

# FORGOTTEN SINS

(Ezekiel 16:48-49)

- Introduction:
1. One of the most well known stories in the Bible is the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 18-19).
  2. However, as much as we may know about this Biblical record, there are probably some important things that we have overlooked.
  3. Homosexuality was only one of the reasons Sodom was destroyed - are you aware of the others?
  4. Let's look into these forgotten sins.

## I. The Sin Of Pride

- A. (Proverbs 16:18) "Pride goes before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall."
- B. Pride runs counter to the spirit of godliness.
- C. (Romans 12:3) "...not to think of ourselves more highly than we ought to think..."
- D. (Matthew 5:3) "Blessed are the poor in spirit..."
- E. (I Cor. 5:1-2; James 4:8-9).

## II. The Sin Of Selfishness

- A. Their pride may be connected with their wealth - wealth can easily breed pride.
- B. Every sincere Christian has probably struggled with the question of wealth and benevolence.
- C. (I Timothy 6:17-19).
- D. (I Cor. 16:1-2; II Cor. 8:1-3).

## III. The Sin Of Idleness

- A. (Matthew 9:37-38) The call was not for a harvest, but for laborers.
- B. Would you characterize yourself as a worker in God's kingdom?
- C. (I Corinthians 15:58-59).
- D. (Matthew 20:1-16).

- Conclusion:
1. While we previously would never have considered ourselves as being guilty of the sins of Sodom, maybe we need to take a closer look.
  2. Don't allow sins that appear to us as obscure and possibly insignificant to rob us of our eternal reward.

**"As Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them...are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire...But you, beloved...,keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life" (Jude 7,20,21).**

