princes throughout all Israel and Judah, and according to the commandment of the king, saying, Ye children of Israel, turn again unto the LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, and he will return to the remnant of you, that are escaped out of the hand of the kings of Assyria. ⁷ And be not ye like your fathers, and like your brethren, which trespassed against the LORD God of their fathers, *who* therefore gave them up to desolation, as ye see. ⁸

Now be ye not stiffnecked, as your fathers *were*, *but* yield yourselves unto the LORD, and enter into his sanctuary, which he hath sanctified for ever: and serve the LORD your God, that the fierceness of his wrath may turn away from you. ⁹ For if ye turn again unto the LORD, your brethren and your children *shall find* compassion before them that lead them captive, so that they shall come again into this land: for the LORD your God *is* gracious and merciful, and will not turn away *his* face from you, if ye return unto him.

Psalms 80:3

³ Turn us again, O God, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

Psalms 80:7

⁷ Turn us again, O God of hosts, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

Psalm 80:14

¹⁴ Return, we beseech thee, O God of hosts: look down from heaven, and behold, and visit this vine;

Psalm 85:4

⁴ Turn us, O God of our salvation, and cause thine anger toward us to cease.

Ezekiel 14:6

⁶ Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Repent, and turn *yourselves* from your idols; and turn away your faces from all your abominations.

Ezekiel 18:32

³² For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord GOD: wherefore turn *yourselves*, and live ye.

Hosea 12:6

⁶ Therefore turn thou to thy God: keep mercy and judgment, and wait on thy God continually.

Close:

Sodom perished in spite of all their disadvantages. America today is living and surviving only by the mercy of God.

America as a nation has received all the warning signs that Sodom lacked.

We have been fortunate these many years. We have triumphed through many crises, but all the kings' horses and all the kings' men cannot avert the current and coming judgment. Only repentance by a broken and contrite Christians and churches can do that.