

# The Current Apostasy

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*The sermon emphasizes the importance of standing up for the truth and avoiding compromise in a world that is opposed to it.*

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## Description

This sermon delves into the theme of apostasy, focusing on the failure of those who should preach the gospel but compromise instead. It explores the story of Sodom and Gomorrah in Genesis, highlighting the dangers of compromising one's faith and the consequences of aligning with false teachings. The narrative contrasts the faithful stance of Abraham with the compromising actions of Lot, emphasizing the importance of standing firm in the truth of the gospel amidst a world filled with deception and false doctrines.

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## Transcript

I have a very important but sad subject to deal with today. I want to talk about the apostasy. The people that should preach the gospel and don't preach it.

And men who are prepared to say they are fighting fundamentally, and yet when it comes to a stand-up battle with the power of hell, they compromise, they give in to a quiet life. I want to say first of all that the articles that I am going to preach on are in the book of Genesis, the first book of the Bible. And they are about those wicked cities of the plain, Sodom and Gomorrah.

And they are also about the efforts by the devil to kill off the people of God and to kill off the preaching of the gospel. And the sad thing is that many have compromised and are not prepared to stand up for Jesus. If you would turn in your Bible to the wonderful book of Genesis, and then if you go over Genesis a little, you will come to that strange preacher and strange witnesser, Lot.

And it's a wonderful study, the study of Lot. The morning dawned in the Old Testament times on the cities of the plain, even Sodom and Gomorrah. It was a sad thing because there was the arsenal of evil and abominable beliefs and rebellion against God's recognized revolution.

This was the battle day the hour had drawn near and we are about it. The evil leader of the enemies of God's people has been stirred up and he is seeking now the crown of the whole ancient world and to attract to his banner the whole world so that there will be a world religion, an antichrist religion, a religion that denies the truth of the inspired revelation of God the Holy Spirit. In a few short hours, the mighty war will start in deadly earnest and the erstwhile defeated rebels have got together and they're united to win the orders of the day.

But like every place where the true and holy gospel is preached and defended, there are those who are against that gospel and are counterfeit preachers. I want to deal with the reaction of those that were true to the book and true to the blood. It's a sad world that we're looking down to.

There's only one out and out man in this whole world and that's the man called Abraham. He was indeed the friend of God and his family was like a glowing fire burning amidst the darkness. But lined up with Abraham, there is another man and that's a man called Lot and he was related to Abraham and he had a relationship, a close relationship to the family.

Alas, however, Lot did not live up to his generation and teaching but mixed himself up in the great city of Sodom with Sodom's theology which was a non-blood theology and with the religion of Sodomy which was not the religion of the divine revelation. So there was a beating and bleeding sore in the very heart. One side we had Abraham, on the other side we had Lot.

Abraham stood for separation and he didn't get mixed up in the cities of the Pleiades but the other man took office in the cities of the Pleiades became a judge in the cities of the Pleiades and also he allowed his family to enter into marriage ties with men who rejected the very heart of the gospel. So we have a sad situation and we see a city and strange to relate in that city the man Lot has gone and he has taken office in that city. He has become a judge, he sits in the entrance to the city a guarding angel he is claiming for the best thing for that city but it was a devilish transaction and brought a terrible reaction upon those that wanted to see and hear the pure divine gospel.

The skin worms had started their work and soon the manifestation of a blighted revelation of the true testimony of the gospel broke out in the cities of the Pleiades. And what was it? The victory was not gained. The blessings were not gained.

The whole situation begat a whole series of men and of teachers who rejected the word of the living God and the religion of Sodom and Gomorrah which was a false religion with a false theology with a false form of priestcraft reigned in full power in that city. A few hours before that city went into special conventions the enemies of Israel prepared by a troop of soldiers who were atheists set up a relationship with Lot and they got Lot the job of becoming a priest's head a priest's chief. Think of it.

A so-called godly fundamentalist preacher the nephew of Abraham and he's caught up in a blinding revelation and relationship of evil tied up in it. We need to remind ourselves that if you're going to do a work for God it must be a separated work. You can't run with the devil and then claim to have pentecostal power.

You can't pretend to know the ways of the cross and the way that reveals the coming of Christ and pretend that you can have your evil on the one hand as this man Lot claimed on the other hand. There must be a clear separation barrier and over that barrier no fundamentalist can go and if he goes he betrays his Lord and he sells out the truth. Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free.

The enemy here in this world were tied on to the drowning mass of water that was around the city. The skin worms were not there to destroy it. In fact they were there to maintain it and so this whole area became soaked and saturated with a false gospel and with all the ungodliness of that false gospel.

Before the day was going to turn Before the great mass of false apostles and prophets were shown to be members of the evil authority those that reject the word of God. There was a crisis who was going to have leadership. Before the day turned before the night cometh on this day the great mass of defeated enemies would send frantic messages to try and get everyone to join up and to close their eyes to the warning of eternity's loss.

The sea had been turned into a hell's mitten for the doomed and damned of these men false prophets and the multitude was manifest in its infidelity and in its reprobation against the truth of the gospel. The enemies of the damned caused the river to become the pet of a masterly prison and instead of securing a refuge for the cities it became an out place where men were destroyed in their faith. The men of that black silenced majority.

The trumpets that blew for a victory that could not be truthful or Christlike or godly. It is wonderful to think about. These cities that had a history that now know history that for a time accepted the truth taught to them by the old man Abraham.

Where is that truth now? It is rejected and made spool of. The great men of death have melted away. The leader of the enemies have come forth to take over the leadership and the chance of victory had slipped away forever.

Sodom would be a dirty place. Gomorrah would be a dirty place and nothing could change what had been willfully made by wicked men. The almighty general who was in charge of the army of the city he thought he saw what was something for benefit and not for doom.

The walls of the rivers were large not to keep the falling dirt out but to close it in. And these cities became real vile offshoots of hell itself. And those that ran religion in those cities failed God, failed the truth and failed all that came through the great man.

And that great man was Abraham. But you know as we look at that we need to take another look and that is about the evil doing of those that were supposed to be serving God but in reality were serving man. Lot was against godly Abraham and tuned up eventually with those who broke God's commandments.

If ever there had been a false friend to Abraham that false friend was Lot. And not only so but at the end of the day Lot turned out to be a traitor and he himself cures away of evil and adultery in religious living. He was supposed to establish the truth to turn his back upon those that were indeed idolaters.

But instead when he was thrust into Sodom he gave himself the opportunity to try and convert. Think about it. To try and convert the population of Sodom and Gomorrah not by having them converted to truth but to have them follow the lie and go after what was a false blasphemous religion the religion of Baba.

What a position. The nephew of Abraham is not a defender of the faith. He is an offender in the faith.

He has turned away. He not only had an enjoyable life when he was with the Lord's servant the mighty Abraham he had an opportunity to defend the truth and the truth would make him free. But instead of that he accepted the work of a judge and he was a judge that was there to give false judgment to sell out the

truth of Abraham to the abomination of desolation of the blasphemies that were taught as religion in Sodom and Gomorrah.

Abraham would have none of it. Thank God he was faithful. Thank God he was truthful.

Thank God he would not bow the knee to people. But he had to pay the price. I'm sure as he sat in his tent and thought about the atmosphere outside he must have wept.

All his family had gone down the road to hell and this nephew of his that he depended so much on had become a traitor and had sold himself out to evil. And Sodom and Gomorrah instead of remaining firm in the truth had turned aside to evil. And the two daughters that were still with Abraham they had turned over to the filth of Babylonians.

What a situation for old man Abraham. You know as I read this story I say I must not in any way weaken the stand of the Bible. You see here comes along the devil and the spokesman he has is no longer anyone else but this man Lot.

And he said I have a gospel. He says it is an ancient gospel. It is a plausible gospel.

And then under his breath he said I know it's a lying gospel. Here was a liar covering over the truth. The truth that makes free and then he turns on the people and he said what does my gospel do? He says there's one thing.

It comforts the wicked. He said all these men on the streets and on the highways of Babylon they are comforted by my gospel. They don't deserve to be comforted.

They deserve to be damned. And then he said there's something more. I encourage them.

Even though they have sinned and go on sinning I'm encouraging them. It's better to have people to encourage them than to damn them. But the way of encouragement is the way of damnation.

And then he says my message is hinder men from repentance. Who did they hinder? Nobody. Three people came out.

There was Lot and his two daughters. And they were cursed with the curse of sin upon them. They separated from God.

They carried out shameful nakedness. They went for a religion that was irremediable. And they believed what was the delusion of hell.

There are 45 reasons that should be remembered. And those 45 reasons are the reasons that man had to accept in the judgment day and by the power of God. And of course the man that did the work both men had to pay the price.

What a fine compromise there was. And into it this man was leading them. A man that came to be in the proper line of succession.

But he was a traitor to religion. And a traitor to Christ. And a traitor to all that his uncle stood for.

Uncle Abraham. And as we read down this portion what do we find? We find that this was a way to damnation. And oh what a sad day there is.

The two women turn aside to evil harlotry. When the man who had left Babylon to go with his uncle Abraham turned and pursued Abraham and went falling after Beel. And what was the end of it? A whole generation was torn asunder by the awful sins that were done.

What a difference it would have been if a full armed gospel had got into the cities. A man who wouldn't compromise but that man could not be found. And even Abraham did not go there.

He avoided it. And he won a place of peace because he would not touch the unclean thing. We look out over the world tonight and what do we see? We see a clear picture of modern Sodom.

Of modern Gomorrah. And of the cities of the Pleiades. Churches are destroyed by a false religion.

Evangelists have no message because they've given up the gospel. The Bible is not taught. And many pulpits are echoes of the devil's view on the Bible.

They're not preaching Christ. They're preaching devilry. And God has said that the punishment shall come to them.

So as we look out over the world tonight we can say thank God Christ is still on the throne. We can say thank God the Father is still on the throne. Thank God the Holy Spirit still rules in the hearts of blood-washed men and women.

And what shall we do? We will open our mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel. We will stand up for Jesus as soldiers of the cross. We will take the Bible and we will preach it without fear or fever.

And we will seek the Lord whiney mibethan and we'll call him by his name. This is no time for standing back holding up our hands and saying goodbye to the situation. Thank God Christ is on the throne.

Thank God the Father rules. Thank God the Holy Spirit is in the hearts of His people. Thank God there is power, wonder, working power.

I just repeat those lines. What a friend we have in Jesus. All our sins and griefs to bear.

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer. Oh what peace we often forget. Oh what needless pains we bear.

All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer. So back to our knees. Back to the upper room.

Back to Holy Ghost religion. Back to a Bible that has no errors but is true from Genesis to Revelation. Back to our Savior and our Lord.

Back to the old time preaching of the old time gospel. If you today have been touched by the message then go to your room. Shut to the door.

Just whisper this prayer. I am coming Lord. Coming now to Thee.

Wash me. Cleanse me in the blood that flows from Calvary. And God will do it.

And Christ will stomp it. And the Holy Spirit will secure it. Amen and Amen.

Amen.

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