Sermon Series: Abraham - A Journey of Faith

“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.