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**Spiritual Compromise**

***Genesis 13 & 19***

**Topic:** Compromise

**Subject:** What results from spiritual compromise?

**Complement:** Compromises brings pain, more compromise, and loss of common sense.

**Purpose:** The listeners will avoid spiritual compromise.

# Introduction

### Interest: Too often even godly believers can fall.

### Need: Are *you* protected from spiritual compromise?

### Subject: What results from spiritual compromise?

### Background: Lot’s flocks and herds were too large to dwell next to those of Abraham (Gen 13:1-9), so they needed a solution.

### Preview: Today we will see *three results* of spiritual compromise in the life of Lot.

### Text: Genesis 13 lays the foundation for Genesis 19.

# I. Compromise chooses short-term gains with long-term pains.

## Lot chose the best land to help his flocks in the short run but eventually ended up close to Sodom (Gen 13:10-13).

## Prov. 14:12—"There is a path before each person that seems right, but it ends in death.”

## Prov. 16:25—"There is a path before each person that seems right, but it ends in death” (Yes, the same verse appears twice! We need to hear it!).

## Lot’s choices sadly led to the deaths of his own future sons-in-law and even his wife.

# II. Compromise leads to more compromise.

## Dwelling in the cities of the plain led to dwelling in Sodom eventually (Gen 19:3). Lot lived among them at least ten years.

## He also moved from a tent (13:12) to a house (19:4).

## He also got “promoted” to being a leader who sat at the city gate (Gen 19:1).

## But he was still treated as a foreigner, as they still did not respect him, despite his efforts to assimilate into Sodom. Proverbs 1 applies here where he eventually sits in the seat of mockers.

# III. Compromise makes us lose our common sense or logic.

## To protect his guests from homosexual abuse, he even offered his two daughters for Sodomites to do with as they wished (Gen 19:6-8).

## Lot even longed to return to Sodom but was allowed to go to Zoar—yet he still ended up in the hills that he had feared (Gen 19:30).

(So what results from spiritual compromise?)

# Conclusion

### Compromises brings pain, more compromise, and loss of common sense (Main Idea).

### Main Points

#### Compromise chooses short-term gains with long-term pains.

#### Compromise leads to more compromise.

#### Compromise makes us lose our common sense or logic.

### Application: How to avoid spiritual compromise?

#### Fill yourself with God’s Word.

#### Capture all thoughts to the obedience of Christ (2 Cor 10:5—"We destroy every proud obstacle that keeps people from knowing God. We capture their rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ.”