

Civil Rights 1

Lot, a righteous man of the nations, was distressed, even grieved, by the lewd and filthy lives of the men of Sodom (2 Pet 2:7). Lewd behavior is total debauchery, unashamed indecency, unbridled lust, and unrestrained depravity. This is the kind of character Peter wrote about in his first epistle, “For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in licentiousness (lewdness, NKJV), lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries” (1 Pet 4:3). The person with this character has an insolent defiance of public opinion, sinning in broad daylight, openly displaying arrogance and contempt with his uncivilized behavior. Civilized behavior is based on the instinctive knowledge of the truth which the Bible speaks of in Gen 3:16 19, 9:1 7, and Rom 2:12 16. This is the law written in every man’s heart by a merciful God. Those who honor this knowledge in their lives form the backbone of society. Civil rights pertain to the rights of such people who live and conduct themselves according to this instinctive knowledge of the truth. This is the natural law of all government of men that must be upheld. This is what Peter meant by the words, “Submit yourselves for the Lord’s sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority, or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right” (1 Pet 2:13-14).

The lives of the men of Sodom were filthy. In the Greek language what Peter wrote in 2 Pet 1:9, “For he who lacks these qualities is blind or short sighted...” The word rendered *blind* or *dark* means filthy. Sodom was filthy; not even ten weren’t filthy. *Filthy* means polluted; defiled by abominable practices, corruption, and pollution of moral character. Sodom was a dark place of no light. There was no radiance of the moral image of God coming forth, but only an outcry of faith.

Lot was wearied (grievously harassed, greatly worn out and distressed by) the wanton ways of the ungodly, lawless, and lewd men and women who lived there (Rom 1: 18 2:16; Gen 19:16,29). Mr. President, remember Lot! He was a righteous man that you need to emulate and then Rom 2:16 will be in your favor.

The outcry to the Lord against the sin of sodomy was so great. Where did or from whom did the outcry come? So remember Lot, lest God’s wrath be poured out on you too. Does God hear an outcry today? (An outcry is a loud cry or clamor; it is a vociferous protest or objection, as in the phrase, public outcry over the scandal. With Lot it was detestation of what was going on with man in Sodom.) Are there enough reasonable and righteous people to cause an outcry today?

Remember Lot’s wife. She was not righteous enough to grieve over the filthy lives of the men of Sodom. Lot was a moral but weak man, but he did grieve over the lewdness of the Sodomites.

It does not take much righteousness or knowledge of good and evil (as Rom 2:14 speaks of the instinctive law written on men’s hearts) to see the wrong in homosexuality, (Rom 2:14-15) and in the gay rights movement. You can plainly see God’s view on gay rights in Gen 19, if you care know His thoughts on the subject. God was the original “gay basher,” and how He bashed them! He was the first “homophobic.” His severe case of homophobia stands as a warning to the Presidents and nations of the world that would endorse homosexual behavior.

Who is your God, Mr. Clinton, if you follow the spirit of a god who does not seem to have the same sentiment as Abraham’s God? Abraham’s God is the one true God — the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. He is the One who hated the deeds of the Sodomites. If you are a Baptist, do your brethren hold to the same mind as you on this subject (1 Cor 1:10), or are the Baptists divided (Jn 17:21 23)? This would prove that they are not the Body of Christ.

Lot, even though he was of the nations, outside of Abraham’s covenant with the true God, considered the filthy acts of the Sodomites as wicked. The men of Sodom were exceedingly wicked and were sinning greatly against the Lord (Gen 13:13, NKJV).

The lewd behavior of lawless men is what the apostle Peter called them in 2 Pet 2:7. *Lewd* means given to unlawful indulgence or lust, addicted to what sodomites crave, libidinous — having an eager appetite for venereal pleasure. *Lawless* describes a person who is worthless and who could never be approved by God, since 1 Pet 2:14 says what it says — except for punishment for a nation whose morals have

degenerated to the point of electing a worthless man with worthless principles, even boasting of them from a platform for his campaign. *Lawless* means without principles based on Gen 3:16 19 and Gen 9:5. 1 Pet 2:14 would prove who God endorse and puts into office.

Anyone who supports or can not grieve about the homosexual movement in America is a wicked man (Rom 1:32). Two angelic messengers visited Sodom to warn Lot that the city was about to be set on fire by God and destroyed. Lot attempted to defend the messengers from homosexual gang rape by the men of Sodom, but the angels were compelled to strike them blind. Lot then fled the city with his family but his wife defied the warning. She looked back and was turned into a pillar of salt (Gen 19:26). The Son of God said, “Remember Lot’s wife,” (Lk 17:32). He said this as he walked the earth in the first century. Remember Lot’s wife!!!

We learn from Lot that even the “Gentiles” must actively avoid association with homosexuals — “bad company spoils good morals” (1 Cor 15:33). It was *God in flesh in blood* in Lk 17:32 who told us to remember Lot’s wife, how she desired to associate with evil, with the lewdness, wickedness, and lawlessness of the Sodomites (Rom 1:29 32).

“Don’t be associated with those who are abandoned to the degrading power of sin” (Rom 1:18,24), those whom God has given up to the lusts of their own hearts to sexual perversion (verse 26). For this reason, God, the Creator God, gave them over and abandoned them to vile affections and degrading passions. And can you even imagine this!? The women exchanged their natural function for an unnatural and abnormal one (verse 27), and the men, if you will, also turned from natural, normal, God given relations with women and were set ablaze — burned out and consumed with lust for one another. Men committing shameful acts with other men, participating in indescribable filth. The same filth Lot grieved about caused such a loud outcry in him that it was heard in heaven. These atrocities were so great on earth that God set them on fire, raining down fire and brimstone from the sky to burn them up forever.

Rom 1:27 goes on to say that men committing such shameful, vile, lewd, filthy acts with one another, their facial expressions changed to betray them. (Their facial expression *betrays* them: *to make known unintentionally, revealing* their perversion.) Thus, they suffered in their own bodies or personalities the inevitable consequences and penalty of their perversion — their turn from what is morally right in the sight of God and man (Rom 2:14-15). This was fitting retribution, just punishment. They deserved it.

So since they did not see fit to acknowledge the true Creator, God, or consider Him worth knowing (verse 28), God gave them over to a base and condemned mind and conscience, to do and contrive to do the things not proper or decent but loathsome, until (verses 29 32) they were filled — permeated and saturated with every kind of abnormality. Just look at the list of things that the USA is filled up with today!

There are many warnings in history. Certain behavior is evil and the motivation for such behavior is to destroy anything right or civil or moral. God is in the process of restoring the earth. The evil one is in the process of destroying it by destroying civilization. He wants to blur and eventually destroy the very image of God in which man was made. The destruction of (civil)ization is almost done if homosexuals achieve their civil rights and attain equal rights with moral people. It turns over God’s created order of things. (Gen 2:20 25). It leads to the destruction of man’s native awareness, his innate, instinctive knowledge of the truth.