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### Learn

#### 1. A right view of Scripture starts with Believing God...

- a. What He says about Himself - He alone is good (Mark 10:18); He does not lie (Numbers 23:19)
- b. What He says about Sin - It leads to death (Romans 3:23)
- c. About His Motive; God's actions here and His Word tell us that He does not want to judge sin; He wants people to repent. *Ezekiel 33:11 "Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?"*
- d. About the importance of repentance - If we confess our sins He will forgive and cleanse us (1 John 1:9)
- e. About His Purpose for warning us; He wants it to affect our beliefs and our actions.  
*Gen 18:19 "For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing righteousness and justice, so that the LORD may bring to Abraham what he has promised him."*
- f. That Judgment will happen; He has judged before (Genesis 7, Genesis 19) and has said He will judge again (Luke 17:26-33, 2 Peter 2:4-10, the entire book of Revelation)
- g. That Warning People is good; God warns us and if we care about people, we will warn them
- h. That Even in His judgment, God is merciful

Gen 18:26-33: God is willing to spare the whole region if there are 10 righteous people

Gen 19:12-13: Anyone Lot can convince to leave will be spared

Gen 19:16: The men seized Lot, his wife and his two daughters and brought them out of the city

Gen 19:21: The Lord spared the entire city of Zoar on account of Lot

#### 2. The Heart issue behind sin is not really believing God. If we believe God, we will seek to know His ways and when we learn what He thinks, we will be quick to obey Him.

#### 3. Believing God is what makes us righteous in God's sight

- a. Abraham believed God and God attributed it to him as righteousness (Genesis 15:6)
- b. Lot believed God enough to leave Sodom, even though he lingered (Genesis 19:15-29)

#### 4. Believing God and being careful to do exactly what He says is how we avoid judgment

- a. Lot and anyone else in Sodom could be spared physical judgment if they would believe God and do exactly as he said. (*Gen 19:17 "...Escape for your life. Do not look back or stop anywhere in the valley. Escape to the hills, lest you be swept away."*)
- b. All of humanity can be spared eternal judgment if they will believe God and do exactly as He says in John 5:24 *"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life."*

#### 5. Believing God and doing what He says is what makes our witness to others compelling; people see by our actions (how we live our lives) what we truly believe.

Takeaway: To experience God's salvation, we need to truly believe God. If we truly believe God, we will be careful to obey God and that obedience is what makes our faith compelling to those around us.

