

## Join God's Saving Plan – Sodom & Gomorrah pt. 2

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⇒ There are 3 Actors in this story: God, Sodom, and Abram (and his family).

### ✧ God Acts to Save His World (Gen 19:1-3)

- ⇒ God is the first Actor: He acts to save His world.
- ⇒ God's agenda is to thoroughly save this world (goodness, love & justice).
- ⇒ Yet we often judge God for not acting the way we want (for allowing evil in the world and for judging us).
- ⇒ God is a Constant—he didn't suddenly change and become judgmental.
- ⇒ This is God's world and we are guests in his living room or his garden.
- ⇒ God so loves this world that He made it, He sent his Son to save it and He will come again to restore all things.
- ⇒ Judgement awaits all who would resist God saving and restoring His world.

### ✧ This World Acts to Accept or Reject God's Ways (Gen 19:4-8)

- ⇒ The Angels' agenda is see the condition of Sodom first hand, then to save Lot and his family and judge Sodom.
- ⇒ "His World cries" out for saving—the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous that I will go see ... is as bad as the outcry.
- ⇒ Sodom's agenda was self-willed, dehumanizing and harmful (evil) (cf 1John 2:15-16).
- ⇒ Infectious Sodom is judged. This broken, selfish, warped world will not be allowed in God's ultimate saved world.

### ✧ We Participate as Imperfect Actors in His Salvation Plan (Gen 18:23ff)

- ⇒ There is a third actor--God's people (who choose to believe and obey).
  - God engages Abram and Sarah to believe: *Next year Sarah will have a child.*
  - God engages Abram to pray/intercede. (Gen 18:23ff).
  - God engages Sodom (to see if they can be redeemed) but they choose evil.
  - God engages Lot and his family to believe and obey.
- ⇒ Now God engages us to believe and follow Jesus.
- ⇒ God uses us (imperfect as we are) as agents of his salvation.
- ⇒ God is looking for imperfect people who will start the journey of believing and obeying Him and his Salvation plan for this world.

### ✦ **Thinking It Through**

- ⇒ Do I believe in God's desire to save you and this planet from ourselves to his good, beautiful, just and loving world?
- ⇒ Am I a participant in this saving plan, praying for others, living for God and witnessing to others in word and action about God's wonderful saving plan?
- ⇒ Am I looking back toward anything in this world that I wished I had that would distract me from following Jesus? What is it?
- ⇒ Read John 3:16 and 1 John 2:15-16 together. Rejoice and follow Jesus.