

“Pitching Our Tents Toward Sodom”

Lesson Text: **Genesis 13:8-13.**

I. The Tragic Results Of Living In Wicked Sodom.

- God Saw The Wickedness Of Sodom And Sought To Destroy It.
 - **Genesis 18:16-22.**
- Abraham Sought To Save The City.
 - **Genesis 18:23-33.**
- **Lot’s Experience At Sodom.**
 - **Genesis 19:1-29.**

II. Why Did Lot Pitch His Tents Toward Sodom?

- Lot Used Poor Judgment In His Decision To Live In Sodom.
 - It Began When He Looked More To The Physical, Than The Spiritual.
 - **Genesis 13:12-13.** It Benefitted Him Physically, But Was A Spiritual Disaster!
 - **The Enduring Word Commentary** says:

“There was a steady progression of compromise in Lot’s life. He went from looking toward Sodom (Genesis 13:10), to pitching his tent toward Sodom (Genesis 13:12), to living in Sodom (Genesis 14:12), and losing everything when Sodom was attacked. Now, back at the infamous city, Lot sat in the gate of Sodom, indicating he was a civic leader.”

- Why Would A Righteous Man Choose To Live There?
 - **2 Peter 2:6-8.**

III. How Others Are Making The Same Mistake Today.

- Progression Of Attitude Toward This Sin:
 - From Opposing It, Calling It Deviant & Unlawful Behavior, And Sinful.
 - To Silence, Toleration, And A Refusal To Call It Sin.
 - To Condoning, Embracing, Promoting, And Congratulating This Sin!
- Even Though God Calls It Sin- **Romans 1:26-27; Jude 7.**
- Corporations/Businesses Require Sensitivity Training And Cater To LGBTQ.
- There Are Four States That Require LGBTQ History To Be Taught In Their Schools.
 - California, New Jersey, Colorado, And Illinois.
- Some Churches Have Abandoned Biblical Morality And Embraced The LGBTQ.
 - They Are Not Preaching It As Sin Or Calling Sinners To Repent.
 - **The Episcopal Church.** “We believe in following the teachings of Jesus Christ, whose life, death and resurrection saved the world. We have a legacy of inclusion, aspiring to tell and exemplify God’s love for every human being. Ordination and the offices of bishop, priest, and deacon are open to all without discrimination. Laypeople and clergy cooperate as leaders at all levels of our church. Leadership is a gift from God and can be expressed by all people in our church, regardless of gender, sexual orientation, or gender identity or expression. We believe that God loves us all – no exceptions..”

- The United Church Of Christ, The United Methodist Church, and Others....