

# Hope in the Inferno

Genesis 18:16 – 19:38



**The  
Guardian**

# Genesis 19

1 The two angels arrived at Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gateway of the city. ..

2 “My lords,” he said, “please turn aside to your servant’s house. ....



4-5 Before they had gone to bed, **all the men** from every part of the city of Sodom—both young and old—surrounded the house. They called to Lot, “Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us **so that we can have sex with them.**”

6-8 Lot went outside to meet them .., “No, **my friends**. Don’t do this wicked thing. Look, **I have two daughters** who have never slept with a man. Let me bring them out to you, and **you can do what you like with them**. But don’t do anything to these men, for they have come under the protection of my roof.”

# Genesis 19

9-11, “Get out of our way,” “.. we’ll treat you worst than them” .. the men inside .. pulled Lot back .. struck the men ...with blindness.

12 The two men said to Lot, “Do you have anyone else here—sons-in-law, sons or daughters, **or anyone else ..? Get them out of here,**

14 So Lot went out and spoke to **his sons-in-law**, who were **married to his daughters**. He said, “Hurry and get out of this place, because the LORD is about to destroy the city!” **But his sons-in-law thought he was joking.**

17 As soon as they had brought them out, one of them said, “Flee for your lives! Don’t look back, and don’t stop anywhere in the plain! **Flee to the mountains or you will be swept away!**”



# Genesis 19

19-20 “... But I **can't** flee to the mountains; **this disaster will overtake me, and I'll die.**

Look, here is **a town near enough to run to,** and it is small (**Zoar**). Let me flee to it..”

21 He said to him, “Very well, I will grant this request too; **I will not overthrow the town you speak of.**

24 Then **the LORD rained down burning sulfur** on Sodom and Gomorrah—from the LORD out of the heavens. Thus he overthrew those cities and the entire plain, destroying all those living in the cities—and also the vegetation in the land.

26 But Lot's wife looked back, and she became a pillar of salt.

29 So when God destroyed the cities of the plain, **he remembered Abraham**, and he brought Lot out of the catastrophe that overthrew the cities where Lot had lived.



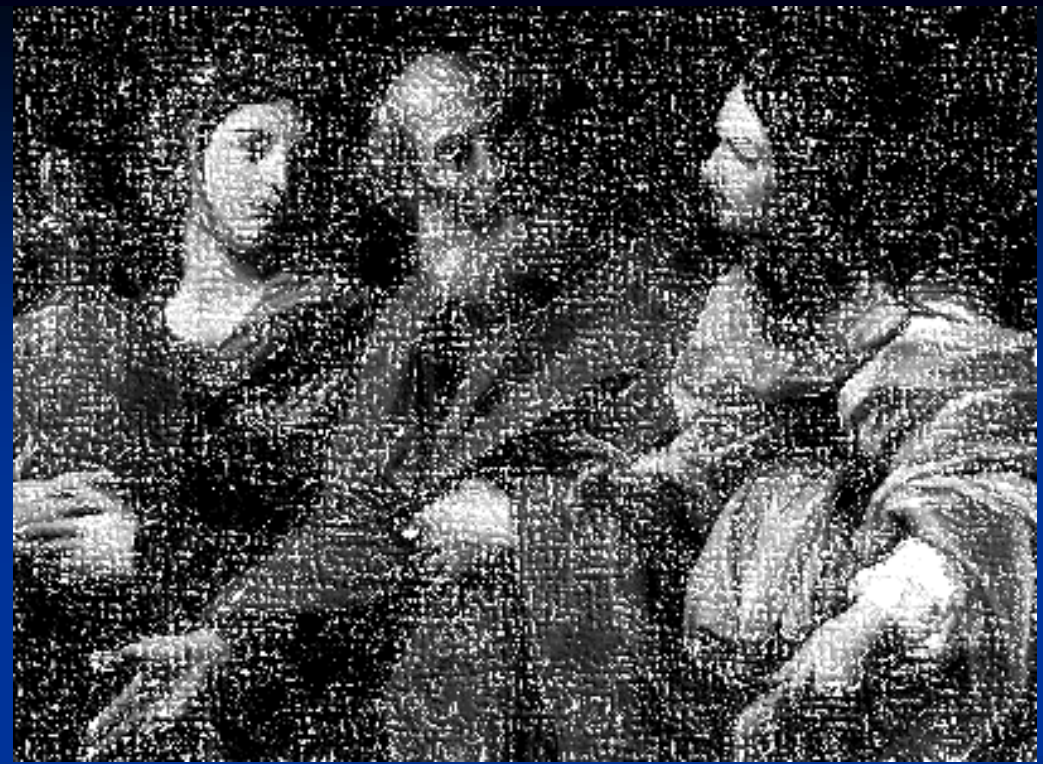
# Genesis 19

30 Lot and his two daughters left Zoar and settled in the mountains, for he was afraid to stay in Zoar. .. lived in a cave.

31 One day the older daughter said to the younger, “Our father is old, and there is no man around here to give us children—as is the custom all over the earth.

32 Let's get our father to drink wine and then sleep with him and preserve our family line through our father.”

36-38 So both of Lot's daughters became pregnant by their father. The older daughter had a son, and she named him Moab ; he is the father of the Moabites of today. The younger daughter also had a son, and she named him Ben-Ammi ; he is the father of the Ammonites of today.



# Hope in the Inferno



**Bargaining**

**Gen 18:16-33**

**Burning**

**Gen 19:1-29**

**Bewildering**

**Gen 19: 30-38**





# Bargaining with God

**DOES GOD  
CHANGE  
HIS MIND?**



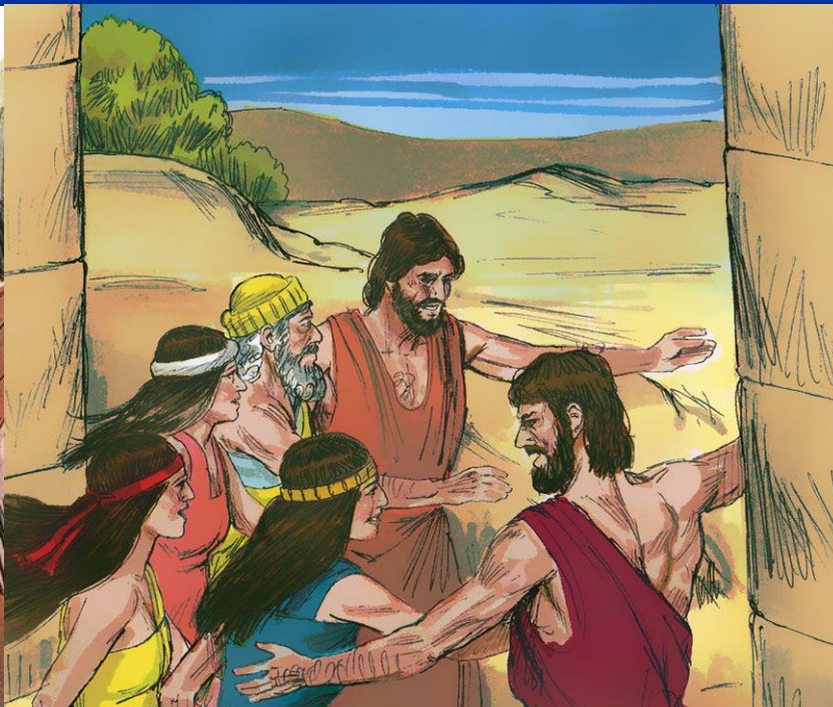
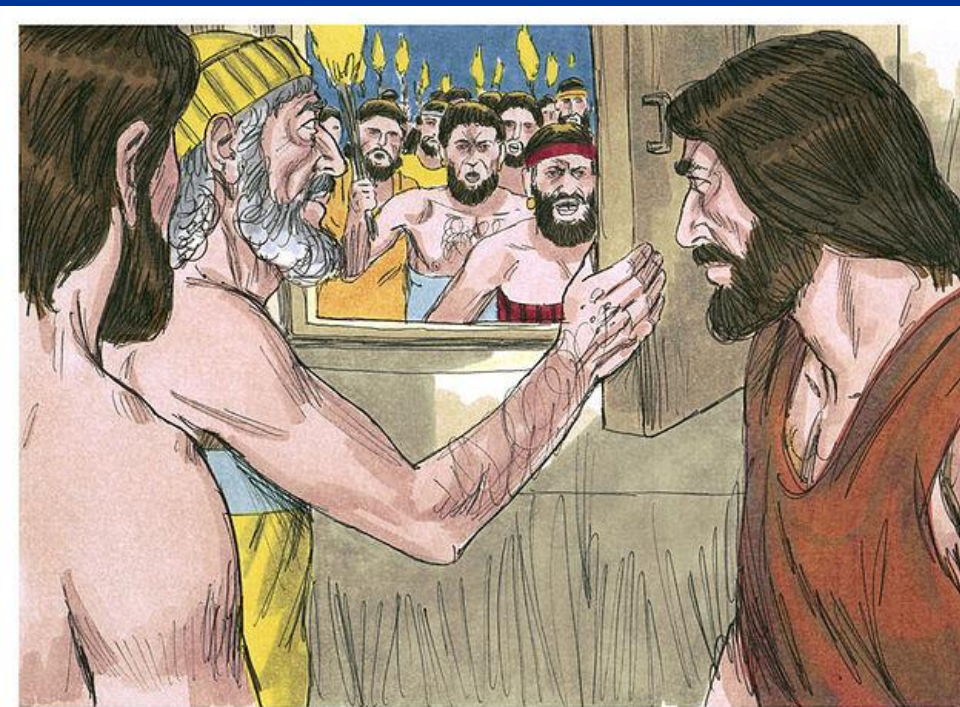
# Bargaining with God



MERCY

“So when God destroyed the cities of the plain, **he remembered Abraham**, and he brought Lot out of the catastrophe that overthrew the cities where Lot had lived.” - Gen 19:29

# Burning of in their evil desires



# Burning of Sodom & Gomorrah

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Major Direct Intervention to humanity.
- “Last” (the rest is linked to Israel) before the advent of Christ.
- Gen 13:13, “**Sodom** were wicked & sinning greatly against the LORD.”
- Gen 18:20, “The outcry against **Sodom & Gomorrah** is so great and their sins so grievous..”

# Mercy in the Burning Gomorrah

- “In a similar way, Sodom Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to immorality and perversion. They serve as an example of those who suffer the punishment of eternal fire.” - Jude 7
- “Do you have anyone else here—sons-in-law, sons or daughters, or anyone else ...? Get them out of here!!” - Gen 19:12

# Mercy in the Burning



- 19:21, ...“Very well, I will grant this request too; I will not overthrow the town you speak of.”

# Bewildering behaviour of Lot's daughters



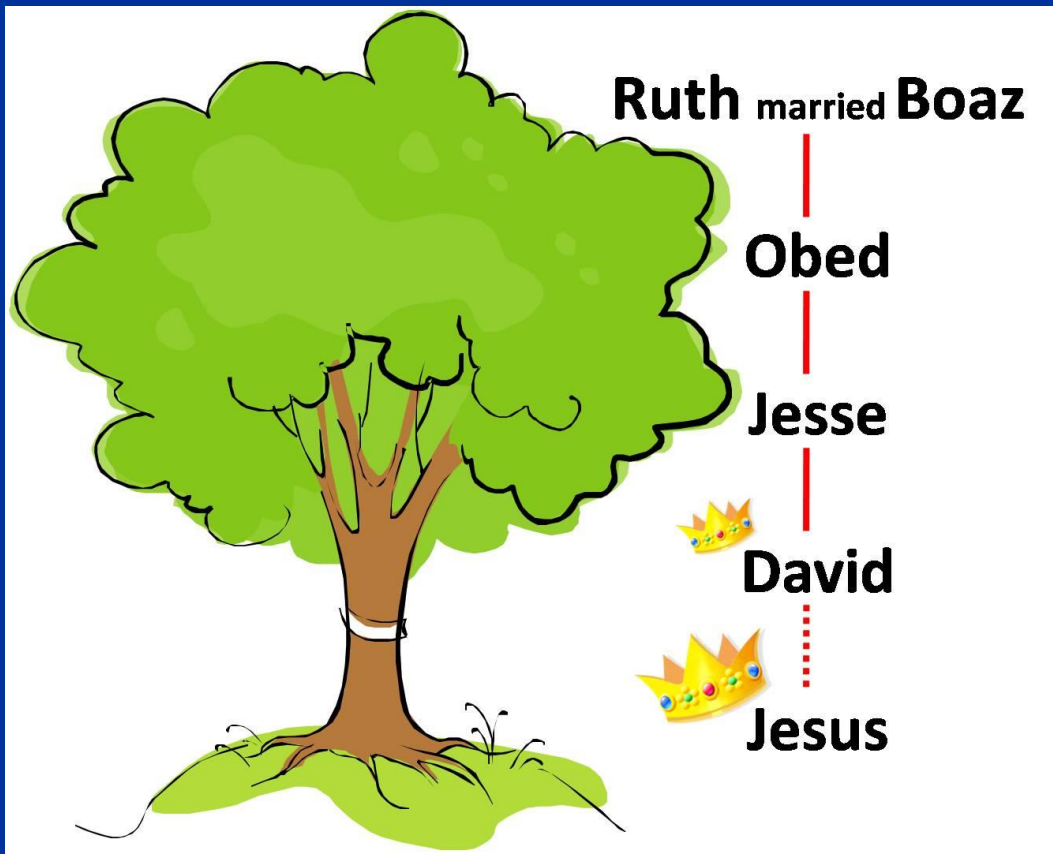
“Lot left Zoar and settled in the mountains for **he was afraid to stay in Zoar. . . . lived in a cave.**”

– Gen 19:30



# Bewildering behaviour of Lot's daughters

- Moab, father of Moabites
- Ben-Ammi, father of Ammonites



AND IF HE RESCUED LOT, A

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- 2 PETER 2:7

# Bargaining with His Goodness

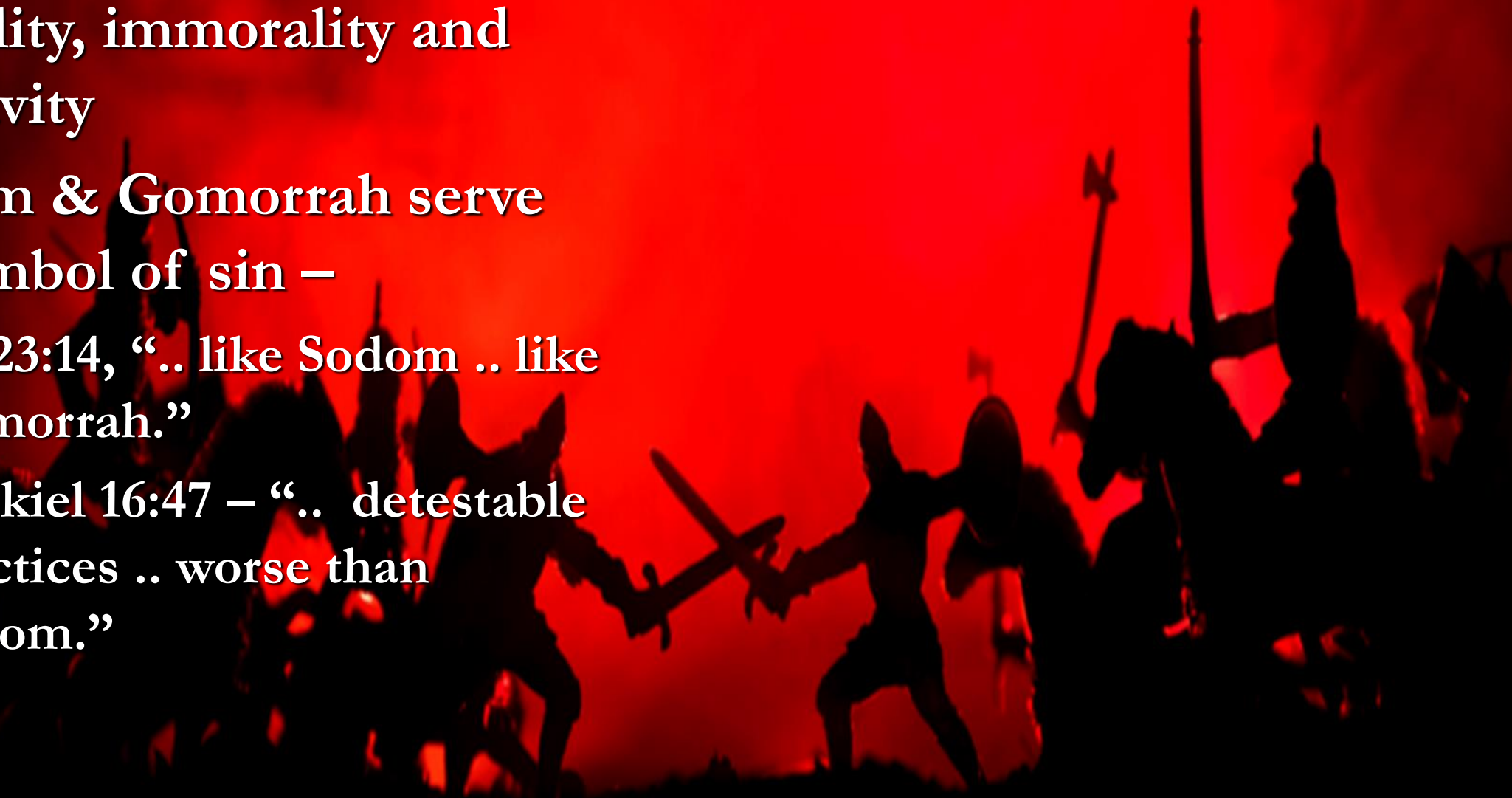
- For He is merciful, gracious and compassionate.
- For He is just, righteous and fair.
- For He is sovereign. His will shall prevail. He listens to His elect, leaving room for mitigation within His divine plan.
- For His favour is upon the righteous

Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.

**John 16:24**

# Burning in their Godlessness

- brutality, immorality and depravity
- Sodom & Gomorrah serve as symbol of sin –
  - Jer 23:14, “.. like Sodom .. like Gomorrah.”
  - Ezekiel 16:47 – “.. detestable practices .. worse than Sodom.”



Jesus Said:

“ Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot, They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.”

*Luke 17:28-30*

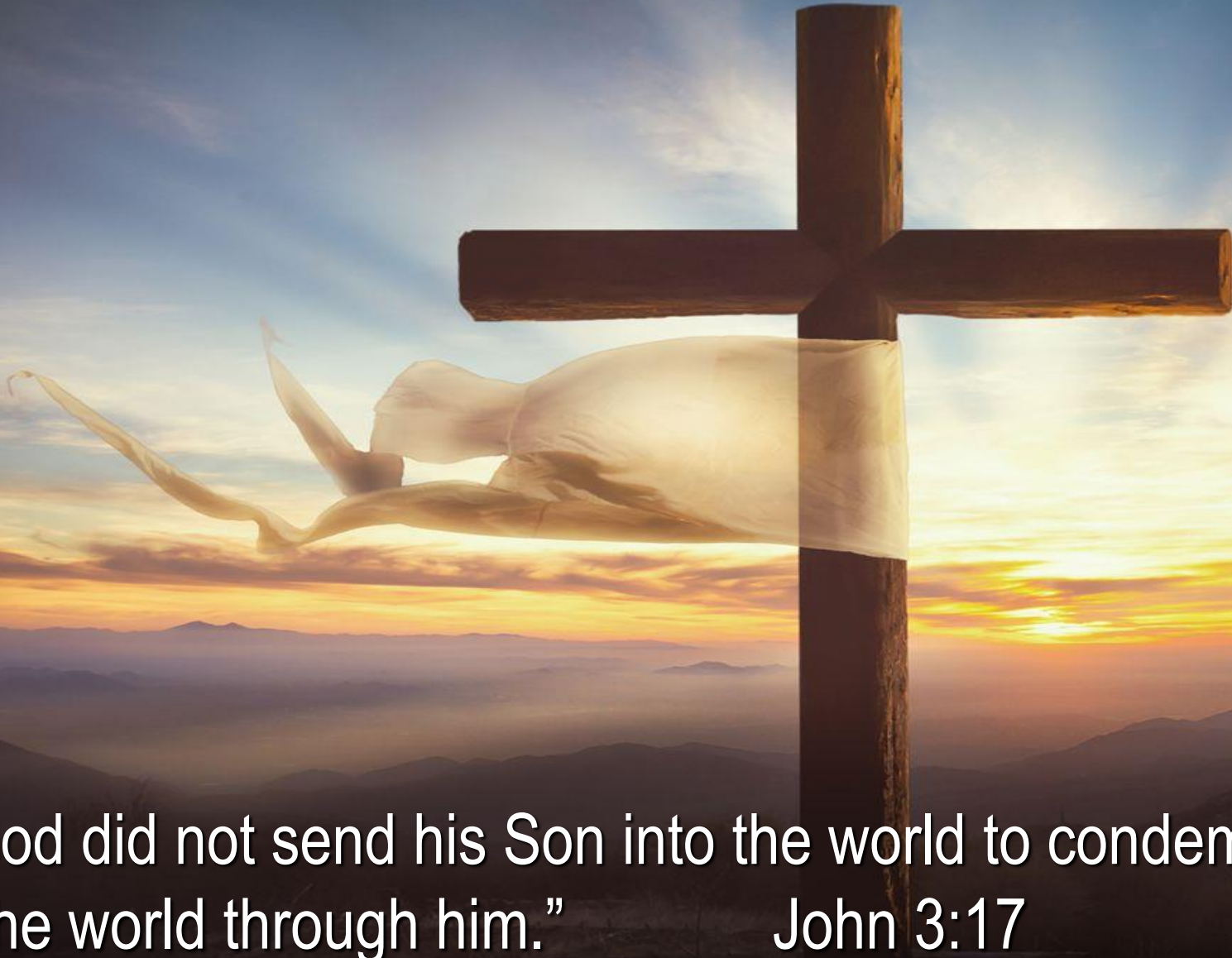


# Bewildering by His Graciousness

- Bewildering behaviours that met with Bewildering Grace



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“For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.” John 3:17



# Matthew 10:14-15

“Whoever does not receive you, nor heed your words, as you go out of that house or that city, shake the dust off your feet. <sup>15</sup> Truly I say to you, it will be more tolerable for *the* land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city.”



**And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? No, you will be brought down to Hades. For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I tell you that on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom than for you.” Matthew**

**11:23-24**

