

## The Three Eternal Destinies #79 Righteous Lot and the Suppression of Conscience

This is the Word of God. Lot was *blameless* (comparatively speaking) to others who lived in Sodom (Gen 18:23-26). So, for God to have placed Lot under the same judgment as the wicked and filthy of Sodom and Gomorrah (simply because he was not of the *seed* of Abraham) would mean that God was not judging in accordance with His own righteousness. The whole world has been “Calvinized” into thinking evil of the *good God* (the Creator) because of the *false god* of Calvin (Jn 8:37-47).

*Righteous* Lot, in 2 Pet 2:7, meant that Lot was not the *cause* of the judgment against Sodom and Gomorrah, but that he was distinctively *righteous* in comparison to the wicked of those cities. If there had been *anybody else* in those cities who was as righteous as Lot (Gen 18:23-26), the same would have held true for them.

The righteous *were not* the cause of the fire and brimstone that destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah. But rather, this was God's *righteous* judgment against the sin of the filthy and wicked of those cities, which if not restrained, would potentially *corrupt* the entire earth.

If people *are not* guilty of the kind of sins mentioned in Rev 21:8 or 22:15, then they *cannot go* to the Second Death. The Second Death is *only* for the Unjust and Filthy.

A second life is *only* awarded to the Righteous of the Nations. The righteous are *innocent* of the crimes or sins that take a person to the Second Death (the Lake of Fire and brimstone).

The Righteous *are not guilty* of such kinds of sins as in Rev 21:8; 22:15 or Rom 1:24,26,28. Those who commit these kinds of sins, God has turned over to a depraved, debased mind — just as the other men in Sodom who were so far gone that they *would not* and *could not* even hear of the deliverance of God from the fire and flames of the judgment to come.

### Suppressing the Truth

2 Pet 2:7-9 shows the *distinction* between the righteous and the wicked. Verse 10 shows the unjust nations of the world today, even men in government and in authority.

The *righteous* in 2 Pet 2:7-8 (#1342);

The *wicked* (#113), and

Verse 9, the *unjust* (#94).

*Unjust* in Rev 22:11 and 2 Pet 2:9 means *to do wrong*, especially to other people when you hurt and do damage to them. This in turn causes a person to have a bad conscience, resulting in guilt and a dulled conscience from *constant suppression* (Rom 1:18).

*Suppress* (#2722) —Consciously forcing the knowledge of the truth out of one's mind and covering it over by *psychological manipulations*. *Suppression* (according to God) is a *voluntary* inhibition of the activity of the conscience, which produces *guilt* and stimulates activities that are *incompatible* with the Word of God (or the Law of God, the *inward law*, Rom 2:14-15).

But psychology says that the guilt that is produced from such activities comes from the ego or ideals that are *incompatible* with an individual's evaluation of himself. Therefore, the guilt that results from such ideals should be *suppressed*.

Psychologists say that the individual's expectations for himself or how he views others is *false* and that he should adjust his standards and become more accepting of the way he is (and others are) without *acknowledging guilt*. This, of course, is what is taught by those who *pervert* society through what is called “modern theory” and can be supposedly proven through “scientific research.”

*Suppression* (Rom 1:18) is the stoppage of our God-given knowledge of good and evil or truth (Gen 9:1-7; 3:16-19). There is an *all-out endeavor* by governments and men to stop this *natural law* (Rom 1:18-21). Verse 21 says that their hearts were darkened since they loved darkness rather than truth or light (Jn 3:19).

The human species today learns from the cradle to the grave that sodomy is morally upright behavior. Gen 18:23-26 — Now man is *messes up* so much that they actually *suppress* the *right thing* in them that says “Sodomy is wrong” and listen instead to the *wrong thing* in them which says it is right. But they are still

guilty before God as Rom 1:32 says. Just because society today condones and promotes sodomy as a normal “alternative” this by no means acquits the conscience of its accurate *standard* of judgment. It may be true that a person’s upbringing and environment influences the development of his conscience.

However, the boundaries of the Everlasting Covenant are beyond external influence. The instinctive knowledge of God that is written on the heart of each individual being is not relative to social conditioning. Otherwise, how could there be a righteous judgment based on the accountability of each individual person?

A person’s conscience can be influenced and formed, but not beyond the boundaries of the Everlasting Covenant. To transgress these boundaries is therefore a person’s own choice. Every person knows the ordinance of God. To persistently transgress these boundaries is to *choose* not to retain God in one’s knowledge any longer.

These are the days of, “Woe when men say right is wrong and wrong is right.”

Rom 1:32; Gen 9:1-7 — Now it is *right* not to have babies, to abort all of them except maybe one, to eat anything and everything, including blood, to not execute murderers, etc., have welfare, women's lib, and public schooling. These things are learned mostly through the public or *state* education. They are learned through the *prescribed curriculum* of the public or state education. A *prescribed curriculum* in the commonwealth of Israel requires no *leading of the Holy Spirit*. The Holy Spirit is *outside* the doors of any community that goes by a *prescribed order* of educational procedures.

There is no specified course of study we hold to rigidly; there is no prescribed order of events as there is in the state church (Jn 3:8; Rev 21:11; 2 Pet 2:7-10).

### **Righteous Lot**

**Righteous Lot was oppressed by the *sensual* conduct of *unprincipled* men** (filthy conversation, filthy conduct, immoral conduct, sodomy, wickedness, lawlessness, suppression of conscience, Rom 2:14). Lot was upright (just or righteous). He was a man with an *upright soul* (2 Pet 2:8). He was *vexed* by what he *saw* and *heard* in their filthy or immoral conduct. 2 Pet 2:9 distinguishes or *discriminates* between the just (righteous) and the filthy. God knows how to *rescue* the “godly” — those of the nations who are just or righteous according to the covenant in Gen 3:16-19 and Gen 9:1-7, who live by their conscience (Rom 2:12-16). God knows how to keep the immoral and filthy *under punishment* until judgment day (Heb 9:27; Rev 20:11-15) when God will distinguish between the righteous and the wicked. He will reward the righteous with eternal life and the immoral with eternal *damnation*, condemnation. 2 Pet 2:9 — He will keep the unrighteous (or unjust and filthy) *under punishment*. They will fear when they must stand before the judgment seat of God as Rom 2:15 says.

Actually, 2 Pet 2:9 says: “Then the Lord knows how to *rescue* the godly out of trial; but to keep the unrighteous until the day of judgment to be punished” (Rev 20:14-15; Mt 25:41,46).

*Godly* (#2152) in 2 Pet 2:9 — those who do the *good* (from among the nations as the context makes clear), since Lot was *not* a seed of Abraham. He was *not* circumcised along with Abraham, he was *not* of Israel or the people of God, His holy nation. But Lot was *of the nations*. Abraham wanted to exclude from judgment any righteous that were in Sodom and the other cities (Gen 18:23-26).