

## Genesis 19:1-22

### Merciful to...

- Lot
- Lot's daughters
- The men of Sodom

### Mercy of God

- **Mercy [NW1828]:** ...overlook injuries, or to treat an offender better than he deserves; the disposition that tempers justice, and induces an injured person to forgive trespasses and injuries, and to forbear punishment, or inflict less than law or justice will warrant [...] Mercy is a distinguishing attribute of the Supreme Being.
- 2. An act or exercise of mercy or favor. It is a mercy that they escaped.
- 3. Pity; compassion manifested towards a person in distress.

<sup>7</sup> [...] **righteous Lot, greatly distressed by the sensual conduct of the wicked** <sup>8</sup> (for as that righteous man lived among them day after day, he was tormenting his righteous soul over their lawless deeds that he saw and heard);

- 2 Peter 2:7-8

<sup>9</sup>But they said, "Stand back!" And they said, "This fellow came to sojourn, and he has become the judge! Now we will deal worse with you than with them."

– Genesis 19:9

<sup>9</sup>Now we will deal worse with you than with them." Then they pressed hard against the man Lot, and drew near to break the door down. <sup>10</sup> But the men reached out their hands and brought Lot into the house with them and shut the door.

– Genesis 19:9b-10

<sup>11</sup>And they struck with blindness the men who were at the entrance of the house, both small and great, so that they wore themselves out groping for the door.

– Genesis 19:11

<sup>13</sup>If a man lies with a male as with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination; they shall surely be put to death; their blood is upon them.

– Leviticus 20:13

### **Merciful to Lot's family**

<sup>12</sup> Then the men said to Lot, "Have you anyone else here? Sons-in-law, sons, daughters, or anyone you have in the city, bring them out of the place. <sup>13</sup> For we are about to destroy this place, because the outcry against its people has become great before the Lord, and the Lord has sent us to destroy it."

– Genesis 19:12-13

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– Genesis 19:13

<sup>49</sup> Behold, this was the guilt of your sister Sodom: she and her daughters had pride, excess of food, and prosperous ease, but did not aid the poor and needy. <sup>50</sup> They were haughty and did an abomination before me. So I removed them, when I saw it.

– Ezekiel 16:49-50

<sup>18</sup> Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.

– Proverbs 16:18

### **Merciful by force**

<sup>15</sup> As morning dawned, the angels urged Lot, saying, “Up! Take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you be swept away in the punishment of the city.” <sup>16</sup> But he lingered. So the men seized him and his wife and his two daughters by the hand, the Lord being merciful to him, and they brought him out and set him outside the city.

– Genesis 19:15-16

### **Merciful instruction**

<sup>17</sup> And as they brought them out, one said, “Escape for your life. Do not look back or stop anywhere in the valley. Escape to the hills, lest you be swept away.”

- Genesis 19:17

### **Merciful to Lot’s request**

Genesis 19:18-22

– 2 Peter 2:6-10

### **Merciful to us**