

Just Lot!

2 Pet 2:6-7

6 And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly;

7 And delivered just Lot...

(KJV)

Our verse speaks of a terrible judgment. It is a story that we know well. We are also acquainted with one of its central characters: a man called Lot. He was a nephew of the great Abraham. By that relation, he enjoyed much grace. He was a man that did not live up to the high expectations that reasonable persons might have had for him. He developed a mighty desire for the well-watered plains of Sodom. This attraction deflected his life into spiritual ruin. As is sometimes the case, the inevitable devastation engulfed not only himself, but also spread to his family, and his descendants. Lot was too quick in the important decisions of life, too enamored of worldly gain, too eager to sacrifice eternal things on the altar of circumstance. With all of that recalled, we must be shocked at the reference here made. Notice that Lot is described as being *just*. There is a world of significance and comfort in that.

Our lives, as the lives of the saints preserved in the Scriptures, are likely to have been checkered with failures and sprinkled with disgrace of varying magnitude. We have failed. We have harmed others in our failings. We have sown some seeds that may be generations in the harvesting. We are ashamed. We are humbled, but we are not ultimately defeated. Christ has covered us in His blood. Since Christ has atoned for us, our sin cannot ever again be remembered against us. We will then be as Lot forever is: just! We shall stand before God in the perfection of Christ. How much we owe to our beloved Savior!

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