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" BEWARE OF COUNTERFEITS " FINAL LESSON

2 PETER VS 5 -9A

INTRO: LAST WEEK PETER PROVED THAT JUDGEMENT DOES COME, NO MATTER HOW SECURE THE SINNER MIGHT FEEL. PETER USED THE FOLLOWING THREE EXAMPLES TO VERIFY THIS JUDGEMENT THAT WOULD COME:

- A. **THE FALLEN ANGELS** – VS 4
- B. **THE OLD WORLD** – VS 5
- C. **SODOM AND GOMORRAH** – VS 6,9B

II. **THE TRUE BELIEVERS DELIVERED** – VS 5 -9A..... AS WE LOOK AT VERSES 5 – 9A WE SEE THAT PETER MOVED FROM DENOUNCING THE APOSTATES TO ENCOURAGING THE TRUE BELIEVERS. HE DOES THIS BY ONCE AGAIN REACHING BACK INTO THE OLD TESTAMENT AND CITING TWO EXAMPLES OF DELIVERANCE:

- A. **NOAH** – VS 5 FOR 120 YEARS, NOAH FAITHFULLY PROCLAIMED THE WORD OF GOD TO PEOPLE WHO WOULD NOT BELIEVE IT. AS WE LOOK AT NOAH'S LIFE AND EXPERIENCE WE WILL SEE THAT NOAH AND HIS FAMILY WERE DELIVERED IN TWO WAYS:

- 1. **HE WAS DELIVERED FROM THE POLLUTIONS OF THE WORLD AROUND HIM** -NOAH AND HIS FAMILY WERE SURROUNDED BY MORAL AND SPIRITUAL DARKNESS, YET THEY KEPT THEIR LIGHTS SHINING . GOD DID NOT PROTECT NOAH AND HIS FAMILY BY ISOLATING THEM FROM THE WORLD, BUT BY ENABLING THEM TO REMAIN PURE IN THE MIDST OF CORRUPTION. OUR LORD PETITIONED HAS PETITIONED THE HEAVENLY FATHER " I PRAY NOT THAT THOU SHOULDEST TAKE THEM OUT OF THE WORLD, BUT KEEP THEM FROM EVIL (JOHN 17 VS 15).

APPLICATION FOR US: 2 PETER 1 VS 4..... THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, WE TOO HAVE "ESCAPED THE CORRUPTION THAT IS IN THE WORLD OF LUST."

- 2. **HE WAS DELIVERED FROM THE JUDGEMENT OF THE WORLD-** THE FLOOD WATERS THAT BROUGHT CONDEMNATION TO THE WORLD ONLY LIFTED NOAH AND HIS HOUSEHOLD UP ABOVE JUDGEMENT, THEY WERE SECURE IN THE ARK OF SAFETY.

APPLICATION FOR US: 1 PETER 3 VS 20- 22 PETER SEE'S IN THE ARK A TYPE OF OUR SAVIOR SALVATION IN JESUS CHRIST. JESUS CHRIST IS THE ARK OF SAFETY (1 THESS 1 VS

10) *THE WORLD, AS IT WERE, WAS BURIED IN THE BAPTISM OF THE FLOOD, BUT NOAH LIFTED UP. A PICTURE OF THE RESURRECTION AND SALVATION*

GOD IN HIS JUDGEMENT- GOD HAS PROMISED THAT THE EARTH WOULD NEVER AGAIN BE JUDGED BY WATER, BUT THERE IS COMING A JUDGEMENT OF FIRE (2 PETER 3 VS 10) BUT THOSE WHO HAVE TRUSTED CHRIST WILL NEVER FACE JUDGEMENT (JOHN 5 VS 24) BECAUSE HE BORE THEIR JUDGEMENT ON THE CROSS.

B. **LOT** - VS 6-9A)...ABRAHAM TOOK HIS NEPHEW LOT, WITH HIM WHEN HE LEFT UR AND WENT TO THE LAND OF CANAAN, BUT LOT WAS MORE OF A PROBLEM THAN A BLESSING. WHEN ABRAHAM, IN A LAPSE OF FAITH, WENT TO EGYPT, LOT WENT WITH HIM AND GOT A TASTE OF " THE WORLD." (GEN 12 VS 10- 13 VS 1) CONFLICT AROSE – LOT AND ABRAHAM HAD TO SEPARATE . LOT SHOULD HAVE RECOGNIZED THE PRIVILEGE HE HAD WALKING WITH HIS UNCLE ABRAHAM BUT INSTEAD HE WASTED THE PRIVILEGE AND CHOSE SODOM AS HIS HOME : HOW DID HE CHOOSE IT ?

- **HE MEASURED IT BY WHAT HE SEEN IN EGYPT** – GEN 13 VS 10
- **ABRAHAM TOOK LOT OUT OF EGYPT BUT COULD NOT TAKE EGYPT OUT OF LOT**
- **PINCHED HIS TENT TOWARD SODOM** GEN 13 VS 12
- **MOVED INTO SODOM** – GEN 14 VS 12

PETER MAKES IT CLEAR THAT LOT WAS SAVED (JUST LOT THE RIGHTEOUS MAN) AND YET WE WONDER WHAT HE WAS DOING IN SUCH A WICKED PLACE LIKE SODOM . (PERHAPS HE THOUGHT HE COULD CHANGE SODOM)

QUESTION : WHY WAS LOT RESCUED ?

- **NOT BECAUSE OF ANY MERIT ON HIS PART**
- **HE WAS RESCUED BECAUSE HE WAS A BELIEVER**
- **BECAUSE HIS UNCLE ABRAHAM PRAYED FOR HIM**

LOT HAD A CHOICE WHERE HE COULD LIVE / SOME PEOPLE DO NOT FOR EXAMPLE :

- **CHRISTIAN SLAVES WITH GODLESS MASTERS**
- **CHRISTIAN WIVES WITH UNBELIEVING HUSBANDS**
- **CHRISTIAN CHILDREN WHO HAVE UNSAVED PARENTS**
- **CHRISTIAN EMPLOYEES WHO ARE EXPOSED TO UNGODLY WORK PLACES**

TWO PART DELIVERANCE OF GOD

- **OUT OF TESTING AND TEMPTATION** – SO WE MAY HAVE VICTORY
- **FROM FINAL JUDGEMENT**

NOTE : PETER WAS NOT POINTING TO LOT AS AN EXAMPLE OF SEPARATED LIVING BUT AS AN EXAMPLE

- **OF ONE RESCUED FROM POLLUTION AND CONDEMNATION**
- **LOT WAS RESCUED AGAINST HIS WILL** (GEN 19 VS 16)

OUR LORD USED BOTH NOAH AND LOT TO WARN US TO BE PREPARED FOR HIS RETURN (LUKE 17 VS 26-37). LETS LOOK AT THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PEOPLE WHO LIVED IN SODOM :

- **ENJOYED REGULAR PLEASURES**
- **CARELESS OF THE FACT THAT JUDGEMENT WAS COMING**
- **UNPREPARED WHEN JUDGEMENT CAME** (I PETER 3 VS 14)

REMEMBER : THE SAME GOD THAT DELIVERS THE GODLY IS THE SAME GOD THAT RESERVES THE UNGODLY FOR JUDGEMENT. IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT IF GOD SPARES TODAY'S CITIES FROM JUDGEMENT, HE WILL HAVE TO APOLOGIZE TO SODOM AND GOMORRAH. (IMAGINE THAT GOD APOLOGIZING)

WHY IS GOD'S JUDGEMENT LINGERING

- **BECAUSE GOD'S JUDGEMENT IS LONG SUFFERING** – (2 PETER 3 VS 9)

CLOSE THIS SECTION – THOUGH LOT'S EXAMPLE AND TESTIMONY WERE WEAK HE AT LEAST REPRESENTED THE TRUTH, YET HIS IMMORAL NEIGHBORS WANTED NOTHING TO DO WITH HIM