

## Genesis 19 – Dealing with Evil

### February 16, 2020 Discussion Notes

Everyone is encouraged to bring a Bible

(Phone apps are good for reading together in the same translation. Study Bibles give help with interpretation.)



#### DEALING WITH EVIL

- BAD NEWS: EVIL IS IN THE WORLD
- GOOD NEWS: GOD JUDGES EVIL
- BAD NEWS: THERE IS EVIL IN US
- GOOD NEWS: MERCY IS AVAILABLE

#### Questions:

1. Think about some of your favorite stories (novels, movies, fairytales, etc.). How many of them have a villain and/or some sort of struggle between good and evil? Why do you think people tend to be drawn to stories like this?
2. What do you remember about each of the main points of the sermon? (seen above). Discuss what stood out to you. Do you have any questions to bring up?
3. Read Zechariah 3:1-7 (this is a prophetic vision that God gave to Zechariah about a high priest named Joshua)
  - a) What was Joshua wearing in the vision? What did this represent? (see Revelation 3:4-5 and Revelation 19:7-8)
  - b) Why would it be alarming for the high priest for the whole nation to be depicted this way?
  - c) What was Satan doing in the vision? Why was he doing this? (See Revelation 12:9-10. Also, have someone use a phone to look up the origin of the word “devil” in an online dictionary)
  - d) Were Satan’s accusations about Joshua true?
  - e) What was the Lord’s response to Satan?
  - f) What did it mean that Joshua was a “burning stick snatched from the fire”?
  - g) What was done about Joshua’s clothing? What does this represent?
  - h) What does God expect of Joshua now that he is clean? (see v. 7)
  - i) In what way does Zechariah’s vision give us hope for our own lives?
  - j) What should we do if we are feeling ashamed and condemned? (see John 5:24, Romans 8:1, James 5:16, and Acts 3:19)
4. Read Luke 4:1-2 and Luke 4:13-14
  - a) Why do you think the Holy Spirit would lead Jesus to a place of temptation and struggle?
  - b) After the 40 days were over, the devil left Jesus. Was this the end of the temptations? (see v. 13)
  - c) What was the difference between Jesus’ experience of the Holy Spirit in verse 1 and verse 14?
  - d) How can God use temptations and trials in our own lives for good? Share with the group if you have a story from your own life that illustrates this principle.
  - e) How can we overcome temptation? (see 1 Corinthians 10:13-14, 2 Timothy 2:22, and Matthew 6:9-13)
5. Now spend some time praying for each other. Pray for faith to truly believe that your sins are completely washed away. Also pray that your behavior would catch up to the righteousness you have in Christ. Ask God for the desire and the power to do what is right.