

“Taking God Seriously”

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2 Peter 3:8-13

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Introduction:

- A. How seriously do we take _____?
- B. God has issued many _____ and _____, but do we take the Lord seriously?
- C. Genesis 19 tells the story of God’s complete destruction of _____ and _____ because of the depravity found there.
- D. While Abraham _____ the central person in the narrative, the events took place just 20 miles from him and helped define his _____.

I. The Story

- A. Genesis 19:1-3
 - 1. The fact that Lot was sitting at the gateway of the city means that he was the chief _____ of the city of Sodom.
 - 2. Lot offered _____ to the two _____.
- B. Genesis 19:4-11
 - 1. It is hard to imagine a community so corrupt and depraved that the entire population would approve of homosexual _____.
 - 2. It’s even harder for me to imagine a father deciding to protect the _____ who are guests in his house by offering up his _____.
 - 3. Lot’s guests used their God-given powers to _____ the evil men.
- C. Genesis 19:12-22
 - 1. Can you imagine what Lot must have thought when the angels told him that God had sent the to _____ the city?
 - 2. On top of the tragedy of losing everything, Lot must have been struck with the reality that he had not been able to _____ anyone in _____ direction.
 - 3. It is hard to understand Lot’s _____ and his reluctance to run to the _____.
- D. Genesis 19:23-29
 - 1. As Lot and family approached Zoar, his wife couldn’t resist a longing glance toward Sodom and she was turned into a pillar of _____.
 - 2. When God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, that region of the lush Jordan River valley _____ into a giant _____ that is the lowest place on earth.
 - 3. Abraham could see the destruction from a distance and feared that Lot and his family were _____.

II. The Application

- A. The primary point I learn from today’s lesson is to take God _____.
- B. A. W. Tozer wrote: “What comes to _____ when we think about _____ is the most important thing about us.”
- C. God’s _____ has limits because His _____ demands satisfaction.
- D. The time when God will say “_____” can come in an instant. (Lk. 12:38-40; 18-21)
- E. God is still a God of _____ who must be taken seriously.
- F. We are still creatures of _____, and we must take sin seriously.
- G. We are still at the mercy of God’s _____, and we must take grace seriously.

Answer Key: Intro. A. warning, signs. B. warnings, commands. C. Sodom, Gomorrah. D. isn’t, character. I.A.1. magistrate. I.A.2. hospitality, visitors. I.B.1. gang, rape. I.B.2. strangers, daughters. I.B.3 blind. I.C.1. destroy. I.C.2. influence, God’s. I.C.3. delay, hills. I.D1. salt. I.D.2. sank, hole. I.D.3. dead. II.A, seriously. II.B. mind, God. II.C. mercy, justice. II.D. no, more. II.E. holiness. II.F. immorality. II.G. grace.