

KEC ORDER OF SERVICE/SERMON OUTLINE 29th August 2021 (KEC SERVICE Online)

Please take note that this Sunday's service begins at **8.30am**, not 9am.

We will not be showing any new Kids' Church Videos for the moment. Please do join one of our Sunday School groups instead! Contact Abang Trang for more info.

You can attend this online service at https://www.facebook.com/bemkec/live_videos/

Or on Youtube here: <https://youtube.com/bemkec/live>

8.30am – Online service starts

1. CALL TO WORSHIP – 1 Thessalonians 5:5-11

2. WORSHIP in SONG (with Joshua Baru)

SONG 1: Only a Holy God

SONG 2: All I have is Christ

3. Theology is for doxology: Is hell a skeleton in God's closet?

4. Prayers

5. Bible reading: Genesis 19:1-38

19 The two angels arrived at Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gateway of the city. When he saw them, he got up to meet them and bowed down with his face to the ground. ² 'My lords,' he said, 'please turn aside to your servant's house. You can wash your feet and spend the night and then go on your way early in the morning.'

'No,' they answered, 'we will spend the night in the square.'

³ But he insisted so strongly that they did go with him and entered his house. He prepared a meal for them, baking bread without yeast, and they ate. ⁴ Before they had gone to bed, all the men from every part of the city of Sodom – both young and old – surrounded the house. ⁵ They called to Lot, 'Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us so that we can have sex with them.'

⁶ Lot went outside to meet them and shut the door behind him ⁷ and said, 'No, my friends. Don't do this wicked thing. ⁸ Look, I have two daughters who have never slept with a man. Let me bring them out to you, and you can do what you like with them. But don't do anything to these men, for they have come under the protection of my roof.'

⁹ 'Get out of our way,' they replied. 'This fellow came here as a foreigner, and now he wants to play the judge! We'll treat you worse than them.' They kept bringing pressure on Lot and moved forward to break down the door.

¹⁰ But the men inside reached out and pulled Lot back into the house and shut the door. ¹¹ Then they struck the men who were at the door of the house, young and old, with blindness so that they could not find the door.

¹² The two men said to Lot, ‘Do you have anyone else here – sons-in-law, sons or daughters, or anyone else in the city who belongs to you? Get them out of here, ¹³ because we are going to destroy this place. The outcry to the LORD against its people is so great that he has sent us to destroy it.’

¹⁴ So Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law, who were pledged to marry^[a] his daughters. He said, ‘Hurry and get out of this place, because the LORD is about to destroy the city!’ But his sons-in-law thought he was joking.

¹⁵ With the coming of dawn, the angels urged Lot, saying, ‘Hurry! Take your wife and your two daughters who are here, or you will be swept away when the city is punished.’

¹⁶ When he hesitated, the men grasped his hand and the hands of his wife and of his two daughters and led them safely out of the city, for the LORD was merciful to them. ¹⁷ As soon as they had brought them out, one of them said, ‘Flee for your lives! Don’t look back, and don’t stop anywhere in the plain! Flee to the mountains or you will be swept away!’

¹⁸ But Lot said to them, ‘No, my lords,^[b] please! ¹⁹ Your^[c] servant has found favour in your^[d] eyes, and you^[e] have shown great kindness to me in sparing my life. But I can’t flee to the mountains; this disaster will overtake me, and I’ll die. ²⁰ Look, here is a town near enough to run to, and it is small. Let me flee to it – it is very small, isn’t it? Then my life will be spared.’

²¹ He said to him, ‘Very well, I will grant this request too; I will not overthrow the town you speak of. ²² But flee there quickly, because I cannot do anything until you reach it.’ (That is why the town was called Zoar.^[f])

²³ By the time Lot reached Zoar, the sun had risen over the land. ²⁴ Then the LORD rained down burning sulphur on Sodom and Gomorrah – from the LORD out of the heavens. ²⁵ Thus he overthrew those cities and the entire plain, destroying all those living in the cities – and also the vegetation in the land. ²⁶ But Lot’s wife looked back, and she became a pillar of salt.

²⁷ Early the next morning Abraham got up and returned to the place where he had stood before the LORD. ²⁸ He looked down towards Sodom and Gomorrah, towards all the land of the plain, and he saw dense smoke rising from the land, like smoke from a furnace.

²⁹ So when God destroyed the cities of the plain, he remembered Abraham, and he brought Lot out of the catastrophe that overthrew the cities where Lot had lived.

³⁰ Lot and his two daughters left Zoar and settled in the mountains, for he was afraid to stay in Zoar. He and his two daughters lived in a cave. ³¹ One day the elder daughter said to the younger, ‘Our father is old, and there is no man round here to give us children – as is the custom all over the earth. ³² Let’s get our father to drink wine and then sleep with him and preserve our family line through our father.’

³³ That night they got their father to drink wine, and the elder daughter went in and slept with him. He was not aware of it when she lay down or when she got up.

³⁴ The next day the elder daughter said to the younger, ‘Last night I slept with my father. Let’s get him to drink wine again tonight, and you go in and sleep with him so we can preserve our family line through our father.’ ³⁵ So they got their father to drink wine that night also, and the younger daughter went in and slept with him. Again he was not aware of it when she lay down or when she got up.

³⁶ So both of Lot’s daughters became pregnant by their father. ³⁷ The elder daughter had a son, and she named him Moab;^[g] he is the father of the Moabites of today. ³⁸ The younger daughter also had a son, and she named him Ben-Ammi;^[h] he is the father of the Ammonites^[i] of today.

SERMON OUTLINE: Faith in God’s judgment and salvation (Genesis 19)

We go to whatever feels like Paradise

Lot’s looking for Paradise!

But what if it’s a paradise without...

What happens when we get too comfortable in Sodom?

Lot

“sitting in the gateway of the city”

He is in Sodom, and Sodom is in him

Hospitality

Compared to Abraham? (8:1-8)

The picture we’re getting

Slothfulness = being lazy in love; resisting the demands of love

i. When we get too comfortable in Sodom, we become s_____.

Things that make us uneasy

All of Sodom!

The nature of Sodom

Lot's shocking offer

ii. When we get too comfortable in Sodom, we become c_____.

What happens next

Irony – not just the mob who's blind!

iii. When we get too comfortable in Sodom, we become b_____.

Impending judgment

Sense of urgency

But watch how Lot behaves!

Hesitates! Negotiating mode! Faithless!

iv. When we get too comfortable in Sodom, we become f_____.

How we're tempted to respond to Genesis 19 as a whole

But who is most likely to be just like Sodom and Gomorrah? What is the Bible's answer?

Cf. for eg Ezekiel 16; Matthew 11:23-24

What happened to Sodom? Judgement!

So what should we do?

Flee!

Luke 17:31-33

But we know it's not so simple...

Where is the hope?

Why Lot made it

Grace and mercy – the Genesis 19 picture

We need God to make a radical intervention

Sodom goes deep! (v.31-38)

But God's grace goes deeper still

Don't just flee anywhere. Flee to Jesus!

ANOUNCEMENTS

- **Connect cards**
- **Giving**
- **Care parcels are still available for those in need:** Please contact our church administrator, Julie Kong, directly.
- **Equip classes: Doctrine 1** with Ps Brian, starting Saturday, 4th Sept for 10 weeks (10.30am-12.30pm). Course Fee: RM160 (Normal), RM110 (concession).
Please register at: <https://bit.ly/2021T3Doc1BEMKuching>
Please take note that classes for Sept 18th and 25th will not take place on Saturday morning but at a rescheduled time – Pastor Brian will communicate with the class after registrations have closed.
If you are a registered student, we'll contact you soon on how & when to pick up your textbooks!
- **Tadika Rajawali** is now open for 2022 admissions. Those born in the years 2016, 2017, or 2018 are welcome to join.
- **Prayer Meeting** this Wednesday – on Zoom till further notice

BENEDICTION

¹⁶ Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you.

- 2 Thessalonians 3:16