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Genesis 18b and 19

Last week we examined the 18th chapter of the book of Genesis and we spoke about a lot of things that we found within that particular chapter last week, but there are a few things that I want to tie down if you will... before we leave the 18th chapter of the book of Genesis. One of the things that I would like to address is the three men that came to Abraham.

Last week in our study into the 18th chapter of the book of Genesis I think we did a fairly good job of explaining who these three men were. One of them was obviously Yahovah, and we know that because the very name “Yahovah” was used to address one of these men. The other two men that came along with Yahovah, were clearly Angels that came along with him to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah because of the wickedness that was found within them. And we know that because we’re told that they are angles in Genesis 19 verse one.

Now... even though the Scripture is very clear about who these three men actually were, today’s modern-day version of Christianity is always looking for a way to interject it’s modern-day belief system into the scriptures. And from time to time, we will hear today’s modern-day pastors and evangelists and popish leaders trying to tell us that these three men were a representation of the Trinity.

Over the years, there have been several definitions of what today’s modern-day Christianity calls “the Trinity”. If your definition of the Trinity means that there is a Father, and that there is a Son, and that there is a Ruach Hackodesh... then we can agree that there is indeed a Trinity. However... if your definition of the Trinity is that there are three: equal Gods, that are all co-equal in power, and in glory, in the majesty... then we cannot agree that there is a Trinity. If your definition of the Trinity, is that there are two other gods that are equal to the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob... then we cannot agree that there is a Trinity. Why? Because the Bible tells us very clearly that there is only one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob. Let’s turn to Deuteronomy chapter 6 verse four:

Deu 6:4 “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.”

According to our God breathed Scriptures, Yahovah our God is and I quote, “one”. And I don’t care how many years you’ve been a pastor, I don’t care how many popes there have been, I don’t care how much wisdom that you think that you have amassed... my God breathed Scriptures tell me that there is only one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob, and that there is

and I quote, “no other”. Keeping this in mind... let’s turn to Isaiah chapter 43 verse 10:

Isa 43:10 “You are my witnesses,” declares the LORD, “and my servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me.

According to our God breathed Scriptures, there are no gods before the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob, neither shall there be any other god formed after him. Now my friends we have already been well educated concerning the true identity of the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob. The one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob simply cannot be replaced by his only begotten son... who by the way... never claimed to be his Father. Yeshua Hamashiach always claimed to be and I quote “*the son of God*” not God himself. And people will often times say “Well Yeshua did claim to be God when he said in John chapter 10 verse 30 and I quote “*I and the Father are one*”.”

When Yeshua said “*I and the Father are one*” he was speaking of being one with the Father in a spiritual sense. I could very honestly say that Yeshua and I are one. Why? Because I am part of the body of Yeshua. I am also the seed of Abraham, and an heir to the promise that God gave to Abraham, just like we’re told in Galatians chapter 3 versus 27 through 29. But because Yeshua and I are one... does not mean that I am Yeshua.

Yeshua is a very real person. When I get to meet my Messiah, I will be able to wash his feet with my tears. I will be able to hug him. I will be able to shake his hand. And he will be able to show me his throne that is seated at the right hand of his Father. Just because I am one with our Messiah, does not mean that I am our Messiah. And so when our Messiah said “*I and the father are one*” he was not claiming to be God his Father. Just like when I say my Messiah and I are one... I am not claiming to be the Messiah. Listen to what is written in Isaiah chapter 42 verse eight:

Isa 42:8 I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols.

My friends I want you to know, and I want you to understand what is written in your God breathed Scriptures. Our Father in heaven who is the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob, says very clearly and I quote “*my glory... I give to know other.*”

If I’ve said it once, I’ve said it 100 times. You can pound on your pulpit, you can rent your clothes, you can snort and you can stomp, and you can bloviate all over God’s people as much as you want... but you have no right to add to, or take away from, the word of God.

If my Father in heaven says that he is one God... and my Father in heaven says that he gives his glory to no other, and some feeble little man comes along and says that there are THREE gods, that all have the same power and glory... someone is clearly lying. And if I’ve said it once I’ve

said it 100 times... it is written in our Scripture and I quote “let God be true, and every man a liar.”

I want us to turn to the New Testament and I want us to read first Corinthians chapter 8 verses five and six:

1Co 8:5 For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”—

1Co 8:6 yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

Notice here, that Paul makes a distinct clarification between the Father and the Son. He says and I quote, “yet for us there is one God”. And then he continues on and says and I quote “and... One Lord Yeshua Hamashiach”. So clearly there is one Father, and... one Son who are distinctly different from each other, and yet belong to one another.

Now some will argue that Paul says that both the Father and the Son are from whom are all things and for whom we exist, so they must be the same. But we must remember that the Son is an extension of the Father... just like you and I are an extension of the Father. God created us all, and the breath of life that belongs to God was breathed into all of our nostrils. We are created in his image. And although we are an extension of the Father... we indeed are not the Father.

We must understand that it is written that our Messiah was the word of God made flesh. How long was the word of God with God? All we have to do is turn to John chapter 1 versus one through three:

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Joh 1:2 He was in the beginning with God.

Joh 1:3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

First of all John chapter 1 verse two does not say “he”... was in the beginning with God. It says “the same” was in the beginning with God. The King James version has it right, the English standard version is incorrect. The Greek word being translated as “he” is the Greek word “houtos”, which means “this, or these”, it does not mean “he”. And so, we need to get that straight from the beginning. This is another case of those who believe in the Trinity translating the Greek into English. We will oftentimes find these words slipped into our English translations in order to try and justify the doctrine of the Trinity where there is no such Trinity doctrine.

Clearly the word of God was with God from the beginning. What is the word of God? The word of God is everything that proceeds from the mouth of God. The law of God is the word of God. Our Messiah was the word of God, and that word of God, was with God from the beginning. The word of God is also written in the hearts and in the minds of God's people according to Jeremiah chapter 31 verse 33 in the Old Testament, and Hebrews chapter 10 verse 16 in the New Testament. And so, because the word of God is written in our hearts and in our minds, it could also be said that we were with God from the beginning, because the word of God has become part of us and our flesh. Our Messiah commands us to pick up our crosses and to follow him and to walk as he walked, and to do as he did. If we pick up our crosses, and walk as he walked, and do as he did... we too then become the word of God made flesh, just as he was the word of God made flesh because the word of God was written in his heart and in his mind just like it is to be written in our hearts and in our minds. Let's turn to first Timothy chapter 2 versus five and six:

1Ti 2:5 For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,

1Ti 2:6 who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

Once again, we find here in first Timothy that it is written again by the apostle Paul... who wrote first and second Timothy... that there is one God... and... there is one mediator between God and men... the man Yeshua Hamashiach. Now my friends, I don't know how much more clearly that the apostle Paul could have possibly conveyed to us exactly what God has already conveyed to us in his Torah. There is one God, and... there is one mediator between God and men, the man Yeshua Hamashiach.

Now you can twist the Scriptures and you can turn the Scriptures, and you can do all kinds of theological gymnastics to try to rewrite God's word and create your own religious Empire of dirt if you want to. But if you want to stand on the truth of our God breathed the Scriptures, then you can come to no other conclusion other than... there is one God... and, there is one mediator between God and men... the man... Yeshua Hamashiach.

Is there a Father, and is there a Son, and is there a Ruach Hackodesh? Yes indeed there is a Father, and there is a Son, and there is a Ruach Hackodesh. But the only begotten Son of God, is not a replacement of God. The Son has not come to replace the Father. God has already told us that he is one. God as he has told us, gives no one his glory. All authority in heaven and earth have been given to the Son by the Father. If the Father chose to... at any given point in time... he could just as easily remove the authority of heaven and earth from the Son if he chose to do so. When we get to heaven, we will see the throne of God, and we will also see the throne of the Son that sits at the right hand of God.

We must remember that the translators of our English Bibles were by and large Trinitarians who

believed in three: co-equal Gods, coequal in power, and in glory, and in Majesty. And so, when they translated the Hebrew into Greek Scriptures... they often times translated them with this concept in mind because it was what they believed, because this is what they were taught from their mother church in Rome (also known as, Roman Catholicism). If we truly want a clear picture of how we are all one with the Father and with the Son... all we have to do is turn to the red letter words of our Messiah found in John chapter 14 verses 20 through 26:

Joh 14:20 In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

Joh 14:21 Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

Joh 14:22 Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, “Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?”

Joh 14:23 Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.

Joh 14:24 Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

Joh 14:25 “These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you.

Joh 14:26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

According to our Messiah’s own red letter words, he is in his Father, and we are in him, and he is in us. Spiritually speaking... this makes us all one. And yet... we are all separate beings. The Son clearly is not a replacement of... the Father. And although there certainly is a Father, and a Son, and a Ruach Hackodesh... they are not three: co-equal Gods all equal in power and glory and majesty.

And just for clarification... how many spirits of God are there according to our God breathed Scriptures? Is God really a trinity of spirits according to his God breathed scriptures? I think not! Let’s turn to Revelation chapter 1 verse four:

Rev 1:4 John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne,

Let’s turn to Revelation chapter 3 verse one:

Rev 3:1 “And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: ‘The words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. “I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead.

Let's also turn to Revelation chapter 4 verse five:

Rev 4:5 *From the throne came flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and before the throne were burning seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God,*

Let's also turn to Revelation chapter 5 verse six:

Rev 5:6 *And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.*

I want us to also turn to the book of Isaiah chapter 11 verse two:

Isa 11:2 *And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.*

Now if we count carefully here in Isaiah chapter 11 verse two, we find that there are seven separate spirits listed here. You have the spirit of the Yahovah which is the Ruach Hackodesh, you have the spirit of wisdom, you have the spirit of understanding, you have the spirit of counsel, you have the spirit of might, you have the spirit of knowledge, and you have the spirit of the fear of Yahovah. Once again, we have seven spirits noted here. And if you combine them as some do... you still have four separate spirits here... not three.

My point in all of this, is that we cannot put the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob in a box and say that he only consists of three spirits. He does not. Our Father in heaven is much larger than we can even imagine. The truth according to our God breathed Scriptures... is that there is one God, that manifests, or manufactured all of these things. And no one replaces the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob. And God has not given his personal glory to anyone including the Son. The Glory and majesty of God belongs only to Yahovah, and to Yahovah alone.

The traditional Christian concept of what the Trinity amounts to, is that any physical form of God is supposed to be their version of Jesus. So, we must ask ourselves, do we have three Jesus's standing before Abraham? What else could these three have represented? What was the burning Bush? What was the Shekinah? What was the cloud that led Israel through the wilderness? What was the Angel of the Lord who identified himself as God Almighty to Hagar? Who wrestled with Jacob? My friends we're making a huge error when we attempt to artificially limit the possible manifestations of the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob to just three spirits, just so that we can satisfy today's modern-day version of Christian doctrine.

And so, don't let anyone try and bulldog you into believing the nonsense that these three men found in Genesis chapter 18 represent a Trinity of three coequal Gods that are equal in power and in glory and in majesty. They do not. In this nonsense is not found anywhere within our Scripture.

And we have other teachings on the Trinity if you want to take a look at that, at our website at HolyImpactMinistries.com.

Moving forward, there are some things about the covenants of Yahovah that we need to understand as we proceed through our Fathers Torah. Each of our Father's covenants is built upon an earlier covenant. A new promise, or a new covenant does not replace or reverse an earlier covenant. It simply takes the earlier covenants to another level.

The covenants of our Father in heaven are much like the building of the house. When you build a house, the first thing that you need to do is to prepare the ground. Then you have to build the foundation of the house. At that point in time, you can no longer see the ground. But the ground is still there. Upon the foundation, the first floor is built. At this point in time, you can no longer see the foundation, but the foundation is still there. On the first floor, the second floor is built, and so on and so forth. One thing is built upon the former things. Without the ground you can't have a foundation. And without the foundation you can't have the first floor. And without the first floor you can't have the second floor. You can't get rid of the ground or the whole building collapses. You can't get rid of the foundation or the whole building collapses. You can't remove the first floor from under the second floor, or the whole building collapses.

The new covenant which our Messiah brought to us through his blood, is not a covenant that replaces the earlier covenants of God, nor does the new covenant stand alone. The new covenant is dependent on all of the other covenants, and it is the fulfillment of all the earlier covenants. Each covenant is built upon the ones preceding it. The promise that God gave to Abraham to make his descendents more numerous than the stars, and to bring them back into the land that God promised Abraham has in no way been erased, or done away with, or nailed to a cross.

Keeping that in mind, I want us to also take note of Genesis chapter 18 versus 17 through 19. Here in these three verses, we get a rare glimpse of the thought process of God. Yahovah who is obviously speaking with the two Angels that were with him, asks a very important question. Let's read what our Father in heaven asks in Genesis chapter 18 versus 17 through 19:

Gen 18:17 The LORD said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do,

Gen 18:18 seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?"

Gen 18:19 For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice, so that the LORD may bring to Abraham what he has promised him."

I believe that there is a reason that each and every one of these Scriptures is written the way that they are, and I believe that there is a reason for us to hear what is written here in Genesis chapter 18 versus 17 through 19. The point that we're being shown here, is that even from the very beginning we should be able to understand that God does not keep his plans for mankind a secret. Yahovah does not keep the reasons for his judgments on people and all nations a secret. He doesn't keep the reasons that he gives out blessings a secret. And so, it's important for us to understand that our Father in heaven will do nothing without letting his prophets know first. I want us to turn to Amos chapter 3 verse seven:

Amo 3:7 *“For the Lord GOD does nothing without revealing his secret to his servants the prophets.”*

Even the end of days in our time, have been mapped out before us through the prophets like Isaiah and Jeremiah and Daniel and through John the Revelator in the book of Revelation. Yahovah does nothing without revealing his secret to his servants the prophets. And this is important for us to remember. As God's people we know that there is going to be a greater exodus than the exodus of Moses. We know through the Scriptures, that there's going to come a time when our Father in heaven is going to send a signal to the nations, and that he's going to gather all of Ephraim, and all of Judah, and all the house of Israel together from the four corners of the world to bring them back into the land that he promised Abraham here in the book of Genesis.

People are always asking me “when is that day going to come?” And I keep telling them, that God does nothing, without revealing his secret to his servants the prophets. When that time comes, we will indeed surely know it, and we will know when it is time to move, and we better be ready to move.

Something else that we haven't really seen so far in the book of Genesis, is the concept of repentance. We don't see any mention here of Sodom and Gomorrah repenting. We didn't see any mention of anyone in the world repenting in Noah's time before the flood. Repentance hasn't been brought into the picture as of yet. And we still won't see any sign of repentance as we move into chapter 19 and the actual destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. Speaking of chapter 19... Let's go ahead and move into chapter 19 of the book of Genesis by reading Genesis chapter 19 together:

Gen 19:1 *The two angels came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw them, he rose to meet them and bowed himself with his face to the earth*

Gen 19:2 *and said, “My lords, please turn aside to your servant's house and spend the night and wash your feet. Then you may rise up early and go on your way.” They said, “No; we will spend the night in the town square.”*

Gen 19:3 *But he pressed them strongly; so they turned aside to him and entered his house. And he made them a feast and baked unleavened bread, and they ate.*

Gen 19:4 But before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both young and old, all the people to the last man, surrounded the house.

Gen 19:5 And they called to Lot, “Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us, that we may know them.”

Gen 19:6 Lot went out to the men at the entrance, shut the door after him,

Gen 19:7 and said, “I beg you, my brothers, do not act so wickedly.

Gen 19:8 Behold, I have two daughters who have not known any man. Let me bring them out to you, and do to them as you please. Only do nothing to these men, for they have come under the shelter of my roof.”

Gen 19:9 But they said, “Stand back!” And they said, “This fellow came to sojourn, and he has become the judge! Now we will deal worse with you than with them.” Then they pressed hard against the man Lot, and drew near to break the door down.

Gen 19:10 But the men reached out their hands and brought Lot into the house with them and shut the door.

Gen 19:11 And they struck with blindness the men who were at the entrance of the house, both small and great, so that they wore themselves out groping for the door.

Gen 19:12 Then the men said to Lot, “Have you anyone else here? Sons-in-law, sons, daughters, or anyone you have in the city, bring them out of the place.

Gen 19:13 For we are about to destroy this place, because the outcry against its people has become great before the LORD, and the LORD has sent us to destroy it.”

Gen 19:14 So Lot went out and said to his sons-in-law, who were to marry his daughters, “Up! Get out of this place, for the LORD is about to destroy the city.” But he seemed to his sons-in-law to be jesting.

Gen 19:15 As morning dawned, the angels urged Lot, saying, “Up! Take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you be swept away in the punishment of the city.”

Gen 19:16 But he lingered. So the men seized him and his wife and his two daughters by the hand, the LORD being merciful to him, and they brought him out and set him outside the city.

Gen 19:17 And as they brought them out, one said, “Escape for your life. Do not look back or stop anywhere in the valley. Escape to the hills, lest you be swept away.”

Gen 19:18 And Lot said to them, “Oh, no, my lords.

Gen 19:19 Behold, your servant has found favor in your sight, and you have shown me great kindness in saving my life. But I cannot escape to the hills, lest the disaster overtake me and I die.

Gen 19:20 Behold, this city is near enough to flee to, and it is a little one. Let me escape there—is it not a little one?—and my life will be saved!”

Gen 19:21 He said to him, “Behold, I grant you this favor also, that I will not overthrow the city of which you have spoken.

Gen 19:22 Escape there quickly, for I can do nothing till you arrive there.” Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar.

Gen 19:23 The sun had risen on the earth when Lot came to Zoar.

Gen 19:24 Then the LORD rained on Sodom and Gomorrah sulfur and fire from the LORD out of heaven.

Gen 19:25 And he overthrew those cities, and all the valley, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground.

Gen 19:26 But Lot's wife, behind him, looked back, and she became a pillar of salt.

Gen 19:27 And Abraham went early in the morning to the place where he had stood before the LORD.

Gen 19:28 And he looked down toward Sodom and Gomorrah and toward all the land of the valley, and he looked and, behold, the smoke of the land went up like the smoke of a furnace.

Gen 19:29 So it was that, when God destroyed the cities of the valley, God remembered Abraham and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow when he overthrew the cities in which Lot had lived.

Gen 19:30 Now Lot went up out of Zoar and lived in the hills with his two daughters, for he was afraid to live in Zoar. So he lived in a cave with his two daughters.

Gen 19:31 And the firstborn said to the younger, “Our father is old, and there is not a man on earth to come in to us after the manner of all the earth.

Gen 19:32 Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve offspring from our father.”

Gen 19:33 So they made their father drink wine that night. And the firstborn went in and lay with her father. He did not know when she lay down or when she arose.

Gen 19:34 The next day, the firstborn said to the younger, “Behold, I lay last night with my father. Let us make him drink wine tonight also. Then you go in and lie with him, that we may preserve offspring from our father.”

Gen 19:35 So they made their father drink wine that night also. And the younger arose and lay with him, and he did not know when she lay down or when she arose.

Gen 19:36 Thus both the daughters of Lot became pregnant by their father.

Gen 19:37 The firstborn bore a son and called his name Moab. He is the father of the Moabites to this day.

Gen 19:38 The younger also bore a son and called his name Ben-ammi. He is the father of the Ammonites to this day.

The first thing that I want us to notice of, is that when Lot saw the two Angels coming to Sodom in the evening, Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. And immediately Lot knew that these were indeed two Angels. Notice, that when Lot saw them he bowed himself with his face to the earth and tried to immediately get these two Angels to come to his house.

Lot knew that it was dangerous for these two Angels to spend the night in the town square. And I suspect that Lot knew that it wasn't dangerous for the Angels... but rather it was dangerous for the city of Sodom. In verse five, we hear the men of Sodom surround the house, and they tell Lot to bring what they think are his two male visitors outside so that they can know them.

When we're told that a man goes into his tent to know a woman, we should know what that means. These men wanted to have homosexual sex, with what they thought were two human men that had come to visit Lot. Now Lot knows what these men want, and he knows that if they do what they're threatening to do... these two Angels are going to completely and utterly destroy the city of Sodom.

And I want us to notice something very clear that we see within this story. In verse eight Lot offers them his two daughters who are both virgins and had never been with a man before. But these men of Sodom had no interest in two beautiful virgin women. Here, Lot was offering them to young virgin women if they would simply leave these two Angels alone... and these men were so homosexually charged that they had no interest in the two young virgin women. They rebuked the two young virgin women in order to try and attempt to rape these two Angels that they thought were human men. And I want us to think about that for just a moment.

Homosexuality is a sin just like lust, or lying, or hating, or selfishness, or gluttony or any other sin. But... homosexuality is not only a sin according to Yahovah... it is an abomination. Both masculinity and femininity are reflections of God's likeness, and therefore inherent to our being. When we defile our basic identity... we defile God's very nature in us. Homosexuality invites God's judgment because it defiles his original intent on the deepest level. And it's important that we understand why our adversary loves Homosexuality so much.

The devil knows that if he can turn half of humanity into homosexuals... he can cut humanity in half. Think about it for just a moment. If tomorrow everyone on earth decided to be a homosexual, all of humanity would be wiped out within a generation. There would be no more reproduction of human beings... at least not God ordained human beings.

The world wants us to believe that homosexuals and those of the LGBT community need more rights, and should be treated with equality. But this is not what this war is all about my friends. This is about a spiritual warfare that goes much deeper than the rights of homosexuals. The devil has unleashed an all-out blitz to convince the nations that homosexuality is not a sin... and that those who align themselves with the word of God, are narrowminded bigots for trying to impose their homophobic archaic beliefs on today's more modern and accepting societies.

Today even the United States has bought into this demonically charged lie, that not only allows Homosexuality... it approves of it, and even presents it to our children as a holistic alternative lifestyle. Just as in the days of Lot, today's society has become so morally corrupt that we have lost our moral compass and we now call what is evil, good and what is good, evil. We now

exchange darkness for light and light for darkness. I want us to understand what our Messiah told us about the days of Lot. Let's turn to the book of Luke chapter 17 verse 28 through 30:

Luk 17:28 Likewise, just as it was in the days of Lot—they were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building,

Luk 17:29 but on the day when Lot went out from Sodom, fire and sulfur rained from heaven and destroyed them all—

Luk 17:30 so will it be on the day when the Son of Man is revealed.

It is important for today's modern-day Christian to understand the implications of what we are allowing to happen in our culture and in our society today. And it's also important for today's modern-day Christian to not become complicit with evil.

I have heard way too many Christians tell me that they know homosexuality is a sin, but that homosexuals don't bother them. I have heard way too many Christians tell me that they feel it's okay for someone to be a homosexual if they choose to. Once again, they have become complicit with evil. Let me be clear... it is not okay for someone to be a homosexual in the eyes of the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob. It may be okay according to portions of society. It may be okay according to the LGBT community. It may be okay according to those who have chosen that lifestyle. But it is not okay according to the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob. And I might add, that no one is born homosexual. There is not one shred of evidence to support such nonsense according to our God breathed Scripture, or... today's newfound religion of science. It is an abomination to God. And if God lives in us, and we live in him, then it should be an abomination to us and to our children as well.

When we Christians live in a country like the United States of America... each one of us, not only have the ability... but the responsibility... to be involved in the laws that are being passed in this land. And when we choose to do nothing, and to not exercise the God given right that we have been given to vote against such demonically inspired laws... we are indeed complicit to the very evil that is not only putting us in bondage... but is also putting our children and our children's children into bondage. All because we're too prideful, and smug, and to vanity filled, to get up off of our blessed assurances and go vote, and to take the responsibility that God has given us as American citizens... seriously.

But this is what it has come down to. It's much easier to say "I don't want to be involved because I don't want someone to call me a name"... than it is to be involved in standing against the evil that has not only overtaken's us... but has also overtaken our children and our children's children... in our schools, and in our learning facilities, and in our halls of legislation, and in our halls of justice, and yes... even in our houses of worship.

The definition of marriage in the United States of America has been changed from a God ordained union between one man and one woman, to a demonically inspired union that God calls an abomination. The late Billy Graham once said something very interesting. He said that

if God does not punish the United States of America... He'll have to apologize to Sodom and Gomorrah. Now I am certainly not someone who is going to tell God that he has to apologize to anyone... but I will say this... we are already living in the days that are much like the days of Lot.

And so, I will leave you with this; homosexuality has spread across the face of the earth like wildfire. And it puts us much closer to Jacob's trouble and the tribulation than most of us can even imagine. To those who may be living a homosexual lifestyle I would simply say this. There is nothing wrong with loving someone. There's nothing wrong with caring for someone. There's nothing wrong with tending to someone in need. These are all attributes of our Father in heaven. But when we add the flesh into the mix... we're stepping over the line and crossing over from righteousness to unrighteousness. We are crossing over the line that the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob has drawn in the sand. We are whoring after our own hearts, and allowing the flesh to lead the spirit instead of the spirit leading the flesh.

Loving someone is a wonderful thing. Causing them to sin... is not. Each and every one of us has a decision to make. Whether it is homosexuality or adultery, or pornography, drugs, or alcohol, or any other addiction... we can indeed be delivered from that bondage. We can indeed be delivered from those chains and from those ties that bind us to the sins of this world. But we cannot do it alone.

We cannot do it by going to a psychiatrist. We cannot do it by taking a pill. We cannot do it by hiding it in the closet. We can only do it with the power of the Ruach Hackodesh of God and his saving grace. Our Father in heaven has sent us a Messiah, a King, a path to salvation, another way, an opportunity to literally be born again, a new creature. Each one of us has been invited to pick up our cross and to follow him and to do as he did, and he promises us that if we will do that in this life... we will not only have everlasting life... we will have it more abundantly.

Salvation is not a 60 second prayer. Salvation is not being baptized and then returning like a dog back to your vomit. There is no such thing as "once saved always saved." The path to salvation is a lifelong journey. The hope, of salvation is given to us by our Messiah, but the decision to walk down that path back to the tree of life... is ours. He's waiting... he's knocking on the door. Whether or not we choose to answer that door is up to us.

And with that, we will close this session and pick Genesis chapter 19 of next Wednesday evening at 7 PM Eastern standard time.