

JUDGEMENT DELAYED ISN'T JUDGMENT DENIED
2 PETER 2:4-9 / 3-8-20 / P.M.

I. FIRST, GOD JUDGED THE ANGELS WHO SINNED.

- A. Peter's first illustration of God's past judgment has to do with fallen or disobedient angels—2:4a and Jude 6.

2 Peter 2:4

For if God did not spare angels when they sinned...

- B. Who are these fallen angels and what did they do?
1. One guess is they are "**Sons of God**" mentioned in Gen 6:1-4.
 2. However, Jesus said that angels are spiritual beings and do not have bodies—Matt. 22:30.

- C. What happened to these angels?

1. They were cast into hell—2:4b.

2 Peter 2:4b

...but sent them to hell...

- a. The usual Greek word for hell found in the Bible is "**Gehenna**" referring to a place of eternal punishment.
 - b. The word Peter uses here, however, is "**Tartarus**", another Greek word used in Greek mythologies.
2. These angels were also kept in chains until their final judgment by God—2:4c.

2 Peter 2:4 (This is in keeping with what Jude says in verse 6)

.... putting them in chains of darkness to be held for judgment.

II. SECOND, GOD JUDGED THE FALLEN WORLD THAT SINNED.

- A. Peter's second illustration of God's past judgment refers to the Flood in Noah's day—2:5a.

2 Peter 2:5a

If he did not spare the ancient world when he brought the flood on its ungodly people...

1. The story of this Flood is found in Genesis 6:11-14.
2. Again, Peter's point is "**From greater to Lessor**" judgments.

- B. God destroyed the wicked world, but he spared or recued Noah and his family—2:5b.

2 Peter 2:5b

...but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness, and seven others.

1. The point is that the same flood that destroyed the ungodly was used by God to spare or save Noah—1 Peter 3:20.
2. Again, another example of “**greater to lessor judgment**”.

III. THIRD, GOD JUDGED THE UNGODLY CITIES THAT SINNED.

- A. This is Peter’s third illustration of God’s judgment on the ungodly—2:6.
- B. This judgment is found in Genesis 19:24-28.
- C. What was the sin of these twin cities?
1. Peter’s answer—2:7b and 2:8b.

2 Peter 2:7b

...(Lot) was distressed by the depraved conduct of the lawless.

2 Peter 2:8b

(Lot) was tormented in his righteous soul by the lawless deeds he saw and heard.

2. Jude’s answer refers to sexual perversions, probably homosexuality—Jude 7.
- D. Like Noah, God rescued Lot and his family—2 Peter 2:7a.
- 2 Peter 2:7a**
And if he rescued Lot, a righteous man...

IV. PETER’S MESSAGE FOR HIS READERS AND US.

- A. First, God rescues the godly living in a godless world, and He will also rescue us—2:9a.

2 Peter 2:9a

If this is so (If these O.T. stories are true), then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials...

- B. Second, God judges the ungodly and therefore God will judge these false teachers Peter warns them about—2:9b.

2 Peter 2:9b

...The Lord knows how ... to hold the unrighteous for punishment on the day of judgment.