

Abraham and Lot Separate: Genesis 13:5-18

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Genesis 13:5-18 And Lot also, which went with Abram, had flocks, and herds, and tents. 6 And **the land was not able to bear them**, that they might dwell together: **for their substance was great**, so that **they could not dwell together**. 7 And there was **a strife** between the herdmen of Abram's cattle and the herdmen of Lot's cattle: and **the Canaanite and the Perizzite dwelled then in the land**. 8 And Abram said unto Lot, **Let there be no strife**, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; **for we be brethren**. 9 Is not **the whole land** before thee? separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left. 10 And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all **the plain of Jordan** [eastward], that it was well watered every where, before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, **even as the garden of the LORD**, like the land of Egypt, as thou comest unto Zoar. 11 Then Lot chose him **all the plain of Jordan**; and **Lot journeyed east**: and they separated themselves the one from the other. 12 **Abram dwelled in the land of Canaan**, and Lot dwelled in **the cities of the plain**(in the land of Canaan), and **pitched his tent toward Sodom**. 13 But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly. 14 And the LORD said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward: 15 For **all the land** which thou seest, **to thee will I give it**, and to thy seed **for ever**. 16 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. 17 Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give it unto thee. 18 Then Abram removed his tent, and came and **dwelt in the plain of Mamre**, which is in Hebron, and built there an altar unto the LORD.

Warnings to the rich

Matthew 19:23-24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That **a rich man shall hardly** [with great difficulty] **enter into the kingdom of heaven**. 24 And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for **a rich man** to enter into the kingdom of God.

The deceitfulness of riches

Mark 4:19 And the cares of this world, and **the deceitfulness of riches**, and the lusts of other things entering in, **choke the word**, and it becometh unfruitful.

Their substance was great

Genesis 13:6-7 And **the land was not able to bear them**, that they might dwell together: for [because] **their substance was great**, so that they could not dwell together. 7 And **there was a strife** between the herdmen of Abram's cattle and the herdmen of Lot's cattle: and the Canaanite and the Perizzite dwelled then in the land.

Wealth can cause family problems

Genesis 36:7 For **their riches were more than that they might dwell together**; and the land wherein they were strangers could not bear them because of their cattle.

Riches divert ones focus

Proverbs 23:4-5 Labour not to be **rich**: cease from thine own wisdom. 5 Wilt thou **set thine eyes upon that** which is not? for riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle toward heaven.

Loyalties divided

Matthew 6:24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

Our faith can be affected

1 Timothy 6:6-10 But godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. 8 And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. 9 But **they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts**, which drown men in destruction and perdition [in the kingdom age]. 10 For **the love of money** [money is put first] is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have **erred from the faith**, and pierced themselves through with **many sorrows**.

Let there be no strife among the brethren

Genesis 13:8-9 And Abram said unto Lot, **Let there be no strife**, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; **for we be brethren**.

Strife is a sign of carnality

1 Corinthians 3:3 for ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you jealousy and **strife, are ye not carnal**, and do ye not walk after the manner of men?

Lay down your life for the brethren

1 John 3:14-16 We know that we have passed from death unto life, because **we love the brethren**. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. 15 **Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer**: and ye know that **no murderer hath eternal life** abiding in him. 16 Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and **we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren**.

Abraham and Lot must separate

Genesis 13:9 Is not the whole land [Canaan] before thee? **separate thyself**, I pray thee, from me: if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left.

Lot chooses the plain of Jordan

Genesis 13:10-13 And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all **the plain of Jordan**, that it was well watered every where, before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, even as the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, as thou comest unto Zoar. 11 Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other. 12 Abram dwelled in the land of Canaan, and **Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain**, and pitched his tent toward Sodom. 13 But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly.

In the promise land

Joshua 11:15-16 As the LORD commanded Moses his servant, so did Moses command Joshua, and so did Joshua; he left nothing undone of all that the LORD commanded Moses. 16 Thus Joshua **took all this land**: the mountain country, all the South, all the land of Goshen, the lowland, and **the Jordan plain** -- the mountains of Israel and its lowlands

Lot was a righteous man

2 Peter 2:6-9 And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly; 7 And delivered **just Lot**, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: 8 (For **that righteous man** dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed **his righteous soul** from day to day with their unlawful deeds;) 9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

He practiced righteousness

1 **John 3:7** Little children, let no one deceive you. **He who practices righteousness is righteous**, just as He is righteous.

He walked in the commandments

Luke 1:6 And they were both **righteous** before God, **walking in all the commandments** and ordinances of the Lord blameless.

He lived by faith

Hebrews 10:38 Now **the just shall live by faith**: but if *any man* draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.

He led a blameless life

Proverbs 20:7 **The righteous man leads a blameless life**; blessed are his children after him. (NIV)

The Lord speaks to Abraham

Genesis 13:14-18 And the LORD said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and **look** from the place where thou art **northward**, and **southward**, and **eastward**, and **westward**: 15 For **all the land** which thou seest, **to thee will I give it**, and to thy seed **for ever** [?to the age? YLT]. 16 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. 17 Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give it unto thee. 18 Then Abram removed his tent, and came and dwelt in the plain of Mamre, which is in Hebron, and built there an altar unto the LORD.

To possess Canaan was to possess the world

Romans 4:12-13 ??our father **Abraham**? 13 For the promise, that **he should be the heir of the world**, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.

Abraham shall be raised from the dead

Matthew 8:11 And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with **Abraham**, and Isaac, and Jacob, **in the kingdom** of heaven.

The promise is future

Acts 7:2-5 "Brethren and fathers, listen: The God of glory appeared to **our father Abraham** when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Haran, 3 "and said to him, 'Get out of your country and from your relatives, and come to **a land**

that I will show you.' 4 "Then he came out of the land of the Chaldeans and dwelt in Haran. And from there, when his father was dead, He moved him to **this land** in which you now dwell. 5 "And

God gave him no inheritance in it, not even enough to set his foot on. But even when Abraham had no child, **He promised to give it to him for a possession**, and to his seed after him.

A heavenly city? a better country? from God

Hebrews 11:10 For he [Abraham] looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

Hebrews 11:13-16 These all [including Abraham] **died in faith, not having received the promises**, but having seen them [the promises] **afar off** [fulfillment is future], and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth [or in the land]. 14 For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country [of their own]. 15 And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out [the Ur of Chaldees - Babylon], they might have had opportunity to have returned. 16 But now they desire **a better country**, that is, an heavenly [from God]: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for **he hath prepared** for them a city.

Dust is figurative for a great multitude or a nation

Numbers 23:10 Who can count **the dust of Jacob**, and the number of the fourth part of Israel? Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his!

2 Chronicles 1:9 Now, O LORD God, let thy promise unto David my father be established: for thou hast made me king over **a people like the dust of the earth** in multitude.