

Daily devotions for 2019



Day 4
Genesis, part 4

Pay attention

Genesis chapter 19

The account of what was happening in Sodom and Gomorrah makes for grim reading.

Angels of the Lord visited Sodom and stayed with Lot. They pleaded with Lot to take himself and his family members away as the Lord was set to destroy the city.

Lot told his sons-in-law to depart quickly, but they thought he was joking.

As dawn appeared, the angels urged Lot to take his wife, daughters and himself out of the city, as they risked certain death. Lot hesitated, but the angels physically led them safely out of the city. The angels told them, “Flee for your lives, don't look back, and don't stop.”

By the time Lot reached a safe haven, the Lord destroyed both Sodom and Gomorrah including the inhabitants.

Unfortunately, Lot's wife turned to look back and became a pillar of salt - a serious consequence of disobedience.

This account of events is hard to understand, but if we are to learn anything it is that we should really pay attention to the Lord's commands.

Lot's sons-in-law did not take things seriously and perished.

Lot's wife thought she knew better, to her cost.

Prayer

Dear Lord and caring Father, we look to you as our provider and protector.

Thank you that you are concerned for us, your children. Please forgive us when we go astray, when we don't obey your commands and when we cause each other harm. Help us to cling to your truths, to stay close to you, looking forward to a reconciled life with you and not looking back to past behaviours. Amen.