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Shabbat Message

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Gen 18:1-22:24; 2 Ki 4:1-37; Lk 1:26-38; 24:36-53

New Beginnings Series:

Cultivating New Life Through Surrender and Trust in God's Word

As in the Days of Lot

Introduction

Have you ever thought about Abraham being a prophet and yet Yehovah called him that in ch. 21. Have you ever thought of Abraham as a righteous businessman because he was. All throughout this Torah portion you see him making business transactions and cutting covenant with the people around him. We should use him as our example. He was above reproach in his

business as we should be as well. We should be praying for the nations around us as Abraham did because Yehovah had shut their wombs. What is Yehovah doing right in the midst of the nations. He is currently calling people out of the nations to walk out His ways. So next time you want to make a business deal or something think about Abraham. This week we are going to we are going to talk about something we don't really talk about in Bible prophecy and that is the Days of Lot. We always hear about the days of Noah but what about the Days of Lot. It is based on Luke 17:28-32.

Sitting at the Gate

Genesis 19:1

1. Lot was obviously an elder of the community and was sitting at the gate. He was a watchman of the gate.
2. In the Lot generation the wicked will try to remove the righteous voices out of our leaderships and governments.
3. We also see discernment as a part of Lot because he recognized who these men were that they were angels and that they deserved honor and respect. The Bible tells us to to be hospitable because we may be entertaining strangers (Angels) unaware. (Hebrews 13:2).

Lust Will Run Rampant

Genesis 19:4-5

1. In the Days of Lot Lust ran rampant as all forms of lust showed themselves. Both heterosexual lust, Homosexual lust etc.
2. 2 Timothy 3 gives us a list of lust and the things that will be here in the last days.
3. Our culture is just the same – driven by sensuality and sexuality – even within the church. Not too long ago, during the week of the US's largest pastor's convention in the upper Midwest (Milwaukee?), hotels hosting thousands of pastors reported an all-time record of porn-rentals. In the last decade, church attendance is up 6% – but so is adultery and fornication within the church (1/3 of Christians have 'no problem' with it). Less than 1/3 of high schoolers are still pure by graduation – and 1-in-4 teen girls carry an STD. In America, homosexuality is up 700% in the last decade.

Hedonism Reigns In Our Society

Genesis 19:6-8

1. The Prophet Ezekiel interestingly gave us the real reason that Sodom was judged in Ezekiel 16:49-50.
2. Just think we have instant gratification today. The People of Sodom wanted gratification of their flesh Lot offered his daughters to satisfy the cravings of these people. They were

zombies. Later his daughters would get even with their dad in vss 32-36.

3. Our culture is a carbon copy of Sodom: what you want, when you want it, as much/more than you want. Price is not object. Patience is not a consideration. Thirty-year-olds sitting at home, wasting their life playing Warcraft, Halo, Call of Duty, Farmtown, Farkle, MafiaWars, and CafeLand. On average, we will spend 10+ years of our life watching the TV; 8+ years of our life surfing the web! It never satisfies. It's never enough. So we spend more – lots more. Most homes average $7,000 in credit card debt (10 cards). Credit card companies made 5.9 billion on interest in 2008. I know 'it's getting better' but the credit card market has grown by over 50% in last 5 years (1.1 billion cards in use today).

Anger Increases

Genesis 19:12-14

1. As lust and sin increase there is also an increase in anger.
2. Anger is a prevalent emotion, with about 31% of people reporting daily feelings of anger and 80% experiencing it at least weekly. It is linked to significant health risks, including a 25% rise in cortisol levels and a connection to 50% of assaults and 56% of fatal road crashes.
3. When we call out sin that is also when anger will increase because sinners don't want to be corrected on their cherished sin.

Flee From Sodom

Genesis 19:15-22

1. The Scripture tells us to flee all youthful lusts (2 Timothy 2:22). pheugó-to run away from or the shun.
2. To combat fleshly hedonism we must keep our minds on things above and not things on earth Colossians 3:1-3. We must get our pleasure from pursuing God and not our flesh.
3. To combat anger we must be slow to anger in James 1:19-20, Proverbs 15:8. Why are we to be slow to anger because our Heavenly Father is slow to anger Psalm 145:8 it says that He is slow to anger. If our Father is slow to anger then why are we as His sons and daughters so quick to become angry? Bridling our tongue and using self control.

Take Away

1. This generation that we are in looks a lot like Sodom today.
2. There will be an increase in Lawlessness during the times of Lot just like Noach.
3. We must combat the lawlessness with the Word of Elohim.

Application

1. I will flee all forms of youthful lust that will entangle me.
2. I will be slow to anger and practice controlling my tongue.

3. I will use the Word of Elohim to combat temptations in my life this week.

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