

The Protection of the Righteous Sunday 04-05-2020 Handout

You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, Nor of the arrow that flies by day, Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, Nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday. A thousand may fall at your side, And ten thousand at your right hand; But it shall not come near you. Only with your eyes shall you look, And see the reward of the wicked.

Psalms 91:5-8 (NKJV)

I Abraham and His nephew Lot

. **Genesis 13:7-11** (NKJV) And there was strife between the herdsmen of Abram's livestock and the herdsmen of Lot's livestock. The Canaanites and the Perizzites then dwelt in the land. {8} So Abram said to Lot, "Please let there be no strife between you and me, and between my herdsmen and your herdsmen; for we are brethren. {9} "Is not the whole land before you? Please separate from me. If you take the left, then I will go to the right; or, if you go to the right, then I will go to the left." {10} And Lot lifted his eyes and saw all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere (before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah) like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt as you go toward Zoar. {11} Then Lot chose for himself all the plain of Jordan, and Lot journeyed east. And they separated from each other.

II Inspection and Judgment for the Evils of Sodom and Gomorrah

. **Genesis 18:20-22** (NKJV) And the LORD said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grave, {21} "I will go down now and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry against it that has come to Me; and if not, I will know." {22} Then the men turned away from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD.

III The Righteous Man Pleads with God

. **Genesis 18:23-33** (NKJV) {23} And Abraham came near and said, "Would You also destroy the righteous with the wicked? {24} "Suppose there were fifty righteous within the city; would You also destroy the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous that were in it? {25} "Far be it from You to do such a thing as this, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous should be as the wicked; far be it from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?" {26} And the LORD said, "If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes." {27} ... "Suppose there were five less than the fifty righteous; "Suppose there should be forty found there?" "Suppose thirty should be found there?" "Suppose twenty should be found there?" ... {32} And he said, "Let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak but once more: Suppose ten should be found there?" And He said, "I will not destroy it for the sake of ten." {33} So the LORD went His way as soon as He had finished speaking with Abraham; and Abraham returned to his place.

IV Destroying Angels come to Sodom

. **Genesis 19:5** (NKJV) And they called to Lot and said to him, "Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us that we may know them carnally."
. **Genesis 19:13-14** (NKJV) "For we will destroy this place, because the outcry against them has grown great before the face of the LORD, and the LORD has sent us to destroy it." {14} So Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law, who had married his daughters, and said, "Get up, get out of this place; for the LORD will destroy this city!" But to his sons-in-law he seemed to be joking.
. **Genesis 19:24** (NKJV) Then the LORD rained brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah, from the LORD out of the heavens.

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V With your eyes shall you look, And see the reward of the wicked.

. **Genesis 19:27-29** (NKJV) And Abraham went early in the morning to the place where he had stood before the LORD. {28} Then he looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the plain; and he saw, and behold, the smoke of the land which went up like the smoke of a furnace. {29} And it came to pass, when God destroyed the cities of the plain, that God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when He overthrew the cities in which Lot had dwelt.

VI God will Judge Sinners and Save the Godly

. **2 Peter 2:4-9** (NKJV) For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; {5} and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly; {6} and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned them to destruction, making them an example to those who afterward would live ungodly; {7} and delivered righteous Lot, who was oppressed with the filthy conduct of the wicked {8} (for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented his righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing their lawless deeds); {9} then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment,

VII Jesus is Returning ... Are you Ready to Meet Him

. **Luke 17:26-30** (NKJV) "And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: {27} "They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. {28} "Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; {29} "but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. {30} "Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.