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"ON THE SAME DAY!" LUKE 17:29

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"But THE SAME DAY that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus it shall be in the day the Son of man is revealed." Luke 17:29-30.

On "*THE SAME DAY*", that Lot was delivered from Sodom, God rained fire and brimstone upon this gay community. The Lord has spoken out by this judgment, his hatred of the sin of Sodomy. "*And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ENSAMPLE unto those that after should live ungodly; and delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked. (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;)*" 2 Peter 2:6-8.

The annual gay parade was recently held in San Francisco. Imagine a Christian living in San Francisco, and you can visualize Lot living in Sodom. A little sodomy corrupts, but absolute sodomy, absolutely corrupts the entire community. Sodom and Gomorrha are the "*ENSAMPLE unto those that after should live ungodly.*" 2 Peter 2:6.

"Likewise also, as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded." Luke 17:28. Mankind is caught up in the normalcy of living, unable to read "the signs of the times." "*O ye hypocrites,*" Jesus said, "*ye can discern the face of the sky: but can ye not discern the signs of the times?*" Matthew 16:3.

We are being warned of the opening up of the "Internet" into every American home. This is a highway of communication that can change America into a literal Sodom and Gomorrha. At home with a computer on the Internet, any child can soon learn where the hard-core Playboy, Hustler pornographic material is available. We haven't seen anything yet! God says religious America, that has lost its moorings, watered down with "unconditional eternal security," will be turned into Sodom and Gomorrha. This is what this text purveys, "*As it was in the days of Lot ("ON THE SAME DAY")...even thus it shall be in the day the Son of man is revealed.*" Luke 17:29-30.

The test of this doctrine of unconditional eternal security is just ahead: Sodom and Gomorrha. The Bible says, "*And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?*" 1 Peter 4:18.

I know the Bible says, "*And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.*" Do you know why we get comfort from the story of Noah, and have a tendency to disregard Lot? Lot is like you and me! He lost one-half of his family! To lose one-half of one's family to the devil,

you are a real loser in today's religious correctness. Lot is much like John the Baptist. Neither would be "Hall of Famers," if Christ hadn't spoken up for them.

John the Baptist, that loud mouth that carried about locusts in his "leathern girdle" for his lunch, denouncing the king in the public square over his marriage! Jesus said, "*Among them born among women there hath not arisen a greater than John the Baptist!*" Matthew 11:11. This guy could "*do no mighty miracles*", just cause trouble with Rome.

You and I have not been perfect like Noah! In Ezekiel 14:4, Noah is equated with one of only three perfect men that ever lived. He never made any mistakes as a father and therefore was able to save his entire household. Aren't you glad God has mercy on us Lot's--fathers who were well intentioned, but made some mistakes in raising a family.

"*But Noah was a just man (Lot was just, just) and PERFECT in his generation, and WALKED WITH GOD.*" Genesis 6:9. Don't listen to that preacher! This is not a picture of you! We can relate to Lot however, "*sinner saved by grace.*" Admittedly, you and I are not perfect! Even after we came to Jesus Christ, we failed.

But look! See how God loves even "*a sinner saved by grace!*" "*And there came two angels to Sodom at even: and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom (as a judge).*" Genesis 19:1. The crazy situations that you and I can get ourselves into by our own choices! Has God ever had to send an angel to get you out of a messy relationship? The angels delivered you, only to be condemned by some well-meaning saint. "Well, you shouldn't have gotten into the mess in the first place." Sure they were right, but you had the "visitation of angels."

We have in the church both those that are just (justified by grace through faith alone), and of course, the Noah's who are both just and perfect (the Assemblies of God preacher). Those that are both just and perfect will be surprised when they get to heaven to see this innumerable number of Lot's (ordinary sinners saved by grace) that made it in.

Do you realize that Moses would not qualify to be an ordained Assemblies of God preacher? Why? He had a living wife, Zipporah (Heb., a bird). The bird flew to the backside of the desert where Moses had met her. Miriam was smitten with leprosy because she and Aaron held the same view; Moses had no right to another wife.

No man plucked Mrs. Lot out of the Father's hand. She chose to play God to those family members she could not save. She became one with them. Lot was not only delivered from Sodom, but a backslidden wife as well. Lot did not marry a Mrs. Noah! He married the kind of woman you and I did.

The "Promise Keepers" are under the "delusion" (which could be the strong delusion God promises to send in 2 Thessalonians 2:11), that we all married wives like Mrs. Noah. If you are married, however, to a Mrs. Noah (and some men are), you need to obey the seven steps of the Promise Keepers hurriedly! The Bible only declares Lot as "just", not his wife!

"*And delivered just Lot, VEXED...for that righteous man dwelling among them (including his wife)...vexed his righteous soul from day to day...The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of*

temptation.” God delivered just Lot not only from Sodom, but from an ungodly woman, “*and to reserve the unjust (Lot’s wife) unto the day of judgment to be punished.*” 2 Peter 2:7-9. Lot was not only delivered from Sodom, but from a wife totally backslidden from the Kingdom of God.

A message to all Promise Keepers. Do you believe God is able to deliver you from a backslidden spouse that allowed the mind-set of Sodom, through family ties, to overwhelm her? Was she eternally secure? You do not play God by attempting to deliver yourself! Jehovah-Jireh, symbol of Mount Moriah: “I will provide”.

I imagine (from my experience) that Mrs. Lot was a very spiritual woman when Mr. Lot asked her hand in matrimony. She really has no excuse. Supposing Lot’s wife had married a giant in the faith like Abraham. She would have real problems, when she can’t even obey angels! Lot was a (carnal) Christian. He never ran around the house declaring, “I saw,” “I heard a voice,” for he did not “walk with God.” Supposing Lot’s wife was married to Peter, who had just walked on water. Can you imagine the conversation over dinner that night? It’s not easy being a preacher’s wife, especially if they “walk with God.”

But, Mrs. Lot was a woman who thought she could manipulate and handle every situation. She dearly loved her husband until the first baby was born. Paul, in expressing the difference between a virgin and a married woman, states, “*The unmarried woman careth for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit.*” 1 Corinthians 7:34. But she that is married (or until that first baby is born) then “*careth for the things of the world, how she may please her husband (and his children).*” This transition takes place when she “falls in love” for the first time. “*Notwithstanding she shall be saved (from self-love) in childbearing.*” 1 Timothy 3:15.

I believe Christians (in the early church) recognized the transition that took place in a woman once she gave birth to a child. “*For there be eunuchs, which have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven’s sake*” due to this reality. Matthew 19:12.

When a baby is born, a woman sees for the first time something she loves more than herself. The change is traumatic, but often goes undetected through lack of knowledge and teaching on the subject. Love demands an object. The object is no longer herself, but the baby. Nonetheless, the woman is saved from her own self-love through childbearing! not through human psychology.

It is very dangerous to marry a woman who is still in love with herself. Why? Because love is blind. You are like Samson in the lap of Delilah with your eyes poked out. It is called the art of subtlety which she learned as a student under the Tree of Knowledge.

Men are inept to distinguish between their own idolatry of a woman and true love. Pornography, Hollywood and the 20th century liberated female has created the problem. Hence, many a Christian chooses a wife by his eyesight, as the “sons of God” did (Genesis 6:2) and marry “cats.” “The woman that married dear old dad” only exists in books. Often the only one falling in love at the nuptial vows is Mr. Lot.

Jesus commanded the church to go two by two! *“And the contention was so sharp (over John Mark) between them, that they departed asunder one from the other.”* Acts 15:39. You only failed the great Apostle once! Most of the Apostles did not follow Paul’s example of taking a John Mark, a Timothy, or a Titus. They carried about virgins as their co-partner instead. They kept them virgins for as long as they could, realizing this transition that would take place in a woman through sex. *“Nevertheless he that standeth stedfast in his heart, having no necessity, but hath power over his own will, and has so decreed in his heart that he will keep his virgin, doeth well.”* 1 Corinthians 7:37. Do you think such an Apostle, carrying about a virgin, could be an Evangelist for the Assemblies of God? *“So then (Paul’s conclusion) he that giveth her in marriage doeth well: but he that giveth her not in marriage doeth better.”* 1 Corinthians 7:38. It is better to “co-habit”, keeping his virgin, than to marry, according to Paul.

“But if any man think that he behaveth himself uncomely toward his virgin, if she pass the flower of her age, and need so require, let him do what he will, he sinneth not; let them marry.” 1 Corinthians 7:36. Either become a eunuch, or carry about a virgin (that will one day be your wife or perhaps already betrothed) to escape this transition that transpires through birthing.

Does all the foregoing lead you to believe we are still under the command, *“be fruitful, multiply and replenish the earth?”* Or rather *“Woe unto them that give suck in those days.”* Matthew 24:19.

Oral Roberts, speaking like the Pope of Rome on the Dominion Now telecast, advocated *“multiply, be fruitful and populate the earth!”* He is abrogating New Testament truth-- the earth with 5 billion souls is already “filled”. Even the Pope recommends the “rhythm method” to use constraint during the five days of each month that pregnancy is possible. *“But this I say, brethren, the time is short: it remaineth, that both they that have wives be as though they had none.”* 1 Corinthians 7:29.

“Be fruitful and multiply” applies to the spiritual family today rather than the natural. We are challenged to even become *“eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven’s sake,”* (Matthew 19:12) as far as the natural family. *“They loved not their lives unto the death.”* Revelation 12:11. In fact, Mark 10:28-31 reads, *“But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions: and in the world to come eternal life.”* All this for getting our priorities straight. Father God’s family is eternal, and yours is only temporal; one-half of whom will probably choose to go to hell.

Religion, whether Protestant or Catholic, advocates “no birth control.” If preachers would preach the New Testament covenant, perhaps the “abortion problem” would never be an issue. It certainly was no issue in the household of John the Baptist, Jesus of Nazareth, and the Apostles Paul and Barnabus that ushered in the New Covenant!

“There are giants in the land!” Sounds like a story from Gulliver’s Travels when the little people discovered Gulliver asleep on their beach. *“As it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.”* Luke 17:26. “Giants” were the offspring from ungodly marriages that the church is warned, from the beginning of time, to never *“Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers.”* 2 Corinthians 6:14.

“That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose...There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.” Genesis 6:2,4.

In the antediluvian world, through the “mingling of seed,” they gave birth to giants. What were physical giants then, has a spiritual connotation today, but the same principle of spiritual intercourse with Babylon (Revelation 17:1-2) is still applicable.

The syndicated Hearst newspapers first rocketed Billy Graham into prominence. Why did William Randolph Hearst, a Freemason, decide to bring such notoriety to this particular evangelist? Hearst was an ardent, hard-hitting anti-Communist at the time. He has long since mellowed, and claims only “citizenship of the world.”

“And Israel abode in Shittim, and the people began to commit whoredom with the daughters of Moab. And they called the people unto the sacrifices of their gods; and the people did eat, and bowed down to their gods and Israel joined himself unto Baal-peor.” Numbers 25:1-3. What Balaam could not accomplish to satisfy Balaak “to curse Israel” through his gift, he accomplished through counseling. *“Behold, these cause the children of Israel, through the counsel of Balaam, to commit trespass against the Lord in the matter of Peor.”* Numbers 31:16.

Until the rise of these “giants”, everyone accepted the Holy Ghost (the precious Paraclete) as our Comforter and Counselor. The more counselors that arise the greater the explosion of the cults.

A spiritual plague has broken out prophesied by Amos. *“Behold, the days come, saith the LORD God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor of thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD: and they shall wander from sea to sea (from Morris Cerullo in San Diego to Pat Robertson in Virginia Beach, Virginia), and from the north even to the east (from Minneapolis to Atlanta, Georgia), they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find it.”* Amos 8:11-12.

One of the most sobering verses in scripture is, *“Remember Lot’s wife.”* Luke 17:32. Lot’s wife had two daughters in Sodom who were married to men of Sodom. Mrs. Lot loved family reunion parties so she could visit her grandchildren. *“And Lot went out, and spake to his sons in law, which married his daughters, and said, Up, get you out of this place (Have you ever tried giving any instruction to a son in law?) for the LORD will destroy this place: for the LORD will destroy the city. But he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons in law.”* (We have our own religion, I am a Baptist, I am a Catholic.) Genesis 19:14.

“And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear you, when you depart thence, shake off the dust under your feet for a testimony against them.” Mark 6:11. The Assemblies of God wonder if Lot told the sons in law “the truth in love!” Whether Lot did nor not, God said after Lot’s warning, *“Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrha in the day of judgment than for (the inhabitants of) that city.”* Do you know how hard it is to speak to your own family on anything of a

spiritual nature? But Lot had kicked the dust off his feet on his own daughters, and thus had nothing to look back to.

“Remember Lot’s wife” is the warning to this end time people! She tried to save that which cannot be saved! Sure, the sons in law and daughters will show up for one of Mrs. Lot’s family reunions. Just make sure there is some beer and pretzels for the sons in law, or no show! Mrs. Lot has to determine how big a price she is willing to pay to see her grandchildren. Mrs. Lot was a grandmother! Mrs. Lot is all attached to her grandbabies, not about angels, hail and brimstone and her husband’s fanaticism! Once a woman has gone to bed with her own husband, in her eyes he is regarded as carnal. All sex was dirty to Mrs. Lot. Lot’s wife was like the sons in law, “as one that mocked” as well.

Mrs. Lot was only interested in her family. She had already compromised with her sons in law and daughters to see those adorable grandchildren. Do you know your own flesh will hold as hostages the grandchildren to break your will? But Mrs. Lot was determined (no matter the price) to save that which cannot be saved. It is this attitude that cost her her own life.

Today, the Mafia and Pastor Glen Cole is all that can save the natural family. When you marry into the Mafia it is, alas, “until death do us part.” Most of us, again, are like Lot, lucky if 50% are saved.

Jesus said, *“Think not that I am come to send peace on earth (in the family unit): I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. And a man’s foes shall be they of his own household.”* Matthew 10:34-36.

Jesus describes this experience as the cross each must bear. Mrs. Lot surrendered her cross to that which she could not save. *“He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me...And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me.”* Matthew 10:37-38.

The church today doesn’t even know what the cross is. When your own sons or daughters choose Sodom, are you going to join him or her at a Mick Jagger rock concert? If you do, you’re not fit for the kingdom of heaven. Do you think the prodigal son’s father went down to the pig pen every day to check up on how he was doing? He waited until the son “came to himself” and was fed up with slop!

If your son or daughter decides, Hell is for me! do you have to go along too because he or she came out of your stomach? If Mrs. Lot had kept her love aflame for her husband, she could have made a different choice.

I’ve been hesitant saying this because I never know how it would develop. The church is guilty of letting the world go to hell, while attempting “to save that which cannot be saved”--the natural family! We make hypocrites out of church members due to our emphasis on the family. Children belong to God! Children are only loaned to us, and must be returned to their Father. *“Call no man on earth father, for one is your Father which is in heaven.”* Matthew 23:9. You do not build an earthly kingdom in competition to Father God’s kingdom.

The church exalts the kingdom of an earthly father. Read Matthew 13:46-50. *“For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, my sister, and mother.”* (Notice the absence of father.) You only have ONE Father.

As Christians we better wake up, because the worst is yet to come! *“And ye shall be hated of all men for my name’s sake,”* (Mark 13:13) and then the end shall come, for the very next verse reads, *“But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing (this image of the beast) where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand).”* Mark 13:14. The Bible says we can understand!

I noticed in Luke 17, sandwiched between *“Remember Lot’s wife,”* are instructions on one side of the text (Luke 17:31) for the Jew to flee into Petra. On the other side (Luke 17:34-36) is the rapture of Gentile believers. *“And they answered and said unto him, Where, Lord? and he said unto them, Wheresoever the body is, thither will the eagles be gathered together.”* Luke. 17:37.

This same scripture is found in Matthew 24:28, just prior to the reading, *“For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together. Immediately after the tribulation of those days* (the being hated of all men and the enduring for 3½ years)... *“and then shall appear the sign of the Son of man (the carcase) in heaven.”* Matthew 24:28-30.

Grant Jeffrey says the carcass is referring to Israel. Once again, and I love Brother Jeffrey, but he needs the Baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire. That carcass speaks of the dead body on the cross and the resurrection. This is referring to the rapture, but doesn’t fit into Grant Jeffrey’s “pre-trib” rapture theory. They all “twist” the scripture to fit in some preconceived theological position that will be acceptable to Dr. Walvoord of Dallas Theological Seminary.

Dr. Walvoord, AB, DD at Wheaton College, AM at Texas Christian University TH.B, TH.M., TH.D. at Dallas Theological Seminary, and past president of the Evangelical Theological Society, has specialized in the field of Biblical eschatology for more than 30 years. His academic background, plus extensive travels in the Middle East make him unusually capable of preparing theological and eschatological studies. Dr. Walvoord is the spiritual Henry Kissinger of the church. If condemned by Walvoord, Jeffrey’s books will not sell.

This is not a resurrection from the dead. The dead are safe from Antichrist. It will be a “snatching away” of the living saints of God. *“I tell you, in that night there shall be two men in a bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left. Two women shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two men shall be in the field; the other one shall be taken, and the other left.”* Luke 17:34-36. There is no mention of the dead or a resurrection, only a rapture of the living saints who have endured 3½ years on earth with the Antichrist. This rapture is not a fulfillment of 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, which involves a resurrection of the dead.

For God’s word plainly teaches that *“And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven, and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn.”* Why do the tribes of the earth mourn because of the rapture, unless Christians are their slaves! *“And they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of*

heaven and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds from one end of heaven to the other.” Matthew 24:30-31.

The Jews flee into Petra of Jordan, and believers are raptured “ON THE SAME DAY” that God will commence the wrath of God upon Antichrist and those who took his mark in their forehead or right hand. The church escapes the last 3½ years by rapture. “*For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ.*” 1 Thessalonians 5:9.

This thing of believing you’ll “fly away” before Antichrist arrives, next to unconditional eternal security, is the second biggest lie propagated by the church. “*Speaking lies in hypocrisy.*” 1 Timothy 4:2.

Read the word! “*Immediately after the tribulation of those days (the first 3½ years), shall the SUN be DARKENED, and the MOON (turned to blood) will not give her light, and the STARS shall fall from heaven, and the POWERS OF THE HEAVENS shall be shaken. And THEN shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven.*” Matthew 24:29-30. Jesus cannot come tomorrow! Blood, fire and vapour of smoke precedes His coming! “*And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; BLOOD, and FIRE, and VAPOUR OF SMOKE: the SUN shall be turned into DARKNESS, and the MOON INTO BLOOD, BEFORE that great and notable DAY OF THE LORD COME.*” Acts 2:19-20.

Has the moon turned to blood, yet? It is not a question of setting dates like Harold Camping of “Open Forum” in his book, 1994?, but a series of events that must transpire before His coming. When is the last time you ever heard any preacher tell you that “blood, fire, and vapour of smoke” must precede the coming of the Lord? The preacher already knows that time will not come before we are in the middle of Daniel’s 70th week. How am I going to pay for my television station? my new church? if I tell them the truth.

The doctrine of “I’ll fly away” is to Protestants exactly what Purgatory is to Catholics. Both doctrines pay the bills! Why, if people knew they had to endure for 3½ years here on earth with the Antichrist, they would be thinking “survival” during this “*hour of temptation which shall come upon all the world to try them that dwell on the earth.*” Revelation 2:10.

2 Thessalonians 2:1-8--you do not need to be a rocket scientist, or brain surgeon to understand these eight verses. Paul gives two things that must transpire before Jesus can come back.

1. The falling away after they see Antichrist on the earth. They will know then the money was extracted under “false pretense”, a criminal offense. The preacher is guilty of extortion and you will look him up, after he has obtained your money under the pretext that you would never see the Antichrist since, “We’ll fly away!”

2. The man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition. 2 Thessalonians 2:3 (to the Gentile student of prophesy). 2 Thessalonians 2:8 is to the Jew when Antichrist enters the new Jewish temple. During the first 3½ years the Jews believe he is their Messiah.

George Whitfield, probably the greatest preacher since the Apostle Paul, singlehandedly broke the back of John Calvin. The separation between these two churches occurred under the great Wesleyan Methodist revival. That revival is even recorded in scripture, *“These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that HATH THE KEY OF DAVID.”* Revelation 3:7. Charles Wesley must have written over 500 songs that the church sings to this very hour.

Pentecostalism was meant to be an outgrowth of Methodism. We were not to make a box (the Assemblies of God) to corral the Holy Ghost. Because they are guilty, they will unquestionably be delivered into the hands of Laodicea, who they have been courting ever since the creation of the C.I. Scofield Bible.

Returning to our text as we close, *“But the SAME DAY that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone.”* The Jews knew the incident “the abomination of desolation”, not “the day or the hour.” When Antichrist sets up his image, a young bull calf, in the newly erected Jewish temple they will know then they have been deceived. They must leave Jerusalem and depart for Petra to be saved! All will happen “ON THE SAME DAY.” Only a mid-trib rapture answers all the unanswered questions left by the John Darbyites of Dallas Theological, Fuller, Wheaton, and Jerry Falwell.

George Whitfield is our hero. We do not have to fight the war on Calvinism in every generation. The giant is dead. Believe it! This is the house of Calvinism, *“Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing.”* Revelation 3:17.

Noah preached for 120 years and never got a convert. The message was too straight for that generation. Billy Graham is unprecedented in the history of evangelism. No other evangelical fundamentalist preacher would join the World Council of Churches. It is this spiritual intercourse with the daughters of men (World Council of Churches) that has created this giant. Oral Roberts, another giant, followed suit by joining in with the leaders of the World Council of Churches by his Methodist ordination. *“Woe unto them who ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward.”* Jude 11.

With the sudden rise of these giants there has been a corresponding explosion of the cults. The Mormons, Jehovah’s Witnesses, New Age double and triple in size every ten years since the advent of giants! Read Jeremiah 23:16-22, *“in the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly.”* Jeremiah 23:20.