

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH
THE BOOK OF JUDE
GOD JUDGED THE SINS OF SODOM AND GOMORRAH
(VS 7)

Introduction

Warning up front! This is a politically incorrect sermon just as much so as preaching that there is only one way of salvation!

Jude is illustrating the fact that the LORD judges sin and apostasy! We've already seen how that:

God Judged Sin In His Chosen People Israel!

God Judged Sin In The Angels That Kept Not Their First Estate!

Now we see Jude's third illustration of God's Judgment—That of Sodom and Gomorrah and the area that surrounded them.

Scripture shows that some of the most depraved perversions of ancient times could be found in this area. Scripture also shows that God destroyed this cesspool of sin with fire and brimstone. Those are the facts! And listen, I'm not going to tell you any more or any less than what the Scripture says no matter how unpopular it might be in our society!

God's judgment of this area that was wiped off of the map, should serve as a dreadful example of what happens to those who turn from God to follow their own lustful natures! And, by the way, that is happening on a widespread basis in our world today and is becoming increasingly widespread with each and every passing day! It is an affront to a holy God!

People don't want God telling them what is right and what is wrong when it comes to sexuality and their practice of it! They don't want to be told that what they are practicing is unacceptable to a holy God! When we share the truth of what God says and it doesn't jive up with what is now being accepted as normal behavior, we are the ones castigated and called bigots!

Nevertheless the fate of the wicked unbelievers in those two cities (*as recorded in Genesis 19:1-29*) foreshadows the fate of those who deny God's truth and ignore His warnings.

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The punishment by fire and brimstone on the perverse inhabitants of Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding area is indicative of the eternal fire of hell—THE LAKE OF FIRE, which will be experienced by unbelievers at the Great White Throne Judgment. (*Revelation 20:11-15; 21:8*)

*Revelation 21:8 "But the fearful, and **unbelieving**, and the **abominable**, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death."*

So tonight we will look at what Scripture says about Sodom and her sins that were judged by the LORD. This is not opinion! What we see here tonight is TRUTH! God's TRUTH! It is what "**Thus Saith The LORD**".

I. WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY THAT SODOM'S SINS WERE?
(Ezekiel 16:48-50)

A. The Sin Of Pride.

Proverbs 16:8—"Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall"

*Proverbs 16:5—"Every one that is proud in heart is an **abomination to the LORD**: though hand join in hand, he shall not be unpunished."*

Genesis 19:9—"And they said, Stand back. And they said again, This one fellow came in to sojourn, and he will needs be a judge: now will we deal worse with thee, than with them."

B. The Sin Of Gluttony. ". . .fulness of bread"

This sin was supported by the great plenty that their country afforded. This plenty, which was given to them by God, was abused to luxury and excess.

It was because of God's great mercy that they had plenty.

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It was their great sin that they had abused it and glutted themselves with it. They ate to excess and drank to excess.

That which was given to them for a provision for their lives became a provision for their lusts instead.

Wealth and plenty are great temptations to sensuality. So often, this is the effect of earthly blessings. They might lead a person to God, and should bring forth gratitude and praise by those who enjoy the blessings. However, they are often abused and bring ruin to the abusers.

Fulness of bread is apt to make people drowsy both physically and spiritually.

Instead of worshiping the "Blesser," the blessings often receive the worship that God alone deserves!

Proverbs 1:32—" . . .the prosperity of fools shall destroy them."

Matthew 4:4—" . . .Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

SODOM'S SINS.

The Sin Of Pride...The Sin Of Gluttony...

C. The Sin Of Idleness. ". . .abundance of idleness."

Where there is fulness of bread, there is commonly *abundance of idleness*.

To be idle in order to take a rest from our labors there is no sin involved. However, an *abundance of idleness* can lead to no good.

1. Abundance Of Idleness Can Lead To Wrong Thinking.

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God made man to be involved in work even before sin entered the world. (*Genesis 2:15*)

2. Abundance Of Idleness Leads To Time Being Wasted, Not Redeemed.

Ephesians 5:16 – "Redeeming the time, because the days are evil."

Colossians 4:5 – "Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time."

3. Abundance Of Idleness Can Lead To Destructive Behavior Rather Than Constructive Behavior.

e.g. Juvenile delinquency, crime, no good.

Pride...Gluttony...Idleness...

D. The Sin Of Neglect. ". . .neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy."

Opportunities for service were neglected because of their gluttony and their abundance of idleness.

1. We Sin When We Neglect Those Who Are Spiritually Poor.

Jesus said in Luke 4:18—"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,"

If we are to be Christ-like, we must preach the gospel to the poor also.

2. We Sin When We Neglect Those Who Are Materially Poor.

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This is not talking about welfare. i.e. It's talking about a **hand up** not a **handout!**

E. The Sin Of Immorality. “. . .*they. . . committed abomination before me.*” (*Genesis 19:4-5*)
Genesis 13:13–“But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly.”

Genesis 18:20–“. . .their sin is very grievous.”

Genesis 19:13–“. . .because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the Lord.”

Leviticus 18:22–“Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination.”

Leviticus 20:13–“If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.”

Romans 1:24-32 that we will look at when we close.

Proverbs 6:16-19--“These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: ...A proud look, ...An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations...feet that be swift in running to mischief.”

II. SOME UNDERLYING PRINCIPLES TO REMEMBER:

A. Just Because A Practice May Be Accepted By Society (Or Even By The Church), That Doesn't Make It Right! (*1 Corinthians 5:1-5*)

By the way, when Jesus sets up His rule on the earth , it will be a Theocracy, not a Democracy!

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B. The Influence Of Immorality Is Always Corrupting!
(1 Corinthians 5:6ff; 2 Peter 2:7-8)

C. Unchecked Immorality Is A Result Of Holding The Truth In Unrighteousness And It Carries Its Own Consequences– A Downward Spiral Of Wickedness! (*Romans 1:18ff*)

D. The Majority May Rule, But That Doesn't Make It Right!
(e.g. 10 Spies and the Nation of Israel vs. Joshua and Caleb)

E. There Is An Absolute Moral Standard–The Holy God!
1 Peter 1:15-16 – “15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; 16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.”

Malachi 3:6–“For I am the LORD, I change not. . .”

F. God Is Not A Respector Of Persons.
(Romans 2:2ff, esp. vs. 11)

III. SODOM'S STANDARD–THE STANDARD PERVAIDING THE WORLD TODAY. (*Genesis 19:1-11; 19:30ff*)

A. Sensual--“*If it feels good, do it!*”

B. Sexual– Given over to fornication and all forms of perverseness and immorality.

C. Standard loosening.

IV. GOD'S STANDARD--THE ONLY RIGHT VIEW!
(Genesis 2:18, 21-25; 1 Cor. 7:2; 1 Timothy 1:8-11; Hebrews 13:4)
1 Corinthians 7:2–“Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband.”

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Hebrews 13:4—“Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.”

V. THE BOTTOM LINE: GOD JUDGED SIN IN THE PAST AND WILL CONTINUE TO JUDGE SIN STILL, INCLUDING THE SINS OF IMMORALITY! (1 Corinthians 6:9-10; 2 Peter 2:6-10)

Conclusion

He judged sin including immorality in Sodom and Gomorrah!

He judges sin in our society! Many of the ills that have come upon our nation and this world have come because: *(Romans 1:24-32)*

1. God has given so many up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their bodies between themselves. *(Romans 1:24)*
2. God has given so many up unto vile affections. *(Rom. 1:26)*
3. God has given so many over to a to a reprobate mind *“to do those things which are not convenient!”* (Romans 1:28ff)

Those who say **“NO!”** to the Word of God and the Ways of God and instead said **“YES”** to following the lusts of their own sinful nature, God will judge!

God will judge it in the apostates and those who follow their wicked ways!