

— Genesis 13 —
Genesis Series 43
Abram & Lot Part

Gn 13¹ **Then Abram** went up from Egypt, he and his wife and all that he had, and Lot with him, to the South. ² Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold. ³ And he went on his journey from the South as far as Bethel, to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai, ⁴ to the place of the altar which he had made there at first. And there Abram called on the name of the LORD. ⁵ **Lot also**, who went with Abram, had flocks and herds and tents. ⁶ Now the land was not able to support them, that they might dwell together, for their possessions were so great that they could not dwell together. ⁷ And there was strife between the herdsmen of Abram's livestock and the herdsmen of Lot's livestock. The Canaanites and the Perizzites then dwelt in the land. ⁸ **So Abram** said to Lot, "Please let there be no strife between you and me, and between my herdsmen and your herdsmen; for we are brethren. ⁹ Is not the whole land before you? Please separate from me. If you take the left, then I will go to the right; or, if you go to the right, then I will go to the left." ¹⁰ **And Lot** lifted his eyes and saw all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere (before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah) like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt as you go toward Zoar. ¹¹ Then Lot chose for himself all the plain of Jordan, and Lot journeyed east. And they separated from each other. ¹² Abram dwelt in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelt in the cities of the plain and pitched his tent even as far as Sodom. ¹³ But the men of Sodom were exceedingly wicked and sinful against the LORD. ¹⁴ **And the LORD** said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him: "Lift your eyes now and look from the place where you are—northward, southward, eastward, and westward; ¹⁵ for all the land which you see I give to you and your descendants forever. ¹⁶ And I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth; so that if a man could number the dust of the earth, then your descendants also could be numbered. ¹⁷ Arise, walk in the land through its length and its width, for I give it to you." ¹⁸ **Then Abram** moved his tent, and went and dwelt by the terebinth trees of Mamre, which are in Hebron, and built an altar there to the LORD.

* **Our text is** contrasting two men, Abram & _____. It is also contrasting two other men, Abram & _____.

cf. Gn 12⁶ Abram passed through the land to the place of Shechem ... And the Canaanites were then in the land. ⁷ Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your descendants I will give this land." And there he built an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸ And he moved from there to the mountain east of Bethel, and he pitched his tent with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; there he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD.

cf. Gn 12¹⁸ And Pharaoh called Abram and said, "What is this you have done to me? Why did you not tell me that she was your wife? ¹⁹ Why did you say, 'She is my sister'? I might have taken her as my wife. Now therefore, here is your wife; take her and go your way." ²⁰ So Pharaoh commanded his men concerning him; and they sent him away, with his wife and all that he had.

* **What is** the heart of worship, and how does God change us through it?

James 4⁶ "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble."
⁷ Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.
⁸ Draw near to God and He will draw near to you ... [P]urify your hearts, you double-minded ... ¹⁰ Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

1Pt 5⁵ "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble."
⁶ Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, ⁷ casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. ⁸ Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walk about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. ⁹ Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. ¹⁰ But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.

* **What new** challenge does Abram face back in Canaan?

* **How does** Abram deal with the challenge? (8-9)

* **What is Lot's choice?** (10-13)

Heb 11 ⁹ By faith [Abram] dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country ...; ¹⁰ for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.



Gal 3 ⁸ God ... preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, "In you all the nations shall be blessed." ... ²⁹ And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Rom 4 ¹³ [T]he promise that he would be heir of the world was not to Abraham or to his seed through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.

Psalms 2 ⁷ "The LORD has said to Me, 'You are My Son, today I have begotten You.' Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession."

Mt 28 ¹⁸ "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

* **We have** the same _____. We are called to the same _____. We must have the same _____.

* **What is God's response to Abram's actions?** (14-17)

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* **What do** God's promises ultimately entail?