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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

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It's in the air

GENESIS 19:4 - NIV – (4) Before they had gone to bed, all the men from every part of the city of Sodom – both young and old – surrounded the house. (5) They called to Lot, 'Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us so that we can have sex with them.'

Genesis chapter 19 records the two angels, disguised as human men, visiting Sodom and Gomorrah. Lot met the angels in the city square and urged them to stay at his house. The angels agreed. The Bible then informs us, "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 to Lot, "Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us so that we can have sex with them." The angels then proceed to blind all the men of Sodom and Gomorrah and urge Lot and his family to flee from the cities to escape the wrath that God was about to deliver. Lot and his family flee the city, and then "the LORD rained down burning sulfur on Sodom and Gomorrah — from the LORD out of the heavens. Thus he overthrew those cities and the entire plain, including all those living in the cities..."

In light of this passage, the most common response to the question "What was the sin of Sodom and Gomorrah?" is homosexuality. This is how the term "sodomy" came to refer to anal sex between two men, whether consensual or forced. Clearly, homosexuality was part of why God destroyed the two cities. The men of Sodom and Gomorrah wanted to perform homosexual gang rape on the two angels (who were disguised as men). **Ezekiel 16:49-50** declares, "Now this was the sin of your sister Sodom: She and her daughters were arrogant, overfed and unconcerned; they did not help the poor and needy. They were haughty and did **detestable** things before me..." The Hebrew word translated "detestable" to refer to something that is morally disgusting and is the exact same word used in **Leviticus 18:22** that identifies homosexuality as an "abomination."

The Bible consistently tells us that homosexual activity is a sin (**Genesis 19:1-13; Leviticus 18:22; 20:13; Romans 1:26-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9**). **Romans 1:26-27** teaches specifically that homosexuality is a result of denying and disobeying God. When people continue in sin and unbelief, God "gives them over" to even more wicked and depraved sin in order to show them the futility and hopelessness of life apart from God. **1 Corinthians 6:9** proclaims that homosexual "offenders" will not inherit the kingdom of God.

SCRIPTURE READING

JOHN 17:17

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Truth never lost ground by enquiry.