

# Are You a Merciful Christian?

by David Wilkerson

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*David Wilkerson emphasizes the importance of mercy in the life of a Christian, using the story of Lot to illustrate God's compassion amidst judgment.*

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## Description

David Wilkerson emphasizes the call for Christians to embody mercy, drawing parallels between God's mercy towards Lot and the mercy we are to extend to others, including our enemies. He reflects on the story of Sodom and Gomorrah, highlighting that Lot's salvation was not due to his morality but solely because of God's mercy. Wilkerson warns that, like Lot, the righteous remnant today exists in a society facing judgment, and it is only through the grace of Jesus that believers are saved. He urges the church to recognize their position as recipients of divine mercy and to reflect that mercy in their interactions with others.

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## Transcript

"But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil.

"Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful. Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven" (Luke 6:35-37).

You probably remember the story of Sodom and Gomorrah related in Genesis. Two angels, appearing as men, approached the gates of Sodom. Most likely they were dressed just as any ordinary person.

Abraham's nephew Lot sat at the city gate, possibly in some official rank (he may have been one of the city elders who welcomed visitors).

Let me ask you: Why did God send angels to rescue Lot and his family? We know that Lot and his daughters ultimately were saved out of Sodom, but his two sons-in-law and wife were destroyed. Why was Lot saved? Why did God send angels to literally pull this man out of destruction?

Was it because of Lot's morality? Was it because God saw something great in him? No! The answer is very simple: "The Lord being merciful unto him . . . brought him forth, and set him without the city" (Genesis 19:16). God was being merciful to Lot.

I see Lot as a type of remnant believer in these last days, living in a wicked society about to be judged. Right now America is ripe for destruction; indeed, our nation is already under judgment. And Lot represents the righteous remnant church in the midst of it, for the Bible calls Lot a righteous man (see 2 Peter 2:6-8).

Yet, if God's church today is righteous, it is only because of the blood of Jesus Christ, and not because of any goodness or morality the Lord has seen in us. It is only out of His sheer mercy that He came to us and pulled us out of judgment, even when we hesitated to leave our sins. The Lord, being merciful to us, brought us forth and has set us outside this doomed society. We deserve to be consumed but He has had mercy on us.

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