

The Case of Sodom and Gomorrah

Unprotected, a book by a university campus psychiatrist who wrote anonymously to protect her job, is a chilling portrait of the impact of unrestrained sexual behavior by American students. Instructed to ignore dangerous behavior and to affirm open immorality, this doctor now says, “My profession has been hijacked.” (*Introduction, pg. xvi*)

The Bible uses Sodom and Gomorrah more than twenty times to warn us about the dangers of rebelling against God by engaging in open immorality (Deuteronomy 29:28; 32:32; Isaiah 1:9,10; 3:9; 13:19; Jeremiah 23:14; 49:18; 50:40; Lamentations 4:6; Ezekiel 16:46,48,49,53,55,56; Amos 4:11; Zephaniah 2:9; Matthew 10:15; 11:23,24; Mark 6:11; Luke 10:12; 17:22; II Peter 2:6; Jude 7; Revelation 11:8).

Three Loving But Firm Actions By God Against Sodom and Gomorrah:

1. He _____ (Condemns)

- a. “If he condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah...” II Peter 2:6. The Greek word for condemn is “katakrito”, which means to declare to be reprehensible and evil after weighing the evidence.
- b. Genesis 19 is a picture of Sodom infested with unbridled evil. After Lot refuses to surrender his guests (angels) to a perverted mob, he inexplicably offers them his daughters, who are saved when the angels strike the mob with blindness. The angels tell Lot, “*The outcry to the Lord against its people is so great that he has sent us to destroy it.*” Genesis 19:13.

2. He _____ (Judges)

- a. “If he condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah by burning them to ashes...” II Peter 2:6. The Greek words literally mean to completely overthrow and bring to utter ruin by covering with ashes. Today, all that is left of what was once a thriving city on the south side of the Dead Sea surrounded by a lush, fertile plain is barren wilderness and charred rocks.
- b. Our society “judges” that alcoholism is bad and deserving of treatment because it reduces your life expectancy by 5-10 years and places you at a higher risk for liver disease, esophageal cancer, pneumonia, mental disorders, and suicide.
- c. Even though a male homosexual has a 25-30 year reduction in life expectancy, with a higher risk of liver cancer, various immune diseases, rectal cancer, various bowel and infectious diseases, and suicide, anyone who suggests that this is bad and deserving of treatment is accused of being intolerant and discriminating (*Homosexuality and the Politics of Truth*, Dr. Jeremy Satinover, p. 49-70).

- d. Using the rectum for sexual purposes introduces the human body to a whole array of deadly diseases, a condition that has been observed at least since the time of Christ. *“Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion.” Romans 1:27.*

3. He _____ (Warns)

- a. *“If he condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah by burning them to ashes, and made them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly.” II Peter 2:6.*
- b. Disguising their movement as a civil rights issue, gay advocates have made shocking inroads through approval of gay clergy by several denominations, advances toward legitimization of gay marriage, and indoctrination at the university and public school level, with some even advocating a removal of restrictions on gays donating blood. *“When the foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do?” Psalm 11:3.*
 - i. Know what you believe and why by filling your mind with God’s Word.
 - ii. Be a positive, joyful, and hope-filled witness to a lost, confused, and broken world.
 - iii. When controversial subjects arise, frame your thoughts in a positive way, showing your friends the benefits and blessings of following the Lord and His Word.
 - iv. Be in the world but not of it. Serve with honor and integrity wherever God has placed you, always remembering that we are *“strangers in this world” (I Peter 1:1).*

“By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.” Hebrews 11:8-10.