

Genesis: God and Man

The Lineage of Our Father

Genesis 19:30-38

So...we're jumping back in time again. There are a few loose ends to tie up and some important details, back stories, to nations and people that will play big rolls in Israel's future that we'll learn about in this study and the next.

Some things to consider as we get into this study...

- Who are your parents?
- What's your lineage?
- Your nationality?
- Any stereotypes? *Irish...always joking in HS about the potato famine*
- Usually have some history to them, although generalized to the point of absurdity or hate
- Or excuses...
- Where do you get your morals from?
- Who is allowed to define them?
- Who or what controls your life?
- What kind of father/mother/son/daughter/etc are you?

We as believers cannot use our nationality, our heritage, our parents as an excuse. If we truly have been saved, we are brand new.

Rom 6:8-11 NKJV - Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. For [the death] that He died, He died to sin once for all; but [the life] that He lives, He lives to God. Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Exo 20:4-6 NKJV - "You shall not make for yourself a carved image--any likeness [of anything] that [is] in heaven above, or that [is] in the earth beneath, or that [is] in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, [am] a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth [generations] of those who hate Me, but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

2Co 5:17 NKJV - Therefore, if anyone [is] in Christ, [he is] a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

Today's message, if it were to be rated by the MPAA or the FCC's TV board, would be at least PG-13, R or TV-MA. I wasn't looking forward to it.

How many things today are done with "good intentions" - "good" reasons, but are really just masks for iniquity, sin and downright depravity?

Does it sound good? Political correctness tends to take a lot of ugly, odd, or even downright wicked things and call them good by putting a spin on them

Take, for instance:

"A woman's right to choose" - *that sounds fantastic! And how could you be against a woman's right to choose? You must be a total chauvinist if you don't want a woman to have a choice...*

but the problem is, what is the choice they are making? And is it even our right as HUMANS to make that choice? Between life and death of someone else who is innocent?

We condemn the death penalty on those who are downright guilty and have made their choice, but we uplift the murder of the most fragile innocent in the name of something that sounds noble. I have to say, the woman made her choice already, prior to making a final choice for the baby's life. Ask me how I know...

Today and next week we're going to look at choices by two woman and choices by two men and look at some important people that are born, despite of those choices and who will have offspring that have involvement in the future with those that are born.

[Pray]

[Genesis 19:30-38]

Afraid to dwell in Zoar...

Zoar was the city Lot wanted to flee too when Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed

Gen 19:17-18 NKJV - So it came to pass, when they had brought them outside, that he said, "Escape for your life! Do not look behind you nor stay anywhere in the plain. Escape to the mountains, lest you be destroyed." Then Lot said to them, "Please, no, my lords!

He was told to flee to the mountains but he couldn't stand the thought of not living in the city

LOT! Two angels showed up. You just went through a crazy circumstance. Your wife turned into a pillar of Salt, I think you should listen to them.

But Lot wanted his own way. Sometimes we have to find out the hard way.

But it soon became apparent he couldn't stay there. Maybe the people there knew he escaped S&G, maybe it was a dangerous town, whatever the case. He didn't have peace. And that's always the case when we're downright disobedient, or at least out of sync, with God's commands for our lives.

It's not really obedience if we don't obey right away. It's not quite obedience if we do it because we're forced to do it.

Living in luxury to living in a cave. That's quite the riches to rags story. I'm sure his daughters weren't satisfied with it.

Living alone can drive you a bit nuts

Working from home years ago before having a family, and not a lot of interaction with those I work with all day, dying to just get out and have interaction

Even being overly excited here in conversations because it's nice to actually talk to people in person

They're in a cave. I'm not sure how they're eating or what. Lot doesn't seem like a guy with a lot of bushcraft experience, but they have some supplies.

And what do they have plenty of apparently? Wine.

Pro 23:29-35 NKJV - Who has woe? Who has sorrow? Who has contentions? Who has complaints? Who has wounds without cause? Who has redness of eyes? Those who linger long at the wine, Those who go in search of mixed wine. Do not look on the wine when it is red, When it sparkles in the cup, [When] it swirls around smoothly; At the last it bites like a serpent, And stings like a viper. Your eyes will see strange things, And your heart will utter perverse things. Yes, you will be like one who lies down in the midst of the sea, Or like one who lies at the top of the mast, [saying]: "They have struck me, [but] I was not hurt; They have beaten me, but I did not feel [it]. When shall I awake, that I may seek another [drink]?"

We have a hard enough time as people make right decisions...yet we tend to gravitate towards things that impair our judgment even further...tell me how this is good for society to

make it easier and socially acceptable to put yourself in even more of a stupor for more of your life? Ask me how I know.

V31 Now the firstborn said to the younger, “Our father is old, and there is no man on the earth to come in to us as is the custom of all the earth.”

I don't really think she really cared about her father's posterity here. Remember, they had husbands back in S&G that didn't want to go with them.

They were entrenched in S&G's culture...so much so, their mom looked back and died.

There is no man to come into us...

I think she's revealing here what her real desire is. And

As is the custom of all the earth

Sounds like more and more rationalization

Perhaps, given the culture, they were even further along and involved in things outside of the relationship of a man and woman, I almost get this ultra feminist vibe here, even though she's concerned about the patriarchy

It's more than a custom, it's created that way. It's designed that way. It's obvious. It's good, it's healthy, when in the right context...marriage, and to the right person...not your relative

Look at the perverseness of society these days. How often do you see a news article about a FEMALE teacher involved with young boys? I read about one in middle school. It's no longer just the men who are perverted enough for these abuses, but the women as well. I believe that's a real sign of how far gone a society is is how far gone it's women are. Some call this a patriarchal society, but when the matriarchal aspect of it is debased, the children have no defense.

And that's exactly what the enemy wants....and just like in S&G, what comes next? Total destruction of a society. And we're witnessing it's collapse right now. I don't believe we'll necessarily need fire from heaven to tear down our society, we're doing it ourselves it's so bad.

Can you hear the older daughter here? She's obviously been thinking about this and it's only now overflowing. Can you hear her convincing her sister, rationalizing her behavior?

Luk 6:45 NKJV - "A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks."

They're in the middle of nowhere, dwelling in cave in the mountains, and somehow both of them getting pregnant and having babies is a good idea? Oh right, for her father. He's old and doesn't have any sons. That's obviously our first priority out here...in this cold, damp, wet cave without a house, or money, or food.

They made their father drink wine that night...I don't know that Lot needed THAT much convincing to get drunk. It's a pretty dire, lonely and hopeless situation without God.

What's up with this Lot? Drinking in total excess with your daughters? What kind of father is that? Being "friends" with your kids...parties growing up...I love my kids, I want to be their best friend in a way, but to truly be their best friend, I need to be their father first of all. A role model, someone they can look up to, even with all of my faults.

But I'm sure they kept prodding him until he was completely wasted...they knew there was SOME righteousness in him that there would be no convincing of him to do this level of immorality...his daughters on the other hand, didn't seem to be drunk when colluding on this plan.

Again, something tells me their morals are nonexistent and if their morals are non-existent, why should they care about his lineage going on? Couldn't they just go find some new guys to marry? Were the guys in Zoar that scary?

It just says they made their father drink wine...I don't know how drunk they got. I don't think they were sober, but they certainly knew the plan and didn't forget what happened the next day.

This is gross.

Thankfully Lot didn't know when it started or ended.

If I'm thinking logically, he has to have some clue, some after-the-fact it was obvious something happened, but because he didn't remember and he would never think of such a thing happening, he wouldn't suspect it.

The next night...same thing, but this time the younger.

You know the older definitely put even more pressure on the younger the second night. She had done this awful abomination and

Scary thing is, people in this day and age, and probably won't be long before things like this aren't considered disgusting anymore if there's "consent." There wasn't consent here.

But you know what, the alcohol did the consenting for Lot.

Eph 5:17-19 NKJV - Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord [is]. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,

Drunk people tend to sing songs and by merry...but man, there is a better intoxication, truly, a detoxification of the Spirit that gives you joy and sing

So Lot apparently didn't know then or the next morning or the next night or the next morning...don't you think he found out in a few months when his baby girls started showing signs...of their babes?

Did they tell him? That's a messed up situation. It's hard to even think about. Your kid is your grandkid?

Again, like we saw last time...it's always the kids who bear the biggest burden of these sinful situations. Imagine being those boys growing up, do you think they knew? They had to have known... Lot at least, otherwise how would Moses have found out? Lot actually told someone? How does that come up...how do you befriend someone in that situation?

Yet it's what we're called to do. Love those, care for them, help them through awful situations. Not condone it. Not make laws to go back and make their sinful behavior somehow not sinful anymore in man's eyes.

Read Leviticus 18...it's sad that this even has to be written down. But you know what, our hearts are wicked and we need to be told, even if it is disgusting.

Well, if he didn't know during the pregnancy, he certainly knew when the boy was named...

Moab = "of his father" ...um yeah, literally

Ben-ami = "son of my people" at least he gets away with a little more ambiguous name

Again, it's almost as if the elder daughter could be proud of her lifestyle choice, the nobility aspect is still on her mind

How'd you like to have your lineage be that of being inbred?

In the beginning, before the flood, even with Abraham, marrying in the family was fine to some extent...but the further the timeline goes on, the more genetic diversity is needed for healthy

offspring, plus just the moral implications...there's a reason it automatically affection becomes gross as brothers and sisters grow up

The Moabites and Ammonites go on to have a storied history with Israel...the family dirty laundry just leads to further contempt down the road.

You see Lot, you should have stayed in Ur, like God wanted you to, all those years ago.

Two poignant notes from David Guzik's commentary (available on blueletterbible.org):

i. Yet, Donald Barnhouse observes: "It is far better for children to learn the facts of life from the Word of God where sin is condemned than from dirty words on alley walls, or from lewd stories. No one can escape knowledge of sin...these things are never mentioned without being accompanied by the stern warnings that God hates sin and punishes it."

ii. "Ironically, in his own drunkenness Lot carried out the shameful act that he himself had suggested to the men of Sodom: he lay with his own daughters." (Sailhamer)

Guzik: "Their descendants would become enemies and obstacles for Israel, just like the descendants of Ishmael. Lot's life ended in ruin (past, present, and future), all because of his love for the world."

Jacob is not even born yet, still a generation out, but his enemies have already been born.

Just like us, the enemy of our soul has been around longer than us, but thankfully we have a protector, a victor in Christ Jesus, who always was, is and is to come.

At least for Lot, God uses Peter to mention that he at least hated unrighteousness.

2Pe 2:4-8 NKJV - For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast [them] down to hell and delivered [them] into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, [one of] eight [people], a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly; and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned [them] to destruction, making [them] an example to those who afterward would live ungodly; and delivered righteous Lot, [who was] oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked (for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented [his] righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing [their] lawless deeds)--

This is really heavy.

I had hoped to get through all of this, Ch 20 and a few verses touching on another important birth. Hopefully to put a sweet taste in our mouth so we could learn from this, but quickly move past it.

But it went longer. The rest will be for next week.

Where are we as a society?

How about you and I personally?

How are we doing morally?

Are we setting ourselves up for failure?

Are we making or contemplating making decisions that not only will affect us, but will directly affect our families and our children or grandchildren?

Romans 1:16-32

Mat 24:37-44 NKJV - "But as the days of Noah [were], so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. "For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, "and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. "Then two [men] will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. "Two [women will be] grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left. "Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. "But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. "Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Luk 21:34 NKJV - "But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly.

These things weigh us down! Keep us from looking up!

Be ready.

Be in control, don't let alcohol control you, let the Holy Spirit fill you.

Pray for your family. Pray for your friends families. Their children. Especially in this day and age. I do not want my daughters or my son to be so influenced and corrupted by the world that their morals are so gone, their thoughts so debased, that they would think it noble to do anything to ruin their lives, their future, their faith, their future children.

I want them to know the reality of God, his love and his nature, but also the reality of the fallen world and to see it with the right perspective. One that doesn't embrace it, is more than vexed by it, and actually stands up despite it, to save those drowning in it.

So in that I ask, please pray for my family and I as well.

Jas 4:4-10 NKJV - Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, "The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously"? But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble." Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse [your] hands, [you] sinners; and purify [your] hearts, [you] double-minded. Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and [your] joy to gloom. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.