

Beware The Greener Grass Of Sodom

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Someone once said, “the grass is always greener on the other side.” To which has come the reply, “the grass may be greener on the other side, but it still has to be mowed!” It is true that we, as fallible human beings, are always looking toward something better than what we may already have. This is not always a bad thing, especially when it drives us to excel in the things of God. But we must also be ever cognizant of the dangers and the responsibilities associated with such desires.

Often people in pursuit of their dreams will choose a path without considering the consequences. They may move to an area, desiring prosperity, a better way of life, tax breaks, or some other lofty goal, without regard to the spiritual ramifications. Sadly, they may find good jobs, but not a good congregation of God’s people who teach the truth. They may have the opportunity to become great pillars in the community, but in so doing, forsake the house of the Lord, the pillar and ground of the truth (**1 Timothy 3:15**). They may gain great worldly wisdom, but turn away from the “simplicity that is in Christ” (**2 Corinthians 11:3**). Surely, we remember Lot. The Apostle Peter describes Lot as a righteous man (**2 Peter 2:7**), yet he was still sorely vexed by the lewd manner of the people of Sodom.

Let us ask ourselves, however, “what lead to Lot becoming a citizen of such an ungodly town?” In **Genesis 13**, we see that the flocks of Lot and his uncle, Abram (later called Abraham), had become so large that the land could not contain them. This caused their herdsmen to quarrel. Abram, wanting peace, knew they would have to separate the flocks from one another, so he offered Lot first choice in picking the direction he would move his flock to. ¹⁰And Lot lifted his eyes and saw all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere (before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah) like the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt as you go toward Zoar. ¹¹Then Lot chose for himself all the plain of Jordan, and Lot journeyed east. And they separated from each other. ¹²Abram dwelt in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelt in the cities of the plain and pitched his tent even as far as Sodom. ¹³But the men of Sodom were exceedingly wicked and sinful against the Lord” (**Genesis 13:10-13**).

Let us learn from Lot’s mistake. Do not allow interest in prosperity to blind you to the possible evils ahead. Continually remind yourself that there is no greener grass on the other side of God’s fences. ⁸Among the gods there is none like You, O Lord; nor are there any works like Your works. ⁹All nations whom You have made shall come and worship before You, O Lord, and shall glorify Your name. ¹⁰For You are great, and do wondrous things; You alone are God” (**Psalms 86:8-10**).