

## Lesson #13--FIRE FROM HEAVEN

Scripture: Genesis 19

## TO HELP US STUDY:

1. When the angels came to Sodom, who invited them to his home for the night? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Who came to the house before bed time? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What did they want Lot to do? \_\_\_\_\_
4. When the men of Sodom turned against Lot, what did the angels do to them? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Then what did the angels tell Lot to do? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Would his sons-in-law listen to his warning? \_\_\_\_\_ Why? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Where did Lot and his family run to? \_\_\_\_\_
8. What happened to Sodom and Gomorrah? \_\_\_\_\_
9. What mistake did Lot's wife make as they fled? \_\_\_\_\_  
What happened to her? \_\_\_\_\_
10. How can we make the same mistake she did? \_\_\_\_\_

TO HELP US REMEMBER: Young ones - Luke 17:23, "Remember Lot's wife."  
Older ones - Deuteronomy 5:32-33

TO HELP PARENTS TEACH: List all the New Testament scriptures which refer to this story. In the case of each scripture, tell briefly in your own words what truth the verse teaches. You need not copy the verse--just the location.

TO HELP PARENTS TEACH: In a week or so we will return to our consideration of good storytelling techniques. This week we need to use this space to look at the specific problems in the story.

Many Bible story books for children leave out this story. Some object to the picture it offers of God's wrath, saying that it will hurt children to learn of God's anger too early. Others are allergic to any story which might involve a discussion of the birds and bees.

With the first objection we could not be more in disagreement. Surely our children might be hurt if they never saw anything of God except his wrath. But they do need to see it. Unless they see it, they are not seeing God as he really is. To spare the rod, either the parental or the divine one, is to spoil the child.

The second problem is met simply by telling the story without bringing the homosexual incident into focus for very young children. I enjoyed this story for years before I was old enough to even suspect such behavior. On the other hand, with the older children this may be a good chance to do some frank teaching on a subject we tend to avoid. The Bible has some rather blunt teaching on the matter. Our society needs to hear it.

FOR ADULT STUDY: 1 Sam 13:13; Jer 11:3; Mt 15:3; Gal 5:6; 2 Th 1:8; Heb 2:2; Num 15:39; Isa 55:3; Heb 5:8; Rom 1:26,27,32; Lev 20:13