

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS

MAY 18, 2022

GENESIS 13:10-18

INTRODUCTION:

1. Choices have consequences. Our lives today are the product of the accumulation of choices we have made in our past. God will never make those choices for you. (Deut. 30.19; Josh. 24.15)
2. Dwelling together in the land of Canaan became crowded and caused strife between the herdsmen of Abram and the herdsmen of Lot. (Gen. 13.7,8)
3. Out of love for his nephew, Abram gave the choice to Lot (Gen. 13.9).
4. Lot led a difficult life based on this one decision

I. THE CHOICE THAT LOT MADE

A. The Location which Lot chose.

1. **GENESIS 13.10:** *“Lot lifted up his eyes and saw the plain of Jordan.”*

a) The plain of Jordan refers to the land that was adjacent to the Jordan River near the Dead Sea. This is east of Bethel where they were camped (v. 11).

b) **GENESIS 13.10:** *“it was well watered everywhere...like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt as you go toward Zoar.”* (Gen. 2.10; Isa. 51.3; Gen. 19.20-22)

c) **GENESIS 13.10:** *“Before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.”* (Deut. 29.23)

2. **GENESIS 13.11:** *“Then Lot chose for himself all the plain of Jordan...”*

B. The Consequences of his choice.

1. **GENESIS 13.12:** *“Lot...pitched his tent even as far as Sodom.”*

2. **GENESIS 13.13:** What kind of city was Sodom? (cf. Gen. 10.15-20)

3. Lot was *“oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked”* (2 Pet. 2,7,8)

C. The Promise made to Abram.

1. **GENESIS 13.14,15:** *“for all the land which you see.”* Where is the border of the land that Abraham would inherit? (Num. 34.1-12)

2. **GENESIS 13.14:** *“I give to you and your descendants forever.”* A promise of an everlasting kingdom? (cf. Dan. 2.44; Acts 1.6)

3. **GENESIS 13.18:** Why were the Israelites called the Hebrews? (cf. Gen. 14.13)

II. HOW TO MAKE BETTER CHOICES

A. Take advice from the right kinds of people.

1. **PSALM 1.1:** *“Blessed in the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly.”*

a) Counsel: Literally, the advice you receive when you are troubled.

b) Ungodly: Those who do not have God in mind. Advise not base on God’s will.

2. Absalom made decisions based on bad advice. (2 Sam. 16.20-22)

3. Rehoboam ruled the people based on the advice of his friends. (1 Kings 12.6-11)

B. Associate with the right kind of people.

1. **PSALM 1.1:** *“nor stand in the path of sinners.”*

a) Stand: Not standing in contrast to sitting. This is the idea of lingering.

b) Sinners: Those who do not keep the commandments of God. (1 John 3.4)

2. What kind of people surrounded Lot? (Gen. 18.20; 2 Pet. 2.7,8)

3. It is easy to become like the people with whom we choose to associate. (1 Cor. 15.33)

C. Choose your friends wisely.

1. **PSALM 1.1:** *“nor sit in the seat of the scornful.”*

a) Sit: This suggests a long term stay; friendship.

b) Scornful: Those who ridicule and deride. i.e., katagelao, ekmukterizo. (Luke 16.14)

2. What kind of people to you choose as friends? (Mark 3.14).

D. Make your choices by the guidance of scripture. (Psalm 1.2; Rom. 8.5)