As it was in the Days of Lot...

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As we observe the society around us, there is little doubt we are living in the last of church history. As our redemption draws close, we must take an honest look at our lives and see where we personally fall on the spectrum, if we look more like the world or more like Christ. Some here today are lost and know it (maybe even think all this Jesus stuff is foolish), some are high-quality phonies that know how to "play" church and talk the talk, some are genuine in faith and struggling in their walk, and others are sincere in their relationship and love for the Lord. Wherever you find today, the life of Lot has much to say. This is why Jesus told us concerning his second coming, "As it was in the days of"
Look and Listen – Gen. 13:1-13
 Lot is dwelling with godly Abram but there is contention (v. 1-7)
 Abram lets Lot choose which direction to move (v. 8)
 Lot chooses with his eyes (v. 9-11) Lust of the decision – 2 Sam. 2:1; Ps. 143:8-10; Pr. 3:5-7
O Lot pitches his tent toward Sodom where he will look and listen (v. 12-13; 2 Pet. 2:6-8)
 Laodiceans – Rev. 3:18, 22 Look and listen to – 1 Jn. 1:1-3 What our eyes observe affects what we are – Lk. 11:33-36 Look on eternal things – 2 Cor. 4:18 Look to the end to determine the – 2 Pet. 3:10-14 The fear of God should be before our eyes – Rom. 3:18 We need ears to hear – Matt. 13:9, 16 Listen to the voice of truth – Ps. 95:6-11; Jn. 17:17 Warning: They that lying vanities forsake their own mercy. – Jon. 2:8
Live and Learn – Gen. 14:12
 Lot is now living in Sodom and learning their ways Lust of the Surrounded by godlessness Going through the motions of sin – Rom. 7:5 Living for the flesh – Rom. 8:13; Gal. 5:19-21
 Laodiceans – Rev. 3:14-16 Live by faith – Rom. 1:16-17; Gal. 2:20 Live the – 1 Cor. 9:14; 2 Cor. 5:15 Live the will of God – 1 Pet. 4:1-2 Live a life of love and service to others – Gal. 5:13 Live gentle, patient, meek, peaceable lives – 2 Tim. 2:24-26; Rom. 12:18 Learn – Eph. 4:17-32

- Learn the scriptures 2 Tim. 3:14-15
- Learn from others that walk with the Lord Phl. 4:9-12
- Love Gen. 19:1-22
 - Lot is in the gate of the city, immersed into the world system (v. 1)
 - o Angels arrive to deliver Lot (v. 2-3; 1 Cor. 10:13; 2 Pet. 2:9)
 - o The sin of Sodom (v. 4-11; Eze. 16:49-50)
 - Instant gratification
 - Self-centered 2 Tim. 3:1-5
 - o Lot _____ his place in the world (v. 12-16)
 - He wants to flee to another city (v. 17-22)
 - Pride of life
 - His faith is weak
 - o Laodiceans Rev. 3:17
 - Love not the world 1 Jn. 2:15; Rom. 12:2; Jas. 4:4
 - You cannot love and serve the Lord while holding onto the world Lk. 14:33; 16:13
 - The _____ greatest commandments Matt. 22:37-40
 - Love eternal things Col. 3:1-2
- Leave Gen. 19:16, 23-25
 - o Lot is ______ to leave
 - o Laodiceans Rev. 3:20
 - Flee lust 2 Tim. 2:22
 - Flee fornication 1 Cor. 6:18-20
 - Flee idolatry 1 Cor. 10:14
 - Flee materialism and the love of money 1 Tim. 6:9-12
 - Flee your old life Rom. 6:6-11
 - Flee anything that evil 1 Th. 5:22
 - Do not look back Gen. 19:26; Rev. 3:19; Lk. 9:62; 17:32 Heb. 10:37-39; 11:13-16
- Legacy Gen. 19:30-38
 - o Lot leaves a legacy of heinous sin and a lineage of Israel's enemies
 - o Laodiceans Rev. 3:21
 - We will all pass from this earth; we should leave a legacy of investing in others, in a spiritual lineage Ecc. 2:15-16; 2 Pet. 1:13-15

Though the hour is late and Christ's return is imminent, it is not time to lay down. It is not time to let the enemy have control. It is not time to go to sleep on our watch. It is high time to awake out of sleep. It is time to cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. It is time to put on the Lord Jesus Christ and not make provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof (Rom. 13:11-14). It is time to fulfill our vision for 2023...Do Every Thing Better For God!