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## The Object Lesson of Sodom

The story of Sodom does not merely warn, it provides a documented account of divine judgment carried out by (super) "natural disaster." The history of this account is *proverbial*, a marvelous object lesson (a lesson with practical and concrete illustration) for *all* time, that the Judge of all the earth does right (Gen 18:25).

Being personally persuaded of its justice and necessity (Gen 18:20-21), God acts, but in wrath He remembers mercy, and in judgment discrimination (Gen 19:16,29). God is merciful in His judgments, merciful because of the innocent involved — so they wouldn't be contaminated. This is just like what He says about *murder* in Num 35:30-34. These are His holy and merciful legal requirements for all who love life, wherever they live on this planet (Num 35:29; Pr 28:17; Ex 21:12-14). But sodomy pollutes the land even more, or worse, than the murderer does — it spreads like wildfire, until every one is burned up (Isa 24:5-6), only a few left as in Rom 9:29.

If God Himself had not provided this object lesson then there would be no objection to sodomy. But as it is, Sodom stands as a prime proverbial account of God's love for men He created in His very own image, since by the destruction of Sodom God protected the innocent from its devastating effect upon the whole of His creation. Since God did provide this object lesson for the world He loves, it shows that the sin of sodomy is very devastating of a man's personality, as Rom 1:27 says. This is the penalty that is necessary to distinguish them among others — it is written on their face — for they utterly transform the reality of God into what is un-natural. Their facial expression betrays them so they may be recognized.

Isa 3:9 — They have come out of the closet! In the NIV it says, "The look on their faces testifies against them (or gives them away — betrays them). They parade their sin like Sodom (Ps 12:8), they do not hide it (in the closet), woe to them! They have brought disaster upon themselves [AIDS]."

Jude 7 — Just as Sodom and Gomorrah indulged in the grossest immorality, going after strange new flesh in the practice of their unnatural *vice* (today called *love*); their destruction

stands as a perpetual warning to those who do the same of the consequences of suffering the punishment of eternal fire (Gen 19). Jude 7 — "Strange flesh" (2087 and 4561), different "lovers" — going after strange flesh — unnatural sexual abominations.

Rom 1:27 — The *penalty* a sodomite must pay is externally obvious so the innocent can be alerted, seeing their facial expression. It is easily recognizable. This is a just judgment done for the sake of the innocent into whose lives they would otherwise try to worm their way, like a dog. The very reason why God calls them *dogs*, who cannot change their nature after they have given themselves over to this abomination (Rom 1:27-28). Rom 1:27 and Jude 7 — Jude 7 says in the NKJV about Sodom and Gomorrah, "having given themselves over to this *gross immorality*" (Rev 21:8; 22:15).

Rom 1:27-28 — They *receive* within their own personality the due penalty of their *error* so we see that it is not inborn or inherent as they claim. The word *error* (4106) means, "a wandering, a going astray," straying from good morals or the natural law (Rom 2:14-16). We see that sodomites going after strange "new" or young flesh leads the unsuspecting into their error. They receive a spirit from them that causes them now to pervert others and so it spreads like gangrene (like child abusers).

Rom 1:26-27 — Sodomy is called *vile passions*. The Amplified Bible says suffering in their own bodies and personalities the inevitable consequences and the penalty of their wrong doing and going astray — which was their fitting (just) retribution. So what if we were given *warning* and if you don't take the warning then it would serve at least to warn the innocent. This is the Word of God.

There are one billion, five hundred million who say that they believe in the Word of God. Just look what the New Testament says about the gross immorality of sodomy — now referred to by a fabricated word, *homosexuality* (a sexual preference). Not long ago sodomy was against the law and still is on the books in many states. At one time homosexuals were put in prison and you can imagine what the prisons became also — this is the reason Israel executed them.

Rom 1:27-28 — Since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, when in their consciences they knew what they were doing was gross evil, God gave them over to a base and condemned mind to do things not decent but loathsome (according to the Word of God). Sodomites have a base and condemned mind, and they suffer in their own bodies and personalities the inevitable consequences and penalty of their wrong doing and going astray which was their fitting retribution. Just look at the result — Rom 1:29-31 — and as reported to us: "one-half of Boston is either homosexual or approves of it." Rom 1:32 — And they know of God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death (the second death, Rev 21:8).

The account of Sodom in Gen 18 and 19 does not merely warn, but provides documented evidence that God's judgment is right and it is because of His love that He destroyed these cities in an attempt to prevent others from this same error — of being led astray from a good conscience which is the natural law of decency — what prohibits one from participating in and especially projecting its "demon" on to others — making this perversion the grossest of all perversions. The word is *profligate* and it adequately describes the Sodomite as abandoned, corrupt, debauched, degenerate, depraved (Rom 1:28 NASB, NKJV — depraved mind). God turned them over to a debauched, depraved mind — He abandoned them to become a profligate, the extreme degree of perversion (Pr 3:32). 1 Pet 4:3 — Lewdness (766) — total debauchery, unashamed, indecency, unbridled lusts, unrestrained depravity, the person with this character has an insolent defiance of public opinion, sinning in broad daylight with arrogance and contempt — this is the "gay movement" personified.

So as a people who love what God loves and hates what God hates, we are personally persuaded of what we say and of its justice and necessity. Gen 18:20 — The history of this account is the object lesson for non-fools. Because the fool says in his heart, there is no God. The history lesson is for all time that the Judge of all the Earth does right (Gen 18:25). So being personally persuaded of its justice and necessity, God acted, but in wrath He remembers mercy and in judgment discrimination (Gen 19:16,29). God is merciful in His judgments. Merciful because He did not want this debauchery to spread to other cities, just as Num 35:29-34 says

concerning murder. These are His holy and merciful legal requirements for all who love life and want to see good days where ever they live on this planet (Pr 28:17; Ex 21:12-14; 1 Tim 1:8-11).

1 Tim 1:10 — The NKJV spells out *sodomites*, listed along with these *lesser* offenses. 1 Cor 6:9 — also lists sodomites with all who will not inherit the Kingdom of God (verse 10). Rev 21:8 lists the abominable and sexually immoral. Rev 22:15 says that they also go to the second death are as dogs. This is a reference to Dt 23:18. Once a human being lowers or degrades himself to the nature of a dog, there is no hope or *recovery, no remedy*.