

Questions

1. Genesis 19 lacks a direct condemnation of the actions of Lot's daughters. What evidence do we have of God's disapproval?
2. Abraham's deceit in Genesis 12:10-20 and Genesis 20 stemmed from a failure to trust God. How so? What circumstances can tempt you to falter in your trust in God?
3. What do we learn about the nature of Abraham's deceit from Genesis 20:13?
4. The Puritan preacher John Owen warned about the dangers of repeated patterns of sin. What are some radical steps a believer can take to put such patterns to death?
5. What are some ways that you've experienced God restraining you from sin (cf. Jude 24; James 3:2; 2 Peter 1:10; Psalm 140:4)? What are some ways that you have resisted His restraint?
6. Read Ephesians 6:18. Based on this verse, what's the role of prayer and intercession in our individual battles against evil, as well as from a corporate perspective? What does the constancy and fervency of your own prayer life say about the way in which you do battle with sin? Is there someone you can ask to intercede for you as you face temptation?

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Genesis 12-25

Fighting Sin

Genesis 19:30–20:18

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In Genesis 19:30–20:18, Lot's story ends badly, while Abraham resorts to deceit again. Together, these two stories include three insights that can help believers in our battle against sin.

1. Repetition (Repeated patterns of sin like Noah's and Lot's drunkenness, and the manipulation of Sarah and Lot's daughters, borne out of a perceived sense of desperation. And the specific sin of deceit, borne out of Abraham's failure to trust the Lord).

2. Restraint (God intervened to restrain Abimelech in a powerful way, but did not seem to restrain Lot's daughters)

3. Request (Abraham interceded for Lot and for Abimelech)