Genesis 13 Abraham and Lot

Lot’s history is recorded as a series of choices, as is Abraham’s life. Scripture seems to zero in on this. Our lives are also made up of a series of choices.

First and most crucial Heaven or Hell?

Second Heaven or earth?

First introduction to Lot Genesis 11:31 Good choice; a good start

Note: “with him” – always a “tag along”. Is it fair to say that Abe is a “spiritual prop” to Lot?

Testing time (throughout our lives – Mark 8:36 for sinner and saint! Same question with slightly different emphasis.

Genesis 13:1-5 Note again, “with him”.

1. V.6 Trouble comes as a result of blessing

a. problem possibly arising due to Abe’s “venture” down in to Egypt

b. Strife or problem didn’t produce worldly spirit in Lot – no more than it produced faith in Abraham. It manifested what was already there.

Vs. 8,9 Abraham had the right – but he chose to forego it.

 Faith behind his choice – “enduring as seeing Him Who is invisible”

 v.10 “like Egypt” – something there that attracted Lot –

 a. Influence of his wife?

 b. Problem with past exposure?

Ultimately, his own heart

v.12 A little closer to the edge v.13 Divine commentary

13:10 Lot beheld v.11 Chose v.12 Pitched 14:12 dwelt in 19:1 sat in the gate

Chapter 14 The Warning 14:1-12 Abraham seen as unentangled

1. A man of the tent, the altar, calling on the name of the Lord. A man prepared for battle

2. Lot - a “great man” but no power, no victory

3. No tent, no altar, no calling on the name of the Lord = no victory

4. Abraham appears as an overcomer – Lot, as overcome.

5. Lot goes back to Sodom!

Ch. 19:1 Lot a great man – but in a place destined for judgment!

Lot’s decision effected others:

1. His son in laws 19:14

2. His wife 19:26

3. His daughters 19:32

4. Sodomites 19:9

5. Himself 19:16

All destroyed – all he lived for and built. Compare Abraham – living for the unseen but for a city that had foundations!

It’s not just about having things – Abraham had things! It’s a matter of the heart. Living for this world or for the “other” world.