



Midweek Meditation



"But with You there is forgiveness." Psalm 130:4

This story (of Lot's sin with his daughters in Genesis 19) is also recorded in order to illustrate that no man is so holy or stands so firmly that he cannot fall again. If this man could fall so deeply, is it surprising that we stumble? Yet this gives no one a covering or an excuse for sinning. Rather it is written as a comfort for those who believe, to keep them from despairing even though they fall now and then... If you do fall here or there, do not despair; rise again... If God had not pictured the saints to us as playing the fool in this way, we could not learn to know His kingdom as consisting of nothing else than the forgiveness of sin.

Martin Luther

When we hear someone say, "he's a saint," or "she's a saint," the meaning is that the person they speak of is exceptional in character and morals. This is hardly true of the saints in the Bible. Some of the greatest saints were some of the worst sinners; Lot and David to mention just two. What makes a saint is not determined by how a person lives, but by whom he or she trusts. Saints trust in Jesus. They believe in Him whose blood was shed for the forgiveness of their sins. We do want to imitate the great saints of the Bible in their godliness; but even more, we want to join them in what they believed. No matter how wretched our past; no matter how low we have fallen, the saints teach us that God loves to forgive even the worst sinners.

If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared. I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His Word I hope. Amen.