

## **Sodom and Passages Related to Sexual Immorality from the New Testament**

*The character of God is a tower of strength,  
for the lovers of God delight to run into his heart  
and be exalted on high. Proverbs 18:10 (TPT)*

### **MATTHEW**

- Matthew 10:14-15
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## New Testament Narratives Related to Sexual Sins

### MATTHEW

- Matthew 10:14-15<sup>1</sup>

<sup>14</sup> If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, leave that home or town and shake the dust off your feet. <sup>15</sup> **Truly I tell you, it will be more bearable for Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.**

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<sup>1</sup> Unless otherwise noted all passages are from the New International Version (NIV)

- Matthew 11:23-24

<sup>23</sup> And you, Capernaum, will you be lifted to the heavens? No, you will go down to Hades.<sup>24</sup> For if the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in **Sodom**, it would have remained to this day. <sup>24</sup> **But I tell you that it will be more bearable for Sodom on the day of judgment than for you.**"

- Matthew 13:15

<sup>15</sup> *For this people's heart has become calloused;  
they hardly hear with their ears,  
and they have closed their eyes.  
Otherwise they might see with their eyes,  
hear with their ears,  
understand with their hearts  
and turn, and I would heal them.*

- Matthew 15:15-19

<sup>15</sup> Peter said, "Explain the parable to us."

<sup>16</sup> "Are you still so dull?" Jesus asked them. <sup>17</sup> "Don't you see that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and then out of the body? <sup>18</sup> But the things that come out of a person's mouth come from the heart, and these defile them. <sup>19</sup> **For out of the heart come evil thoughts**—murder, adultery, **sexual immorality**, theft, false testimony, slander.

## MARK

- Mark 6:11. (*see Luke 10:12*)
- Mark 7:20-23

<sup>20</sup> He went on: "What comes out of a person is what defiles them. <sup>21</sup> For it is from within, out of a person's heart, that evil thoughts come—**sexual immorality**, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup> adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. <sup>23</sup> **All these evils come from inside and defile a person.**"

- Mark 10:6-9

<sup>7</sup> 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife,<sup>(w)</sup> <sup>8</sup> and the two will become one flesh.<sup>(w)</sup> So they are no longer two, but one flesh. <sup>9</sup> Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

## LUKE

- Luke 10:10-13 (Mark tells the same story without reference to Sodom)

<sup>10</sup> But when you enter a town and are not welcomed, go into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup> 'Even the dust of your town we wipe from our feet as a warning to you. Yet be sure of this: The kingdom of God has come near.' <sup>12</sup> **I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.**

<sup>13</sup> "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! **For if the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes.**

- Luke 17:28-32

<sup>28</sup> "It was the same in the days of Lot. People were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building. <sup>29</sup> **But the day Lot left Sodom, fire and sulfur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all.**

<sup>30</sup> "It will be just like this on the day the Son of Man is revealed. <sup>31</sup> On that day no one who is on the housetop, with possessions inside, should go down to get them. Likewise, no one in the field should go back for anything. <sup>32</sup> **Remember Lot's wife!**

## ACTS

- Acts 17:10-11

<sup>10</sup> As soon as it was night, the believers sent Paul and Silas away to Berea. On arriving there, they went to the Jewish synagogue. <sup>11</sup> Now the **Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.**

- Acts 21:25 (TPT)

<sup>25</sup> But in reference to the non-Jewish believers, we're sent them a letter with our decision, stating that they should avoid eating meat that has been offered to an idol, or eating blood any animal that has been strangled, **and to avoid sexual immorality.**

## ROMANS

- Romans 1:18-32

### *God's Wrath Against Sinful Humanity*

<sup>18</sup> The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, <sup>19</sup> since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. <sup>20</sup> For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

<sup>21</sup> For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. <sup>22</sup> Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools <sup>23</sup> and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles.

<sup>24</sup> Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. <sup>25</sup> They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.

**<sup>26</sup> Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones. <sup>27</sup> In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed shameful acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their error.**

<sup>28</sup> Furthermore, just as they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, so God gave them over to a **depraved mind**, so that they do what ought not to be done. <sup>29</sup> They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, <sup>30</sup> **slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil**; they disobey their parents; <sup>31</sup> they have no understanding, no fidelity, no love, no mercy. <sup>32</sup> Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.

- [Romans 2:1-11](#)

### **God's Righteous Judgment**

**2** You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge another, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things. **2** Now we know that God's judgment against those who do such things is based on truth. **3** So when you, a mere human being, pass judgment on them and yet do the same things, do you think you will escape God's judgment? **4** Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?

**5** But because of your **stubbornness and your unrepentant heart**, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed. **6** God "will repay each person according to what they have done."<sup>la</sup> **7** To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give eternal life. **8 But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger.** **9** There will be trouble and distress for every human being who does evil: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile; **10** but glory, honor and peace for everyone who does good: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. **11** For God does not show favoritism

- [Romans 9:29](#)

**29** It is just as Isaiah said previously:

"Unless the Lord Almighty  
had left us descendants,  
we would have become like **Sodom**,  
we would have been like **Gomorrah.**"

- [Romans 13:13](#)

**13** Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, **not in sexual immorality and debauchery**, not in dissension and jealousy.

### **I CORINTHIANS**

- [1 Corinthians 6:9-18](#)

**9** Or do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the **sexually immoral** nor idolaters nor adulterers **nor men who have sex with men**<sup>la</sup> **10** nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor

swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>11</sup> And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

### **Sexual Immorality**

<sup>12</sup> "I have the right to do anything," you say—but not everything is beneficial. "I have the right to do anything"—but I will not be mastered by anything. <sup>13</sup> You say, "Food for the stomach and the stomach for food, and God will destroy them both." **The body, however, is not meant for sexual immorality** but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup> By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also. <sup>15</sup> Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! <sup>16</sup> Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, "The two will become one flesh." <sup>17</sup> But whoever is united with the Lord is one with him in spirit.

<sup>18</sup> **Flee from sexual immorality.** All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body. <sup>19</sup> Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; <sup>20</sup> you were bought at a price. Therefore, honor God with your bodies.

### **Footnotes**

- a. 1 Corinthians 6:9 The words *men who have sex with men* translate two Greek words that refer to the passive and active participants in homosexual acts.

### **2 CORINTHIANS**

- 2 Corinthians 12:21

<sup>21</sup> I am afraid that when I come again my God will humble me before you, **and I will be grieved over many who have sinned earlier and have not repented of the impurity, sexual sin and debauchery in which they have indulged.**

### **GALATIANS**

- Galatians 5:19-21

<sup>19</sup> The acts of the flesh are obvious: **sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery;** <sup>20</sup> **idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions** <sup>21</sup> **and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I**

**warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.**

## EPHESIANS

- [Ephesians 4:17-24](#)

<sup>17</sup> So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. <sup>18</sup> They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to **the hardening of their hearts**. <sup>19</sup> **Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity**, and they are full of greed.

<sup>20</sup> That, however, is not the way of life you learned <sup>21</sup> when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. <sup>22</sup> You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; <sup>23</sup> to be made new in the attitude of your minds; <sup>24</sup> and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

- [Ephesians 5:3-6, 15-20](#)

<sup>3</sup> But among you **there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality**, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. <sup>4</sup> Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. <sup>5</sup> For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a person is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.<sup>Ⓜ</sup> <sup>6</sup> Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup> Therefore do not be partners with them.

<sup>15</sup> Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, <sup>16</sup> making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup> Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. <sup>18</sup> Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to **debauchery**. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup> speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, <sup>20</sup> always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## COLOSSIANS

- [Colossians 3:5](#)

<sup>5</sup> Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: **sexual immorality**, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup> Because of these,



the wrath of God is coming.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>7</sup> You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. <sup>8</sup> But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. <sup>9</sup> Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices <sup>10</sup> and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. <sup>11</sup> Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. <sup>14</sup> And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

a. Colossians 3:6. Some early manuscripts *coming on those who are disobedient*.

## 1 TIMOTHY

- 1 Timothy 1:8-11

<sup>8</sup> We know that the law is good if one uses it properly. <sup>9</sup> We also know that the law is made not for the righteous but for lawbreakers and rebels, the ungodly and sinful, the unholy and irreligious, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers, <sup>10</sup> for the **sexually immoral**, for those practicing **homosexuality**, for slave traders and liars and perjurers—and for whatever else is contrary to the sound doctrine <sup>11</sup> that conforms to the gospel concerning the glory of the blessed God, which he entrusted to me.

## HEBREWS

- Hebrews 13:4-9a

<sup>4</sup> Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, **for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral**. <sup>5</sup> Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,

“Never will I leave you;  
never will I forsake you.”

<sup>6</sup> So we say with confidence,

“The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.  
What can mere mortals do to me?”

<sup>7</sup> Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup> Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

<sup>9</sup> **Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings.**

## 1 PETER

- [1 Peter 4:3-5](#)

<sup>3</sup> For you have spent enough time in the past doing **what pagans choose to do—living in debauchery, lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousing and detestable idolatry.** <sup>4</sup> They are surprised that you do not join them in their reckless, wild living, and they heap abuse on you. <sup>5</sup> But they will have to give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.

## 2 PETER

- [Peter 2:6-10](#)

### *False Teachers and Their Destruction*

**2** But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be **false teachers among you.** They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them—bringing swift destruction on themselves. **2 Many will follow their depraved conduct and will bring the way of truth into disrepute.** <sup>3</sup> In their greed these teachers will exploit you with fabricated stories. Their condemnation has long been hanging over them, and their destruction has not been sleeping.

<sup>4</sup> For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell, putting them in chains of darkness<sup>□</sup> to be held for judgment; <sup>5</sup> if he did not spare the ancient world when he brought the flood on its ungodly people, but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness, and seven others; **6 if he condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah by burning them to ashes, and made them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly;** <sup>7</sup> and if he rescued Lot, a righteous man, who was distressed by the depraved conduct of the lawless <sup>8</sup> (for that righteous man, living among them day after day, was tormented in his righteous soul by the lawless deeds he saw and heard)— <sup>9</sup> if this is so, then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials and to hold the unrighteous for punishment on the day of judgment. <sup>10</sup> This is especially true of those who follow the corrupt desire of the flesh<sup>□</sup> and despise authority.

Bold and arrogant, they are not afraid to heap abuse on celestial beings; <sup>11</sup> yet even angels, although they are stronger and more powerful, do not heap abuse on such beings when bringing judgment on them from the Lord. <sup>12</sup> **But these people blaspheme in matters they do not understand.** They are like unreasoning animals, creatures of instinct, born only to be caught and destroyed, and like animals they too will perish.

<sup>13</sup> They will be paid back with harm for the harm they have done. Their idea of pleasure is to carouse in broad daylight. They are blots and blemishes, reveling in their pleasures while they feast with you. <sup>14</sup> With eyes full of adultery, they never stop sinning; they seduce the unstable; they are experts in greed—an accursed brood! <sup>15</sup> They have left the straightway and wandered off to follow the way of Balaam son of Bezer, who loved the wages of wickedness. <sup>16</sup> But he was rebuked for his wrongdoing by a donkey—an animal without speech—who spoke with a human voice and restrained the prophet’s madness.

<sup>17</sup> These people are springs without water and mists driven by a storm. Blackest darkness is reserved for them. <sup>18</sup> For they mouth empty, boastful words and, by appealing to the lustful desires of the flesh, they entice people who are just escaping from those who live in error. <sup>19</sup> They promise them freedom, while they themselves are slaves of depravity—for “people are slaves to whatever has mastered them.” <sup>20</sup> If they have escaped the corruption of the world by knowing our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and are again entangled in it and are overcome, they are worse off at the end than they were at the beginning. <sup>21</sup> **It would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than to have known it and then to turn their backs on the sacred command that was passed on to them.** <sup>22</sup> Of them the proverbs are true: “A dog returns to its vomit,” and, “A sow that is washed returns to her wallowing in the mud.”

<sup>c2</sup> Peter 2:10 In contexts like this, the Greek word for *flesh* (*sarx*) refers to the sinful state of human beings, often presented as a power in opposition to the Spirit; also, in verse 18.

## 2 JOHN

- [2 John 1:6-10](#)

<sup>6</sup> And this is love: **that we walk in obedience to his commands.** As you have heard from the beginning, his command is that you walk in love.

<sup>7</sup> I say this because many deceivers, who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh, have gone out into the world. Any such person is the deceiver and the antichrist. <sup>8</sup> Watch out that you do not lose what we have worked for, but that you may be rewarded fully. <sup>9</sup> **Anyone who runs ahead and does not continue in the teaching of Christ does not have God;** whoever continues in the teaching has both the Father

and the Son. <sup>10</sup> If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not take them into your house or welcome them.

## JUDE

- Jude 1:3-10

### ***The Sin and Doom of Ungodly People***

<sup>3</sup> Dear friends, although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt compelled to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to God's holy people. <sup>4</sup> For certain individuals whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into a license for **immorality** and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord.

<sup>5</sup> Though you already know all this, I want to remind you that the Lord<sup>Ⓜ</sup> at one time delivered his people out of Egypt, but later destroyed those who did not believe. <sup>6</sup> And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their proper dwelling—these he has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day. <sup>7</sup> **In a similar way, Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion.** They serve as an example of those who suffer the punishment of eternal fire.

<sup>8</sup> In the very same way, on the strength of their dreams these ungodly people pollute their own bodies, reject authority and heap abuse on celestial beings. <sup>9</sup> But even the archangel Michael, when he was disputing with the devil about the body of Moses, did not himself dare to condemn him for slander but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"<sup>Ⓜ</sup> <sup>10</sup> Yet these people slander whatever they do not understand, and the very things they do understand by instinct—as irrational animals do—will destroy them.

## REVELATION

- Revelation 11:7-14

<sup>7</sup> Now when they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up from the Abyss will attack them, and overpower and kill them. <sup>8</sup> Their bodies will lie in the public square of the great city—**which is figuratively called Sodom and Egypt**—where also their Lord was crucified. <sup>9</sup> For three and a half days some from every people, tribe, language and nation will gaze on their bodies and refuse them burial. <sup>10</sup> The inhabitants of the earth will gloat over them and will celebrate by sending each other gifts, because these two prophets had tormented those who live on the earth.

<sup>11</sup> But after the three and a half days the breath<sup>11</sup> of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and terror struck those who saw them. <sup>12</sup> Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And they went up to heaven in a cloud, while their enemies looked on.

<sup>13</sup> At that very hour there was a severe earthquake and a tenth of the city collapsed. Seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the survivors were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.

<sup>14</sup> The second woe has passed; the third woe is coming soon.

- Revelation 21:8

<sup>8</sup> But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the **sexually immoral**, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—they will be consigned to the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death."