

Sin Is Like a Drug

"Therefore God sends upon them a strong delusion, to make them believe what is false." II Thessalonians 2:11

In the familiar story of Sodom and Gomorrah, when the messengers of God are accosted while residing in Lot's home, we find that "young and old – all the people to the last man – gathered about the house."¹ The messengers blinded the crowd so they couldn't find their way. The next day Lot went to his sons-in-law to warn them of God's pending judgment. Evidently they were present the night before, and thus blinded by the messengers. Still, they considered Lot "as one who jests"² when he warned them.

Sin acts like a drug; the more one sins the more intoxicated he becomes. His senses are dulled as he repeatedly ignores God's commands, and the fact that he seemingly escapes judgment causes him to conclude that God "jests." Unconvinced that God will hold him accountable for every transgression committed, including "every idle word,"³ he day-by-day moves ever closer to the sure judgment of God.

God does not "jest" when He commands, and if/when we ignore Him we do so to our own hurt. We escape God's judgment only by obeying Him.

¹ Genesis 19:4 ² Genesis 19:14 ³ Cf. Matthew 12:36