

# Genesis 19-20 - Lesson 30

## Abimelech's Dream

1. **19:15-30**
  - a. The instructions are simple "escape for thy life", but Lot said "not so", "I cannot"
  - b. It is flesh that wants to stay a little closer when God says "flee!" -1Ti 6:11, 2Ti 2:22
  - c. Sodom & Gomorrah is an example of wrath to come from heaven - Lu 17:32, Mt 24
  - d. Remember Lot's wife who would rather die in iniquity than escape with her life
  - e. 19:27-30 - God saves Lot for Abraham's sake; Lot ends up in the mountain anyway.
  
2. **19:30-38**
  - a. Lot's mind, conscience, wife, and daughters were defiled by the cities - Titus 1:9
  - b. "there is not a man" - Their world was gone. Why didn't they go to uncle Abe?
  - c. Some say they had good intentions, but, then why the deception and drunkenness?
  - d. Lot's heritage was bastardized: Moab (of his father), and Benammi - Deu 23:3
  
3. **20:1-6**
  - a. 20:1-2 - As in Egypt in Gen 12 Abraham and Sarah play their ruse when traveling
  - b. God speaks in divers manners in time past, here in a dream - Heb 1:1
  - c. We must know how God speaks to know what God is doing & expects from us
  - d. 20:4 - "wilt thou slay also..." - He had heard the story of Sodom and Gomorrah
  - e. "I also withheld thee from sinning" - God intervened to keep his promise to Sarah
  - f. Trillions of sins are not withheld, but with the hope of salvation and longsuffering
  - g. "from sinning against me" - all sin is against God (Psa 51:4)
  
4. **20:7 - Abraham the prophet**
  - a. A prophet is not someone who predicts, or prognosticates, he speaks with/for God
  - b. Why is it important? Abraham was before the law, but he was a prophet
  - c. Prophets spoke of the kingdom come - Acts 3:18-25, Luke 16:16, Luke 11:50-52
  - d. The kingdom has not come, what happened? A mystery revealed to Paul-1Co 14:37
  
5. **20:8-13**
  - a. "were sore afraid" - your audience responds when you truly believe what God says
  - b. Abimelech blames Abraham for causing him to walk contrary to God's promise
  - c. Would that we had such vehement desire to not frustrate the grace of God today
  - d. "no fear of God" - God keeps his promises even when men do not fear him
  
6. **20:14-18**
  - a. Abimelech responds differently than the Egyptian Pharaoh in Gen 12:19-20
  - b. Abimelech provides land, honors him and his wife with money and gifts.
  - c. "given thy brother" - yeah, right... they need to be honest, trust God, and avoid sin
  - d. Abraham performs as a mediator here between this uncircumcised king and God.
  - e. God is showing how he has sanctified the circumcision from the uncircumcision.