Lingering Lot
Gen. 19:15-16

Introduction:
A. Why would Lot linger in the face of certain destruction?
   1. His city and his home was about to be destroyed.
   2. He was risking staying until the fire rained down upon him.
B. Lot’s case is a lesson for us (Luke 17:28-29)
   1. Lot lingered in the face of God’s promised judgment upon Sodom and Gomorrah.
   2. Many are lingering in the face of God’s promised judgment upon the world.
C. There only three possible reason for one lingering in the face of such danger.

Discussion:
I. One May Be Unaware of the Danger.
A. This was not so with Lot.
   1. He was warned (vv. 12-13)
   2. He understood (v.14)
B. This is should not be so of us.
   1. Warned of the uncertainty of life (Luke 12:18-20; Jas. 4:13-14),
   2. Warned of the certainty of death and judgment (Heb. 9:27; 10:27)
   3. Warned of the hardening effect of sin (Heb. 3:13)
   4. Warned of the reality and horrors of hell (Mark 9:43, 44; Rev. 14:10
   5. Warning of ignoring these warnings (2 Pet 3:3-4, 9-10, 14).

II. One May be Unable to Escape.
A. Lot’s way of escape (cf. 2 Pet. 2:6-10)
B. Our way of escape.
   1. The knowledge of the Lord (2 Pet. 2:20)
   2. The salvation spoken by Jesus and confirmed unto us (Heb. 2:3,4; 12:25; Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38).
   3. The obedience to the gospel (2 Thess. 1:8)
C. No one is unable to escape hell, except those who allow themselves to be hardened (2 Pet 2:14)

III. One May be Unwilling to Escape.
A. Lot was unwilling.
   1. Could have expected 11th hour reprieve.
   2. Likely for emotional reasons – attachment to his home and family.
B. Many today linger in sin for emotional reasons
   1. Unwilling to put salvation before:
      b. Possessions (Matt. 19:22)
      c. Cherished traditions (Matt. 15:3, 9, 13, 14)
   2. Often blinded to truth by emotions.
      a. Blank was not baptized, will he/she be lost?
      b. Brother Blanks is so good and sweet, could he be wrong?”
      c. Soldier shot on battlefield without being baptized?
      d. Even brethren: “Baby on door step”; “Losing young people”; “Innocent in divorce”
   3. Emotions change no facts – Lot still had to escape of be burned.

Conclusion:
A. Are you not a Christian and still lingering in sin? – Believe, Repent and be Baptized.
B. Are you a backslider? – Repent, confess and pray.