

Stop Trying to Make Peace With Your Sin

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David Wilkerson emphasizes the importance of surrendering all sin to God and not trying to bargain or trade one sin for another.

Scripture: Genesis 19:5, Genesis 19:7

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Description

David Wilkerson emphasizes the danger of trying to make peace with sin through the story of Lot in Sodom. Lot's attempt to negotiate with the mob, even offering his daughters, illustrates how sin can blind a righteous person to the severity of their situation. Wilkerson warns that many Christians today, like Lot, may delay their reckoning with sin by rationalizing their actions, believing in God's mercy without true repentance. The sermon calls for a complete rejection of sin rather than bargaining with it, urging believers to confront their sins head-on. Ultimately, God demands total surrender and purity in our lives.

Transcript

"And they called unto Lot . . . Where are the men which came in to thee this night? Bring them out unto us, that we may know them" (Genesis 19:5). Lot's day of reckoning finally came. A wild mob of Sodomite men surrounded his house, pounding on the door and shouting obscenities. They demanded that Lot send out the two angels who were staying there so they could rape them.

What a horrifying scene! Yet Lot's reaction was to try to strike a deal with the men. It appears that Lot was a judge in Sodom, because he sat at the city gates. He had a reputation to protect so he tried to reason with the mob. He even went as far as calling them "brethren"--proving he had taken Sodom's sin too lightly.

"I pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly. Behold now, I have two daughters which have not known man; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as is good in your eyes: only unto these men do nothing" (verses 7-8).

One theologian writes that Lot knew his daughters were not in danger because these men were homosexuals. Perhaps Lot reasoned to himself, "These men are partying sodomizers, looking to fulfill their perverted lusts. They're no threat to women. If I send my daughters out, they'll come home tomorrow morning unharmed."

How foolish! Even if that were true, Lot would have been trying to replace one sin with another. It is impossible to bargain with lust!

Lot, an example of what hidden sin can do to a righteous man, clearly was deluded. His sin had produced in him such a dangerous condition that he would give up everything--including his beloved family--to save face.

This man was not ready to face reality. He was dragging out his moment of reckoning, still wheeling and dealing, trying to delay God's deliverance in his life. And, beloved, that is the attitude of many Christians today. They convince themselves, "My God is a God of mercy. He delivered me from my sin before, and He'll do it again."

No! God is saying to you through this passage, "No more bargaining. No more trading a lighter sin for a heavier one. It all has to go!"

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