

Abram and Lot

Genesis 13:1-18

Faith Portal Church

ADULT

Unit 7 Lesson 2

Supplemental Texts

Gen 12:1-5

Focus Verse

“And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered.” – Genesis 13:16

Introduction

Abram took Lot, his nephew, with him as he journeyed to the land of Canaan. And soon, he travelled to Egypt to live there for a while because of the famine in the land. Lot was with him in this journey, as well (Gen 13:1). For fear of his life, Abram implored Sarai to say that she was his sister. Pharaoh took her but the Lord sent terrible diseases to his house because of Sarai. But when Pharaoh knew she was Abram's wife, he sent Abram and his people out of his country.

Deeper Look

And Abram Went Up Out Of Egypt – Gen 13:1-9

Abram and his wife, along with Lot and all that Abram had, went out of Egypt and returned to Canaan. Abram was blessed seeing that he had many possessions such as cattle, gold, and silver (see Gen 12:5,16). This journey most likely was not an easy one back to the same place he had erected a tent and an altar — between Bethel and Hai (Gen 12:8). At the altar, Abram called on the Lord to worship and thank Him for His goodness and mercy on him in Egypt. God blessed Lot also with livestock, and he had servants working for him. Because Abram and Lot had many livestock and servants, there was not enough pastureland for them to live together. And this led to the argument between the herdsmen of Abram and Lot, probably. Abram, being a godly man, would not want the strife between his herdsmen and Lot's to affect their relationship, judged that they separate. Interestingly, Abram gave his right to choose first to Lot, his nephew (Rom 12:10).

And Lot Lifted Up His Eyes – Gen 13:10-18

Lot did not reciprocate Abram's graciousness but selfishly surveyed the whole region and chose the Jordan valley because it had plenty of water. Lot settled in the vicinity of Sodom, while Abram lived in Canaan proper; thus, Abram separated peacefully with Lot. Eventually, Lot lived in Sodom with its sinful people without concern of mingling with them. He chose the area so that his wealth might increase, but as we will see later, he lost all (Gen 19). The Lord reiterated His promise to Abram that Canaan would be given to him and his descendants after him.

Questions

1. Why did Abram travel to Egypt? Why did he return from Egypt sooner?
2. What can be said of Abram's praying habit? If you were to guess, what would you think Abram likely prayed to God about in verse 4?
3. What was the contention existing between the herdsmen of Abram and those of Lot?
4. Abram recognized a problem that could threaten the relationship he had with Lot, and he took a decisive step to stop the threat. What step did he take? What are some potential challenges to taking this step?
5. Why did Abram give up his right to choose the area of the land he preferred before Lot? What spiritual attributes were exemplified by Abram? How can we best demonstrate these attributes?
6. Given the privilege to choose first, how did Lot make his choice? What attributes did he demonstrate? What effects can those attributes have in our life?
7. Why did God repeat the promise to Abram after Lot had separated?
8. Considering Gen 13, what lessons have you learned from Abram?

Personal Meditation

Abram exemplified a peace-loving person, one who would not allow anything to disrupt the bond that existed between him and his nephew, Lot. Friction arose between their herdsmen due to inadequate pastureland for their livestock, especially when the Canaanites and the Perizzites were living in that same area. Even though both had been traveling together for some time now, Abram concluded that it would be best for each of them to live separately so as to preserve their relationship. It was definitely a wise judgment although the separation might be a hard thing for them. This kind of a judgment is expected from us in order to preserve peace among ourselves.

Another lesson to learn from Abram is that he waived his right, as an uncle, to choose before Lot. Even though God had promised him the land of Canaan, yet he did not choose the region he would prefer first. Abram absolutely acted out the scripture, Phil 2:3-4. He handled the situation without strife or selfish ambition, but in humility he esteemed Lot better than himself, looking for his best interest. Brotherly love and preference were given to Lot (Rom 12:10). Can you do that?

DAILY STUDY

Monday	Gen 13:1-3
Tuesday	Gen 13:4-6
Wednesday	Gen 13:7-9
Thursday	Gen 13:10-12
Friday	Gen 13:13-15
Saturday	Gen 13:16-18



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