**YOU BETTER HURRY UP**

**Genesis 19:15-17**

[**15**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Genesis-19-15/)**And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which are here; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city.**

[**16**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Genesis-19-16/)**And while he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; the LORD being merciful unto him: and they brought him forth, and set him without the city.** [**17**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Genesis-19-17/)**And it came to pass, when they had brought them forth abroad, that he said, Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed.**

**INTRO:**

**\*\*This is a segment of the story of Lot getting out of Sodom and Gomorrah.**

**\*\*God sent two angels to destroy the city, but before they did, they looked like men and warned Lot and his family and helped them to escape. God was merciful!**

**1. Notice the Wickedness**

 **a. Sodomy was a Popular Sin**

**Genesis 19:4 But before they lay down, the men of the city, *even* the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter:**

**\*\*The young and the old, and all the people were seeking to know these men in an ungodly way. Everybody was in on it.**

 **b. Sodomy was a Perverted Sin**

**Genesis 19:5 And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where *are* the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them.**

**\*\*We can see their Inquiry, their Insistence, and their Intentions.**

 **c. Sodomy was a Public Sin**

**\*\*The public of Sodom were well aware of the Practice and the Pride of the sins committed.**

**2. Notice the Warning**

 **a. There was a Warning about Departing**

**Genesis 19:12 And the men said unto Lot, Hast thou here any besides? son in law, and thy sons, and thy daughters, and whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring *them* out of this place:**

 **b. There was a Warning about Destruction**

**Genesis 19:13 For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the LORD; and the LORD hath sent us to destroy it.**

**\*\*The warning was a Direct Warning, a Desperate Warning, and a Despised Warning.**

**Genesis 19:14 And Lot went out, and spake unto his sons in law, which married his daughters, and said, Up, get you out of this place; for the LORD will destroy this city. But he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons in law.**

**3. Notice the Withdrawal**

**\*\*When Lot withdrew from Sodom, he left with less than when he hoped to have more than he had when he went.**

**\*\*He lost his Standards, his Stuff, and his Spouse. When we try to fit in with the world we’ll end up losing more than we will ever hope to gain.**

**Luke 17:28-30 [28](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Luke-17-28/%22%20%5Co%20%22Luke%2017%3A28%20KJV%20verse%20detail)Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded;** [**29**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Luke-17-29/)**But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed *them* all.** [**30**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Luke-17-30/)**Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.**

**\*\*This statement I’m about to make is not to lessen the serious sin of sodomy; however, notice that even though sodomy was a part of the wickedness in Sodom that the Lord did not mention that part of Sodom’s corrupt ways. Instead, He mentions their Partying and their Prosperity that caused them to part from the ways of God. They were in love with Money and with being Merry which always leads to even more wicked, wicked sins!**

**\*\*This is what scares me for people that you and I know. They are in love with Money and being Merry, and their choices are made based upon these two things which takes them away from church and leads to more and more sin.**

**\*\*So today the Lord had laid on my heart to give a stern warning that You Better Hurry Up And Get Ready To Go ‘cause God is getting ready to come back, take His bride, and rain down judgment upon the world!**

**I. THE UNFAITHFUL BETTER HURRY UP**

**I Corinthians 4:2 Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.**

 **A. Be Faithful to Our Christ**

 **1. Live according to His Word.**

 **2. Live according to His Will.**

 **B. Be Faithful to Our Church**

 **1. Hurry up and be faithful in our Participation.**

 **2. Hurry up and be faithful in our Praising.**

 **3. Hurry up and be faithful in our Part.**

**\*\*Many times I’ve heard church members say, “One day preacher I’m going to . . . . . .” Then hurry up! The time is now to be faithful because God’s judgment is going to strike any day now!**

 **C. Be Faithful to Our Commission**

 **1. Hurry up and Call somebody and witness to them.**

 **2. Hurry up and Compel somebody and witness to them.**

 **3. Hurry up and Corner somebody and witness to them.**

**\*\*This thing is going to be over before long! If you intend on being faithful, do it now while there’s time.**

**II. THE UNINTERESTED BETTER HURRY UP**

**\*\*God knows how to get your attention and make you interested again, but what will it cost you? That’s the question.**

 **A. Get interested now ‘cause God’s Pardon is Accessible**

**Isaiah 55:6 Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:**

 **1. Get interested while He is Close**

 **2. Get interested while He is Calling**

**\*\*You better hurry up cause He won’t always be close or calling!**

 **B. Get interested now ‘cause God’s Pardon is Abundant**

**Isaiah 55:7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.**

 **1. God is willing to Abundantly Pardon your Sins**

 **2. God is willing to Abundantly Pardon your Stupidity**

**\*\*If this doesn’t interest you at all because you are too interested more in the pleasures of the world, then I pray that God will take whatever he has to take from you to make you interested in Him again so you don’t lose your soul in a devil’s hell! Lot lost a lot in order to escape what caught his interest and kept him from God!**

**III. THE UNCERTAIN BETTER HURRY UP**

**John 14:5-6 [5](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-14-5/%22%20%5Co%20%22John%2014%3A5%20KJV%20verse%20detail)Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?**

[**6**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-14-6/)**Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**

 **A. The Uncertain Better Hurry Up and Make their Choice**

 **1. If you choose Salvation, you are choosing Heaven!**

 **a. Hurry up and Repent!**

 **b. Hurry up and Rededicate!**

 **2. If you choose Satan, you are choosing Hell!**

**\*\*People choose hell every time they turn away from the Savior, turn away from the Scripture, turn away from the Spirit, and turn away from the Sanctuary.**

 **B. The Uncertain Better Hurry Up and Make their Course**

 **1. The right course is this Jesus Christ that leads us to the Father!**

 **2. The right course is this Joyous Church that leads us to the Fountain!**

**\*\*It’s time the Uncertain make their Choice and make their Course.**

**IV. THE UNCONCERNED BETTER HURRY UP**

**James 4:13-15** [**13**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/James-4-13/)**Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain:** [**14**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/James-4-14/)**Whereas ye know not what *shall be* on the morrow. For what *is* your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.** [**15**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/James-4-15/)**For that ye *ought* to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.**

 **A. So many are unconcerned about their Future**

**James 4:14a [14](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/James-4-14/%22%20%5Co%20%22James%204%3A14%20KJV%20verse%20detail)Whereas ye know not what *shall be* on the morrow.**

 **1. So many live unconcerned about the Torture of Hell.**

 **2. So many live unconcerned about the Truth of Hell.**

**Illustration: I saw a video of a false preacher who was preaching a funeral and saying that hell is a joke and that there is no hell! HE PREACHED A HUGE LIE. There was a congregation of people agreeing with him!**

**\*\*You better get concerned about your future and whether you will live in a Burning Hell or a Blessed Heaven for eternity!**

 **B. So many are unconcerned about the Facts**

**James 4:14b For what *is* your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.**

 **1. Your Life will End One Day**

 **2. Your Life will Expire One Day**

**\*\*All those things you thought were so important in life that had nothing to do with Christ or Church just will not matter when your life ends and expires!**

**\*\*You better hurry up and get concerned about your Condition, your Children, your Church, and your Christ!**

**V. THE UNSAVED BETTER HURRY UP**

**II Corinthians 6:2b behold, now *is* the accepted time; behold, now *is* the day of salvation.**

**\*\*You better hurry up and get saved . . .**

 **A. When you know you’re Ungodly**

 **1. You know your Character is Sinful**

 **2. You know your Conduct is Shameful**

**\*\*That’s how you know you need to get saved!**

 **B. When you know you’re Unjust**

**\*\*You know you are unjust because when you look deep down inside your soul you see . . .**

 **1. You’re Wrong**

 **2. You’re Wretched**

 **3. You’re Wicked**

**\*\*You better hurry up and get to Jesus and do business with God my friend!**

 **C. When you know you’re Undone**

**\*\*You are undone . . .**

 **1. When you don’t have this Salvation in your heart.**

 **2. When you don’t have the Savior in your heart.**

 **3. When you don’t have the Spirit in your heart.**

**\*\*Look inside your soul, and if it isn’t there, then you are undone and need to get saved! You better hurry up!**

**CLOSE**

**\*\*The two angels were telling Lot to tell his family to hurry up. Lot told his Sons-in-Law to hurry up, but they mocked him and ignored him.**

**\*\*Many today are mocking and ignoring the gospel message that says hurry up and get ready to go. You better not take any chances friend. You better hurry up!**

**\*\*The Unfaithful, the Uninterested, the Uncertain, the Unconcerned, and the Unsaved all better hurry up and make sure their hearts are right with God and closed to God and doing what God wants them to do because time is running out everyday!**

**SONG: YOU BETTER HURRY UP! Get ready to go.**

**YOU BETTER HURRY UP! No time to be slow!**

**If you wanna ride on the glory cloud**

**With the Savior and His chosen crowd**

**YOU BETTER HURRY UP! Get ready to go.**

**\*\*There’s no doubt that today is the day of salvation, the day to get everything right and in order with the Lord. The question is will you make it the day of salvation and getting things right and in order for your life? You better quit waiting around wasting time and you better hurry up and get this thing settled once and for all!**