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The Days of Noah and Lot

“And as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of Man. . .Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot. . .”—Luke 17:26-29.

Evil trends lead to divine judgment. Evil will destroy any nation that tolerates it. Evil trends begin in subtlety and end in infamy. Swift and sudden destruction will come upon nations who forget God. Yet, even in evil times, there are human heroes of the faith, whose righteous lives touch the heart of God. There are also reluctant believers who are slow to obey and who love comfort. And there are the wicked who provoke the wrath of God.

In the beginning, men walked with God and called upon the name of the Lord (Gen. 4), but sin put them in a downward spiral. At first the evil trend developed slowly, but sin increased until Divine judgment struck the ancient world. The Lord said, “My Spirit shall not always strive with man. . . God saw that the wickedness of man was great. . .the thoughts of his heart were only evil continually” (Gen. 6). “Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord” (Gen. 6). He was just and perfect and God used him and his family to rebuild the world. Where were those who had once called upon the name of the Lord? Complacency and indifference, sin and self-will prevailed in their daily affairs. Unaware and unprepared for divine judgment: they ate, they drank, they married wives, until the flood came and destroyed them all (Luke 17:27).

Divine judgment for Sodom and Gomorrah. The flood had purged the ancient world of sin. Noah and his family were the hope for a new start, but as time went on the evil trend began again. The Lord said, “The sin of Sodom and Gomorrah is very grievous” (Gen. 18:20). “The men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the Lord exceedingly” (Gen. 13:13). Another cycle of divine judgment became necessary. Abraham’s nephew Lot was troubled by the sin around him, yet he, too, was surprised by destruction. He and his family were caught up in their daily affairs. They ate, they drank, they bought and sold; they planted and built; but the same day that Lot went out of Sodom, it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all (Luke 17:28-29). God spared Lot, but his reluctant faith cost him dearly.

Our people and our times. Until a few decades ago, American culture was shaped by a biblical Christian standard. Our laws respected and protected and the sanctity of life, marriage and the family; God and country. But now these righteous laws are being mocked, ignored and abandoned. When we allow our Christian heritage to be rejected, we are in an evil trend just like the days of Noah and Lot. Are you standing among sinners: unaware and unprepared for the coming day of judgment? Are you among those reluctant believers like Lot and his family? Or will you stand with the heroes of the faith like Noah and Abraham? One man, one family, one prayer group, one church can be used of God to save a city or a nation! Could you be that one? “Watch and pray. . .” (Mt. 26:41) “For ye know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming” (Mt. 25:13 NKJ).