

The Reason Lot, who was saved, perished. (Gen 19:12-22)

I believe God will give us his precious grace today. Today's story is regarding Lot. He was the man that was saved. But physically, He miserably lived his life. Today's bible scripture is we must find the reason why he lived that life. We are all God's children. And we are the people who have received the salvation. God has not given this to anyone else except for us and that is the covenant. And God has created this to live by the covenant. God has created the covenant so that we are able to resolve all problems with this alone. And by the covenant we have received the salvation and all. And by the covenant we fight the spiritual battle and we have conquered and receive answers. Only with the covenant alone we can have victory within spiritual battle against Satan. We desire to save many people, but it is only by the covenant that we can save them. We desire to be evangelists, not to simply ending our personal evangelism, but we must have the evangelism system. That is only possible by those who are enjoying the covenant and holding to the covenant. We see the precious Remnants, and only thing that we must leave behind to them is the covenant. And that is why you must once again restore the covenant. May this grace be upon you today. May you live the life of 237 to which you are able to relay this to the end of the earth. Healing and Summit are the method and the direction for 237 movement. We live in this world, but you are completely different from this world. God has called you to be set apart and God has given you the covenant so that you are able to rule and conquer this world. Then how possible is for you to live this life? All you must do is hold to the covenant and proclaim the covenant. Repeatedly the Bible speaks this truth.

1) The reason Lot perished

The first point we look at is the reason why Lot perished. Lot and his family were saved by God and they received the salvation. That is why the angels went to Lot and his family and help them to escape. And 2 Peter 2:7, records clearly regarding Lot. "And if he rescued righteous Lot, greatly distressed by the sensual conduct of the wicked." He says Lot is the righteous man. Because he was a righteous man, he received the salvation. You must receive salvation to be righteous. He was a righteous man before God. but he lost all his belonging within the incident of Sodom and Gomorrah. He only escaped from his family without belongings, that is why he turned in to a pillar of salt. And because of his daughters, he was able to become forefathers of Moabites as well as Ammonites. Later, they became the tribes that severely attacks Israel. There are many written words regarding this inside the Bible, but we take a carefully look at Numbers 22. At that time, King Balaam, he called one prophet and said, "Please curse this people (Israelites)." And Balaam rode a donkey. He was on it, but the donkey was not going on the right path. Because the donkey was not going on the right path, Balaam struck the donkey, and the donkey spoke to him. At that time, the donkey saw the Lord's angel that appear before him to which he turns the other path, but Balaam was not able to physically see that. And Balaam was able to come to realize it was Lord's angel who appeared that is why he received the

words of God through the Lord's angel, and he did not curse Israel. It was King Moab who wanted to curse the people of Israel. And King Solomon loved many of the Gentile women and Moabite women. And at that time, the Moabite women pleaded the King to build a Shrine, and he did what they wanted to. There are many words inside of the Bible regarding the Moabites and Ammonites as well as Israel. But at that time because of the incident, Lot and his family has completely perished. And his posterity was separated from the Gospel to which they became the nation that one against Israel. The point that we want to look at is he received salvation but how come he became that state? We can not know the clear reason because it was not directly recorded in the Bible. However, we can carefully see the time and we are able to compare Abraham with Lot who lived the same age and see the correct path that we must follow as well. We must be able to clarify the fact that Lot and Abraham were children of God to which they have received the salvation. And by God's grace, they both received salvation that is why there is no difference. However, there is a difference between the walk of faith as well as physical life a lot and that is why we must carefully see and follow the path of Abraham. The first point we must see the difference between these two is the fact that they built an altar. Bible records that Abraham built an altar for God, but there is not a single record of the fact that Lot did the same. Lot was a man who truly knew and believed the building of the altar, that is why he received salvation. However, the bible does not record that he put in the action to build an altar. The bible does not record the action of him holding to the covenant, giving worship to God, and praying to God. And secondly, the Bible does not record that Lot received God's word. God frequently gave the word to Abraham and God appeared before Abraham. This is a huge difference between the one who receive God's word and one who does not. And because of the salvation, he has received the covenant and he must have the life to enjoy it, but there is no time and the place of the bible that says that he enjoyed it. And Abraham had many conflicts, but the Bible records of the victory and the conquest in his life. Bible records the struggle of Abraham that he faced, but Lot is not the case. The result of Lot's life is so miserable. If you compare his life to Abraham, it is a huge comparison. There is no result without reason. There is a reason why he faced that result.

First, Lot should have continuously built an altar before God. After he was separated from Abraham, Lot needed a spiritual mainstay to look after. But he did not. He should have had someone else as the spiritual mainstay. All those who have received the salvation must have this as well. If Lot continuously lived with Abraham, he would have rightfully received God's word because he was right beside Abraham. And as the time in which Abraham built an altar and Lot was right next to him, he would have taken part in building an altar before God. But he did not live next to Abraham. Then he should have done something for the sake of the covenant. Fundamentally, when he chose Sodom and Gomorrah, the reason was because there were many plentiful harvests for the sake of his own flock. It is because he needed to take care of his flocks.

Secondly, Lot should have chosen the land of Canaan. Because

he did not choose the land of Canaan, he was separated from Abraham to which he was not able to take part in building the altar before God and receive God's words. At that age, Abraham was only way to receive God's word. Lot was not able to do the fundamental things he should have done. How is it possible for you to communicate with God if there is no worship or prayer or even the confession? Lot was weak in this aspect. He should have had frequently visited Abraham. If Lot visited Abraham, Abraham would have shared so many forums with him. Because Abraham received many evidence and answers. It will be great if he had regular visitation. But in the Bible, there is no recording regarding this. There is a huge difference compared to those who are within the walk of faith and who are not inside of it.

Thirdly, The Bible does not record that Lot enjoyed it and struggled with his life to enjoy it. The bible does not record that Lot at least tried to wrestle or even struggle for the sake of the covenant, but for Abraham, it records many cases in the Bible. If you come to know the Gospel, the next thing you must do is enjoy the Gospel. Spiritually and internally, you must enjoy it so that the spiritual battle takes place. It is especially important to you. And the fact that you can come to know this accurate Gospel and you are able to simply follow the Gospel, but it is the door of evangelism that has been open for you. If you know accurate Gospel and simply follow it, you will be able to see the great answers and evidence that God gives to you. The Works of God will arise. What would happen to Lot if he were able to fight this battle and live this life? I believe that the doors of evangelism would have opened for Lot if he were able to frequently visit Abraham to receive God's word and strength. What would happen if the doors of evangelism open for Lot? Sodom and Gomorrah were such a Chaos and mass. I believe there were many people who were suffering from hardships. There was at least one person that must have received the salvation. Through the history, it says that the population of those who lived there was tens of thousands. If Lot only evangelize to a few people, he would be a historical figure of that age that saves Sodom and Gomorrah. But he did not know the Gospel. If you do not know the Gospel, you do not know what to do with this Gospel. There is also so many believers that simply do not know the Gospel. Because they do not know this Gospel, they have no idea what to do with this Gospel. We all are like this as well. And after my spiritual eyes, for the sake of Gospel, has opened, I was able to come to see that there is so many crazy people around me. In the past, there was a person who simply lost their mind, but for me, I was only to see that. That person was completely oppressed by demon, but because I did not know the Gospel, I just saw them as strange beings. And when you can meet a person that is strange and when you see the person as the one who was oppressed by demon, then it is completely different when you give them the answer. The fact to how you explain the Gospel all the way from beginning to the end and compared to the time when you just briefly share it with them, it is completely different. That is why for you to know the Gospel and enjoy the Gospel is particularly important. There are countless people in this world that fall into the misunderstanding that they have received the correct Gospel when the Gospel that they have heard was a religious Gospel or it has been distorted. There are so many works that must

be done through us. And there are countless believers that are living the lives like Lot. They say that they believe in Jesus, yet their lives like unbelievers. Gospel is complete liberation, freedom, and enjoyment. It is God's promise of the Gospel not only you set free from the spiritual life but also within physical life. The Gospel is a spiritual weapon to crush the serpent's head. No matter how much people of this world are trying to attack Satan, but Satan is not defeated by them. If you know the Gospel, then you must be able to make the confession that builds an altar to God. Fundamentally, you must possess it. It is one of the greatest mistakes of Lot. You have received salvation by faith, but all the answers and your lives are all done by the enjoyment. Also, through the confession, prayer, and worship, you can receive God's word. And with the word that God has given to you, you must be able to fight the spiritual battle. That is when the door of evangelism will be open. Not only for your economy as well as your family and your health, but also God will also the door of Mission and evangelism. That is when you will become a witness to which you are able to testify, and this is the answer. We must be able to keep this mind and this is the direction that we must hold to. May you never forget this.

2) God's center is on His children's salvation.

Second point is God's center is his children's' salvation. In verse 22, it says "Escape there quickly, for I can do nothing till you arrive there." Therefore, the name of the city was called Zoar." The word "Zoar" means small. This is the word of angel. That is why Lot told angel, "I'm afraid. What should I do? And an angel told him, "Escape there quickly, for I can do nothing till you arrive there." It is truly outstanding for God has already predestined the incident of Sodom and Gomorrah's disaster, but Lot said, "after quickly go there", that is why God simply waits for Lot to go, so that he is able to give him salvation. It means that for the sake of Lot's salvation, God can delay his time schedule. This is the worth of salvation before God. How thankful are we? He can delay his time schedule that he has predestined before God's creation. What kind of man was Lot? Lot was a man who received salvation, but he was a strange believer who lived such a pitiful life and who lost walk of faith. God will do all the judgment according to that kind of person. And there are many people who say that Lot's wife was cursed because she became a pillar of salt. That is a misunderstanding. Salvation is based on our soul. It is not based on our physical flesh. Salvation is not based on the time of death. Lot's wife received salvation though Lot, and that is why angels quickly help them to escape including his wife. Ans it is the same for his two daughters. It is such a severe problem that they were able to conceive their own children through their father. That is only the problem of ethics, but everything is remaining in the Gospel. Because they were righteous people, they were set free from Sodom and Gomorrah. May be the week that you are able to enjoy the authority that is inside of your status. You may be able to confess, pray, and through worship you may be able to enjoy it. You must not disregard of building an altar before God whatever your method may be, you must build an altar. May you be able to receive God's word and follow his grace.