



WHY DID LOT OFFER HIS DAUGHTERS TO AN ANGRY MOB OF HOMOSEXUAL MEN?

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GENESIS 19:4-8:

Now before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both old and young, all the people from every quarter, surrounded the house. And they called to Lot and said to him, “Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us that we may know them *carnally*.”

So Lot went out to them through the doorway, shut the door behind him, and said, “Please, my brethren, do not do so wickedly! See now, I have two daughters who have not known a man; please, let me bring them out to you, and you may do to them as you wish; only do nothing to these men, since this is the reason they have come under the shadow of my roof.”

Many believers are appalled that Lot offered his virgin daughters to the angry mob of homosexual men of Sodom. Many say that they would never offer their daughters to rapist men. So then, why did Lot do this?

Lot has been judged a righteous man (2 Peter 2:7-8). Was it a righteous action to offer one’s own daughters to a mob of homosexual rapists? The gesture of Lot, offering his daughters instead of his angelic guests to the mob of Sodom that surrounded his house, is neither condoned nor condemned by God. It was merely recorded as an incident in Scripture history as to what had occurred.

Lot met the two angelic messengers of God at the gate of Sodom and persuaded them to not spend the night in the open square, but instead in his home (Genesis 19:1-3).

Shortly after the angelic messengers entered his home, before they went to lie down, the men of the city of Sodom, old and young, *all the people* from every quarter surrounded Lot's house (Genesis 19:4). Lot was an elderly gentleman at the time, not a mighty Samson who could take on a city of men. These men of Sodom wanted to know Lot's visitors carnally, through abominable homosexual acts (Genesis 19:5).

There are a few reasons as to why Lot offered his daughters to the men of Sodom, negotiating with them to take his daughters instead of his guests.

1. Lot knew these visitors were angels or messengers of God. He could not live with the fact that he offered these visitors sanctuary in his home, only to see them abducted from his house to be raped by a mob of homosexual Sodomite men (Genesis 19:1-2,7-8). It was Lot's duty to protect these men, even at the cost of his daughters' chastity, their lives, or even his own.
2. Lot was surrounded by all of Sodom's perverted men. He was not mighty enough to fight them off and he had no weapon to do so. They were going to break down his door to take what they wanted - the two angelic messengers sent by God (Genesis 19:9).
3. Lot lived in Sodom and knew the wickedness of the city (2 Peter 2:7-8). He rationalized that it was the lesser of two evils to sacrifice his daughters' virginity, and possibly their lives, rather than for his guests to be sodomized.

Lot was a righteous man of God caught up in a moment of wickedness in Scripture history. He was defending the angelic messengers sent by God, through negotiating with an overpowering mob of homosexual abducting rapists. Lot did not know that the angelic messengers were capable of defending themselves using the supernatural power of God. God's angelic messengers delivered Lot from this incident, striking the homosexual men at the doorway of his house with blindness (Genesis 19:11).

2 PETER 2:7-8:

RIGHTEOUS LOT, who was oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked (for that RIGHTEOUS MAN, dwelling among them, tormented his RIGHTEOUS SOUL from day to day by seeing and hearing their lawless deeds)...

Believers should not be hypercritical of Lot for his actions in offering his daughters to an angry mob of perverted men in an extreme circumstance. God, as recorded in Scripture, has judged Lot as being a righteous man.