

*The God Who Rescues*  
**Genesis 19:1-11**

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Main Idea: **God rescues the righteous, for His own name's sake.**

**Introduction:** How God often answers prayer.

**1. Lot was righteous.**

- a. As implied and hoped for in previous texts
  - i. God's promise that He would be saving from every family/nation. Ap: expect and work for the conversion of sinners
  - ii. Abraham's prayer on behalf of the righteous. Ap: be in prayer for the righteous in every nation
- b. As evidenced by some things in this text
  - i. Lot's hospitality. Possibility that he is referenced in Hebrews 13:1.
  - ii. Lot's judgment against his culture: implicit in his embarrassment, explicit in his appeal.
- c. As explicitly taught in 2Peter 2:1-9
  - i. Righteous soul oppressed, tormented daily by the sights and sounds.
  - ii. Ap: is your soul oppressed and tormented daily? Or are you possibly among the ungodly who are perishing?

**2. Lot was in trouble.**

- a. The trouble of the love of the world
  - i. "My brethren"—began moving toward Sodom for worldly advantage; ended up moving toward Sodom with his heart. Ap: who are your "brethren"?
  - ii. Interdependence, intermarriage
- b. The trouble of compromise
  - i. The offer of the daughters
  - ii. Put himself into an "impossible" position by pragmatism. Ap: what do the churches compromise before God in order to "survive" in the culture?
  - iii. Nothing "impossible" if operating upon principle instead. Ap: duty is ours; events are God's

**3. God was rescuing Lot.**

- a. Rescuing Lot from Sodom (persecution). God has a purpose in all our persecutions. He is able to save, but is using it. Sometimes to save others. Sometimes to sanctify us. Sometimes just to give us the privilege of displaying His worthiness (that He is worth suffering for) or His power (that He enables His people to count Him worthy).
- b. Rescuing Lot from Lot (temptation).
  - i. Sometimes, in the moment, we wonder why this flood or why this fire. Often the answer is that God is rescuing us from temptation.
  - ii. For example Noah or the Israelites in Egypt.
  - iii. Death the ultimate deliverance of the believer from temptation.
- c. Rescuing Lot from God (judgment)
  - i. Our greatest need for rescue is the rescue from God Himself—not the judgments in time like the destruction of Sodom, but that Hell-fire of which Sodom was a picture.
  - ii. This does not come merely by the Lord walking us out of it, but by He Himself staying back and enduring it: pouring out upon Himself on the cross.

**Conclusion:** How God has loved sinners! The rescue came at the cost of His own suffering in Jesus Christ.