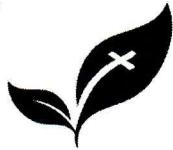


Genesis 13:7-13; 19:24-26  
"Sins of Sodom"  
Ezekiel 16:49-50

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## 1. Introduction

- a. Twin cities of Sodom & Gomorrah
  - Jordan River plain
  - well watered everywhere
    - \* similar to Nile River plain
- b. Jordan River plain
  - today covered by Dead Sea
  - soil with high sulphur content
  - lowest location on earth
  - terminus of Jordan River
  - located along great African Rift Valley northward
- c. Cities often mentioned throughout Old & New Testaments
  - pictures of sin & judgement
- d. Sins of these cities
  - Ezek 16:49-50
  - pride, excessive food & idleness,  
ignored poor & needy

## 2. Chief Abomination

- a. Pride of self - "I"
  - I middle letter of pride
  - I middle letter of sin

### b. Jms 4:6 God resists the proud

## 3. Comfortable Affluence

- a. Comfortable with their things
  - so much wealth with abundance of idleness & whatever food they wanted
- b. They trusted in their possessions
- c. Love of money is root of all evil (1 Tim 6:10)

### 3d. Beware of covetousness

- Eat drink, & be merry
  - \* barns filled with plenty
- church of Laodicea (Rev 3:17)
  - \* rich, wealthy, & have need of "nothing"
  - \* Laodicean church said this

### 4. Crippling Apathy

- a. Ignore poor & needy
- b. Haughty ~~perish~~ spirit
  - \* Let us not "sleep" as others
    - = let us watch & sober minded  
(1 Thess 5:6)
- c. Heb 10:23-25
  - antidote to apathy
    - \* hold tightly confession of our hope
    - \* consider each other to stir up love & good works
    - \* not forsaking assembly of ourselves together