



Welcome to

Genesis

Week 4



The grass withers and the flowers fall,
but the word of our God

endures forever.

II Timothy 3:16, 17

“All scripture is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness so that the servant of God may be thoroughly quipped for every good work.”

Questions

Today's notes will incorporate visual underlining.

Each underlined word or phrase will represent a concept or idea.

These concepts or ideas will be discussed in class. Every student will have the opportunity to take notes in a personal way that will help them retain the information.

These concepts and ideas will be included in the final exam.

Genesis 18



Genesis 18:1-15

- The Lord appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day.
- Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground.

He said “if I have found favor in your eyes my Lord do not pass your servant by.

Let a little water be brought and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree.

Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way - now that you have come to your servant.

“Very well,” they answered “do as you say”.

- So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah..... Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice tender calf and gave it to a servant who hurried to prepare it.
- He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree.

- Where is your wife Sarah ? they asked him. “There in the tent” he said.
- Then the Lord said “I will surely return you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son”.
- Now Sarah was listening at the entrance of the tent, which was behind him.

- Abraham and Sarah were already old and well advanced in years and Sarah was past the age of childbearing.
- So Sarah laughed to herself and she thought “after I am worn out and my master is old will I now have this pleasure?”

- Then The Lord said to Abraham “Why did Sarah laugh and say will I really have a child now that I am old. Is anything too hard for the Lord?”
- I will return to you at the appointed time next year and Sarah will have a son”.
- Sarah was afraid so she lied and said “I did not laugh” but he said “yes you did laugh”

New Testament References to Treating Strangers with Kindness

- Hebrews 13:2
- Matthew 25:35

2 Responses to Genesis 18:14

“Is there anything too hard for
God?”

1. Jeremiah 32:17

- Ah Sovereign Lord, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm.

Nothing is too hard for you.

2. Jeremiah 32:27

- I am the Lord, the God of all mankind.

Is anything too hard for me?

Discussion

- In what practical ways can we keep this truth (Nothing is too hard for God) in the center of our lives every day?



10 Minute
Break

Genesis 18:16-17

- 16 When the men got up to leave, they looked down towards Sodom, and Abraham walked along with them to see them on their way.

Genesis 18:16-17

- 17 Then the Lord said “shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do?”
- Abraham was the friend of God Isaiah 41:8b, II Chronicles 20:7b, James 2:23b

God:

- Talked with His friend
- Made covenants with Abraham – for himself, his family, and his descendants

20 Then the Lord said “The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sins so grievous that I will go down and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has reached me”.

- Not a denial of God's infinite knowledge
- The Lord's judgments are well weighed
- perfectly informed
- A way of saying God is a just judge -
sees for himself
- Does not act on accusations of others

22 Then the men turned away and
went to Sodom

but Abraham remained standing
before The Lord..



Abraham Pleads for Sodom

23 Then Abraham approached him and said “Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked. What if there are 50 righteous people in the city”?”

26 The Lord said if I find 50 righteous people in the city of Sodom I will spare the whole place for their sake.

God:

- Started the conversation
- Gave Abraham the opportunity to speak –
- Allowed Abraham to intercede for the righteous people in Sodom and Gomorrah
- Decided when to end the conversation

45 -40 – 30 -20 -10

When the Lord had finished speaking
with Abraham - He left

➤ Abraham returned home

Discussion

- If there would have been only 10 righteous people in the city, God would have saved the city.
- Lot had been in Sodom for many years, yet there were no righteous people in the city.
- How many righteous people are in our city?

We are the Salt of the Earth

- For ourselves, our family and our city
- We are the salt for our city
 - Preserves
 - Does not hide or mask

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Genesis 19

Genesis 19: 1-29

The Visitation of Sodom

- The two angels arrived at Sodom in the evening, and lot was sitting in the gateway of the city when he saw them he got up to meet them and bowed down his face to the ground my Lords he said please turn aside to your servants house.

- No they answered we will spend the night in the square but he insisted so strongly that they did go with him and entered his house. He prepared a meal for them baking bread without yeast and they ate.

➤ Before they had gone to bed, all the men from every part of the city of Sodom both young and old surrounded the house. They called him, Lot where are the men who came to you tonight bring them out to us so that we can have sex with them.

- Lot went outside to meet them and shut the door behind him and said no my friends don't do this wicked thing.

➤ 9 Get out of our way they replied and they said this fellow came here as an alien and now he wants to play the judge. We'll treat you worse than them. door..

➤ They kept bringing pressure on Lot and move forward to breakdown the door but the men inside reached out and pulled lot back into the house and shut the door.

➤ Then they struck the men who were at the door of the house young and old with blindness so that they could not find the door..



**30 Minute
Break**



1. Two angels - not the Lord

In the gate - The usual meeting place for local officials, judges

Lot:

- Was alarmed, he knew the depravity of Sodom. Lot tried to protect the two men
- Even offers his two daughters
- Made unleavened bread quick and easy

The angels had to rescue lot



Sodom and Gomorrah Destroyed

- The 2 men said the outcry to the Lord against its people is so great that He has sent us to destroy it.
- At dawn, the 2 men led Lot his wife and two daughters to safety out of the city. the Lord was merciful to them.

- The two men told them not to look back, but Lot's wife looked back and turned to a silk pillar of salt.
- Lot and his two daughters fled to Zoar

- The Lord rained down burning sulfur on Sodom and Gomorrah
- Lot and his daughters left Zoar and lived in a cave
- Both daughters got their father drunk and slept with him.
- Each had a child

Each Had a Child

- The oldest daughter had a son, Moab
- He became the father of the Moabites
- The younger daughter had a son Ben-Ammi
 - He became the father of the Ammonites.
 - Both of these tribes were enemies of Israel

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- Failure to influence mob
- Failure to influence future sons-in-laws
- Daughters engaged to men of Sodom
(not from his own people)

Lot's Wife Influenced by Sodom

- Remember lot's wife Luke 17:32
- A warning not to linger or look back

Lot's Wife Influenced by Sodom

- A picture of what can happen to those who
 - Turn back
 - Look at sin with longing and desire
 - Not fully committed to God
- Hebrews 10:38,39 Luke 17:31-33

Results of Lots Choices:

- Chose - His own way
- Chose - What he could see
- Chose - Live near Sodom - then
in Sodom

Results of Lots Choices:

- Lived in a house
- Prominent man
- Sitting in the city gate
- Living in a sinful city

Results of Lots Choices:

- Lost his wife to the desires of Sodom
- Lost his daughters to sin and depravity
- Lost his dignity
- Lost his wealth
- Lost his Godly legacy

Scripture Shows Homosexuality as
a Particularly Heinous Sin.

Scripture makes homosexuality a capital of offense - grouped with incest and bestiality

- Leviticus 18:22 -30 Do not have sexual relations with a man as one does with a woman that is detestable
- Leviticus 20:13 If a man has sexual relations with a man as one does with a woman, both of them have done what is detestable

The New Testament is equally appalled with homosexuality

- Romans 1:26 - 27 Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts even their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones.
- In the same way the men abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another.

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- Men committed shameful acts with other men and received in themselves the due penalty for their error.

The New Testament is equally appalled with homosexuality

- I Corinthians 6:19 Do you not know that your bodies are the temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God/ you are not your own you were bought at a price.
- Therefore, honor God with your bodies



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Genesis 20

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Review:

➤ *Genesis 11:27 – 19:29*

- 2180 B.C., War-like Barbarians, called Guti conquered Ur.
- Terah had three sons Abram, Haran and Nahor
- Haran died in Ur
- Terah, with his family, Abram and Sari, Nahor, and Haran's son, Lot, (Abram's nephew) leave Ur
 - Headed for Canaan, 1000 miles away.

- Terra and his family stop and settle in Harran, 400 miles from Canaan
- God told Abram to go to Canaan - Abram obeyed – arrived in Canaan
- Famine - Abram and Sarai went to Egypt (lied)
- God restored Abram and Sarai back to Canaan

- Abram and Sari were faithful to God for 10 years
- Sari and Abram decided God could use a slave girl to provide the promised heir
- For 13 years Abram hoped the slave girl's son would be his heir

- 99 years old - God made a covenant with Abram - circumcision
- God changed Abram's name to Abraham and Sarai's name to Sarah
- God announced Sarah would become the mother of Isaac - the long awaited heir
- God saves Abraham's nephew Lot

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Abimelech
a Royal Title –
Pharoah

- Abraham and Sarah moved, and for a while stayed in Gerar
- Abraham told Abimelech she is my sister
- God came to Abimelech in a dream and said “You are as good as dead, because of the woman you have taken, she is a married woman.”

- Abimelech had not gone near her, so he said “Lord will you destroy an innocent nation, did he not say “she is my sister” ?”
- Then God said to him *in a dream* “Yes, I know you did this with a clear conscience... now return the man's wife for he is a prophet, he will pray for you and you will live.
- But if you do not return her, you may be sure that you and yours will all die.”

- Abimelech called Abraham and said:
- “What have you done to us?”
- How have I wronged you that you brought such great guilt upon me in my Kingdom?
- What was your reason for doing this?

Abraham Replied:

- They will kill me because of my wife she really is my sister
- Abimelech brought sheep and cattle male and female slaves and returned Sarah his wife to him

- To Sarah he said I am giving your brother 1000 shekels of silver this is to cover the offense against you before all who are with you are completely vindicated
- Then Abraham prayed to God, and God healed Abimelech, his wife, his slave girls so they could have children

- Why did Abimelech desire Sarah as his wife? She was in her 90's
- Does not talk about her beauty
- Secure peace with a wealthy powerful man
- Perhaps combine wealth and/or fighting forces

- The pagan people around Abraham believed in prophets
- Prophet was associated with magic - not godliness
- Believed the gods would reveal their will to the prophet

- The pagan neighbors did not expect their prophets to be moral
- They did not believe their gods were moral
- The Lord God, Maker of Heaven and Earth
- Intended his prophet to be moral -He is moral holy and powerful

Abraham:

- Did not trust God for his safety
- Repeated same sin - lying about his wife
- Actions self-serving - what will this do for me
- Broken the common laws of hospitality
- Did not ask what will this do to them, or what do they deserve?

Abraham:

- Lied (Omitted truth)
- Asked Sarah to also lie - sin
- Cowardly -Shifted blame
- Did not represent God well!

Abimelech:

- Lavished gifts
- Showed his respect for the power wielded by Abraham
- Recognized his own unintentional error
- Saying ‘ your brother’ emphasized his innocence
- Spoke directly to Sarah – reassured her in public



Midterm Review of Grading Policy

- 30% attendance and participation
 - 14% written participation, quizzes etc.
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 - 4% in class participation

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40% Final Exam

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Homework



Both reading and
written work



Helpful to process
information from class



Helpful for studying for
the Final

Homework

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Homework

Reading:

- Bible: Genesis Chapter 19
- Text: Chapters 1-29
(pages 144-146)
- Read the Assembly of God position paper

[Assemblies of God \(USA\) Official Web Site | Homosexuality, Marriage, and Sexual Identity](#)



Homework

Written: Paper

Percent of class grade: 20%

Due: October 31, 2022


Sodom and Gomorrah: God's Perspective Regarding Sexual Sin

- Genesis predominately deals with the sexual sin of homosexuality.
- Sexual sin in our churches today may be concerned with additional challenges.

Church leaders must know their community and the challenges they face and be ready to

- give healing
- well- informed answers for the hope in us.
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- The church must have Biblical, practical and compassionate answers for the sexual challenges our communities face today.
 - We must work to be the prepared, Godly leaders we have been called to be.

Title: Biblical Sexuality

Readings for the paper:

These 3 sources have done most of the research for you.

Additional Resources May be Added if You Wish

1. Text pages 144-146 (19:1-29)

2. Assembly of God Position Paper

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3. Position paper from the church or denomination YOU most closely associate with.

I will be available for Email Office Hours
between 11:00am – 3:00pm

Pacific Standard Time

Wednesday and Thursday

(October 12 and October 13th)

For questions on finding another position
paper

- This is not something that can be rushed through! Plan ahead.
- This paper will take time, thought, research, reading, rereading and prayer.
- Please do the work diligently and responsibly, as unto God.

Paper Should Include:

1. A clear, biblical and cultural definition of:

- a. Homosexuality
- b. The LGBTQ+ community
- c. Same sex marriage
- d. Sexual identity
- e. Sexual orientation

2. Which of the above has in the past, or is your church and community been addressing?

3. Fully address the questions about sexuality that have been asked, or are being asked in your community. Give examples

4. Provide Biblical Answers

- a. What does God say about these behaviors?
- b. What is the result of participating in these behaviors?
- c. Can these behaviors be reconciled?

5. What is the churches responsibility?

6. What should be the churches attitude towards the LGBTQ+ community?

7. Include practical advice and easy to follow suggestions

8. 20+ Scriptural References

May need to include background information

(who wrote it, to whom, why, what was the problem, what was the biblical response)

Paper Format :

- Title page APA format
 - <https://www.easybib.com/guides/citation-guides/apa-format/>
- Biblically defensible,
- Well researched,
- Practical
- Easy to understand
- Include the translation(s) used when quoting scripture (KJV, NIV...)
- Introduction, body, conclusion
- Length: minimum 12 pages
- Double spaced (250 words per page)

Function of the Paper :

- If the church you are currently serving, or a church you may be serving in the future, does not have these biblical principles and values clearly stated in their teaching materials and bylaws, your paper could be easily adapted for that purpose.

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Questions?

“The Lord bless you and
keep you;
the Lord make his face shine
upon you
and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn his face toward
you and give you peace.”

Numbers 6:24-27 NIV