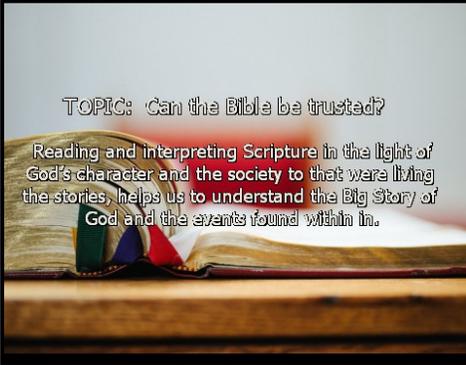


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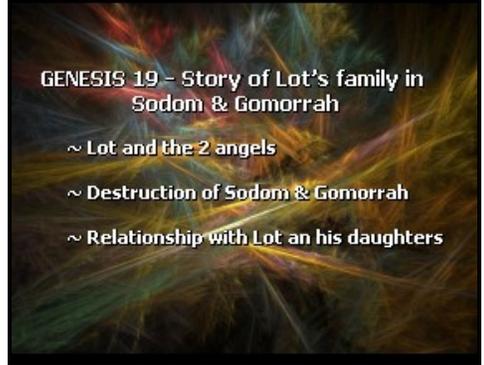
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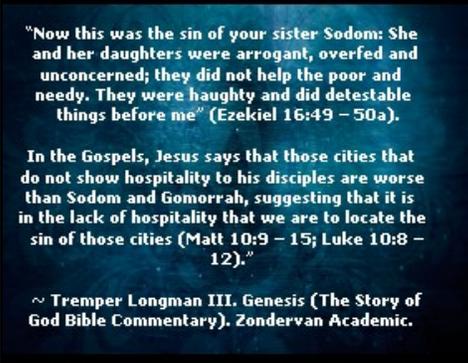
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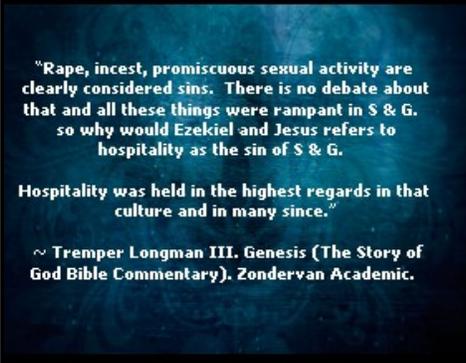
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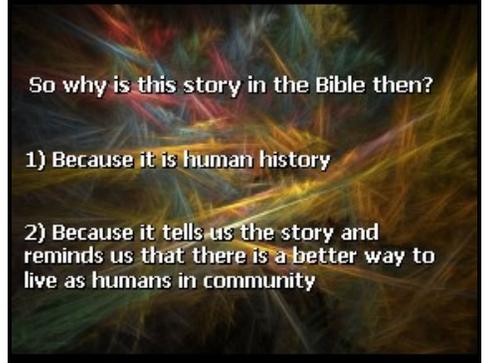
"Now this was the sin of your sister Sodom: She and her daughters were arrogant, overfed and unconcerned; they did not help the poor and needy. They were haughty and did detestable things before

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"Rape, incest, promiscuous sexual activity are clearly considered sins. There is no debate about that and all these things were rampant in S & G. so why would Ezekiel and Jesus refers to hospitality as the sin of

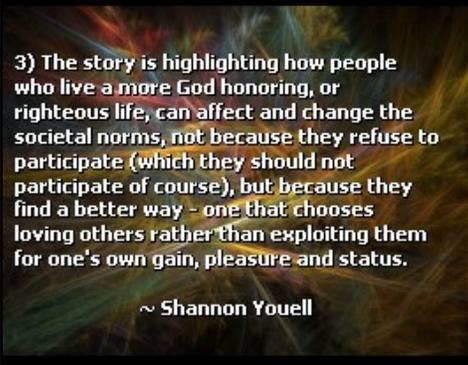
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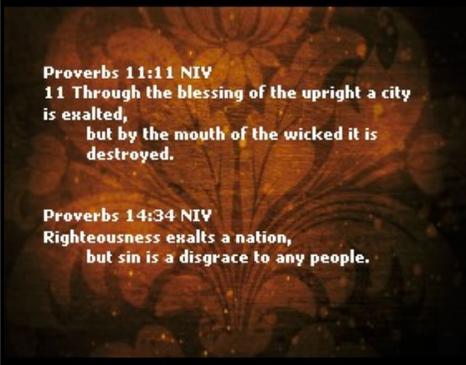
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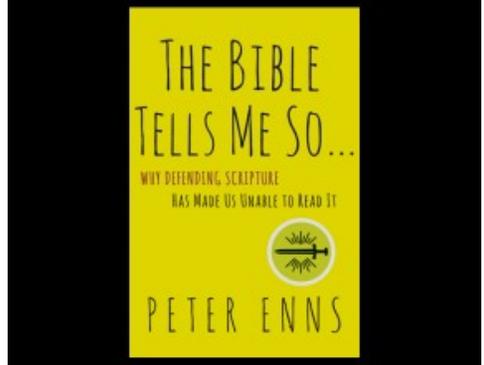
3) The story is highlighting how people who live a more God honoring, or righteous life, can affect and change the societal norms, not because they refuse to participate (which they should not

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And I simply reject that presumption of how the Bible should act. The Bible is what it is. The Bible is messy. The only question for us is whether we will take up the challenge of incorporating the Bible's messiness into our theology.

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And God and the Bible aren't the same things.

Calling the Bible "God's word" doesn't elevate it to an object worthy of trust. Rather, as I see it, the Bible bears witness to God. Christians will say that the Bible bears witness ultimately to what God has done in Christ.

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~ Thomas Jay Oord. God Can't: How to Believe in God and Love after Tragedy, Abuse, and Other Evils. SacraSage Press.

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