

# *The Cry of Sodom and Gomorrah*

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Genesis 4:10 And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground.

Romans 8:22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.

- I. There is a progression of sin in the world that leads to a point of climax, and we are at the precipice now.
  - A. The systematic forsaking of God and removing all the restraints of his laws and his influence unfolds into worldwide confusion, disaster, violence, and destruction.
  - B. There are stages of this digression into oblivion and there are cries going up to heaven through each of them.
  - C. There is the cry of the triumph of the wicked as they rejoice in their unrestrained sin and fleshly pleasure.
  - D. There is the cry of the righteous as they watch this forsaking of God and righteousness and the celebration of sin and rebellion.
  - E. Then there are cries of anger and desperation as all the sin, which is transgression, causes division, anger, strife, hatred, frustration, and violence, which are all the result of people being sinned against by others.
  - F. At the end of this cycle there is simply a cry of weeping and helplessness and resignation to the fact that all is lost.
  
- II. We have seen this entire cycle in my lifetime.
  - A. People my age and older have lived through the celebration of casting away the bands and cords of God and his people's influence.
  - B. We have watched as the world systematically demolished one by one the pillars of morality that God designed into the creation.
    1. Particularly the male and female distinction and their respective roles in society.
    2. In order to bring down the male and female pillars of God's creation the moral law concerning male and female interaction had to be laid aside.
    3. This has led to the confusion we see now about sexuality and gender; erase the gender roles that God established and no one knows who they are anymore, or who they are supposed to be.
  - C. We have seen them celebrate their rebellion against God and become more and more brazen in their blasphemy against Him.
  - D. We have watched as the churches followed suit and joined the fray.
  - E. We have also watched as the few voices that were spiritual enough and wise enough to know what was going on and where it would lead to tried to warn, but were cast aside and silenced.
  
- III. What we are witnessing now is the finale; the point where it is all about to hit the wall of God's judgement.

- A. One of the biggest evidences that this is a true fact is the cry that is going up to heaven right now from this world filled with violence, injustice, and disorder.
- B. There has been a change in the past few weeks and months.
- C. It is a change in what God is hearing in heaven from this world.
- D. We have lived through all the political movements that were going to change things and did not.
- E. We have lived through election after election thinking that working the system and putting good people into the high places would turn back the clock on this moral collapse, but it never did.
- F. We have hoped for revival from churches that celebrate their own sinfulness with the ungodly world around them and whose basic doctrines are based around their sin rather than the Word of God or the holiness of God, and of course, revival has not come, and will not come.
- G. We have thought for years that things surely cannot get any worse, but they have continually gotten worse, and now we literally feel the darkness deepening literally weekly, and even daily.
- H. We used to think we could see where things were going and pretended that we knew what was coming next, but now only fools think that.
- I. The past couple of weeks with this thing in Afghanistan has brought about another depth to the darkness that is almost palatable to those who are spiritually aware and know the Word of God, and have understanding for the times.

1 Chronicles 12:32 And of the children of Issachar, which were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do; the heads of them were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their commandment.

- J. We have passed into another stage, or level of this digression into darkness.
- K. There is this feeling of utter hopelessness, as far as the situation of this world.
- L. Although we claim, as the children of God, to have always had hope because “we know how this thing ends,” we have not really practiced that belief, but have hoped all along for deliverance from this mess from some earthly source or scheme – politics, some earthly event, or some earthly hero.
- M. Now the children of God are coming to the full realization that all in this world is truly and actually lost and that our only hope really is the coming of the Lord.
- N. There is this feeling of utter helplessness as we watch the injustice, the violence and slaughter of thousands, and soon to be millions and billions of people.
- O. We are past the point of anger and talk about “doing something about it” to the point of just helpless weeping and lamenting at the awfulness of what this world has come to.
- P. This was the point Sodom had come to.

Genesis 18:20-21 And the LORD said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous; I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know.

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.

- 1. Where was the cry coming from in Sodom?
- 2. It was coming from the innocents who were being done so wrongly by those who had gained the power and control to do what they wanted.
- Q. This was the point of the world in Noah’s day.
- R. God hears this cry of his people and of the innocent blood.

- S. There was a cry reaching heaven from Egypt when his people began to be so mistreated and their situation was impossible.

Exodus 2:23-25 And it came to pass in process of time, that the king of Egypt died: and the children of Israel sighed by reason of the bondage, and they cried, and their cry came up unto God by reason of the bondage. And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. And God looked upon the children of Israel, and God had respect unto them.

Exodus 3:7 And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows;

Exodus 3:9 Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them.

Exodus 12:30 And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he, and all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt; for there was not a house where there was not one dead.

- T. It is a cry of bitter sorrow and helplessness.

Jeremiah 31:15 Thus saith the LORD; A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, and bitter weeping; Rahel weeping for her children refused to be comforted for her children, because they were not.

Isaiah 22:4-5 Therefore said I, Look away from me; I will weep bitterly, labour not to comfort me, because of the spoiling of the daughter of my people. For it is a day of trouble, and of treading down, and of perplexity by the Lord GOD of hosts in the valley of vision, breaking down the walls, and of crying to the mountains.

1. It is what people do when they realize that they absolutely cannot do anything about the situation and the situation is unbearable.
2. It is beyond the cry of anger or of frustration.
3. It is a cry that is uttered when we realize that any opportunity to deal with it ourselves is lost and there is now nothing to be done.
4. It is a cry that is uttered when everything has gone completely out of control; like an airplane crashing, or a ship sinking, or a head on collision just before it happens.

- U. This kind of cry moves God to action.

Exodus 22:22-24 Ye shall not afflict any widow, or fatherless child. If thou afflict them in any wise, and they cry at all unto me, I will surely hear their cry; And my wrath shall wax hot, and I will kill you with the sword; and your wives shall be widows, and your children fatherless.

Nehemiah 9:9 And didst see the affliction of our fathers in Egypt, and heardest their cry by the Red sea;

Psalms 34:17 The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

Psalms 106:44 Nevertheless he regarded their affliction, when he heard their cry:

Luke 18:7-8 And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?

- V. God always separates his people who are crying apart before the sentence is carried out.

Ezekiel 9:4-6 And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof. And to the others he said in mine hearing, Go ye after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity: Slay utterly old and young, both maids, and little children, and women: but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at my sanctuary. Then they began at the ancient men which were before the house.

1. Do you have that mark on you today?
  2. Are you sighing and crying for the abominations being done in our land, and in the world?
  3. The question is not, "Are you angry or upset about all this?"
  4. The question is not, "How are you going to vote next time?"
  5. The question is, "Are you signing and crying for the abominations that are done in this world around us?"
  6. If you are one of God's children your spirit within you should be stirred, broken, crying out to God, when you hear of the things being done.
  7. If you are one of God's children you will be drawn closer to God and pulled farther away from this world in times like these.
  8. If this darkness does not make you run to God it is because you are not one of his.
  9. This working in our lives should be obvious to those around us.
  10. The walking away from the world and its ways and its lures should be something that we automatically do as the darkness deepens around us.
  11. The running together of God's people is also a result of the deepening darkness – "...and so much more as ye see the day approaching."
- W. We have at least three plain things that Jesus strictly warned us about in these days.
1. Let no man deceive you.
  2. Watch and pray
  3. Be ready

Luke 21:34-36 And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

Luke 21:19 In your patience possess ye your souls.

Luke 21:24-28 And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled. And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

Matthew 24:25 Behold, I have told you before.

Matthew 25:6 And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.