

# The Faith To Yield

Genesis 13:1-18

## Introduction

### I The Travel Log Of Abram

- A. Abram **went** up from Egypt to the Negev
  - 1. With his wife Sarai
  - 2. With everything he had - 1 Tim 6:17
  - 3. With Lot - Gen 12:1
- B. Abram went from place to place until he came to Bethel
  - 1. Between Bethel and Ai - Gen 12:8
  - 2. There he **called** on the name of the Lord - Jer 29:11-13

### II The Dilemma of God's Blessing

- A. Lot was traveling with Abraham
  - 1. He also had flocks, herds and tents
- B. The land could not **support** them both
  - 1. Their herdsman began to **quarrel** - James 4:1-3
- C. The Canaanites and Perizzites were in the land - 1 Pet 2:12

### III The Faith Of Abram

- A. Abram suggested that they not quarrel - Prov 15:18; Matt 18:15
- B. Abram **reminded** Lot that they were brothers - Matt 5:5, 9
- C. Abram pointed out that the whole land was before them
- D. Abram **offered** Lot first choice - Phil 2:3-11

### IV The Selfishness Of Lot

- A. Lot **looked** up and saw the whole plain of the Jordan - Lk 16:15
  - 1. It was well watered like the garden of the Lord
  - 2. It was like the land of Egypt - 1 Tim 6:9-10
- B. Lot **chose** for himself the whole plain of Jordan - Prov 14:12
- C. Lot **lived** among the cities of the plain - Ps 1:1-3
  - 1. He pitched his tents **near** Sodom - Gen 13:12; 14:12; 19:1
    - a. The men there were wicked - 1 Cor 15:33; 2 Pet 2:7-9
    - b. The men there were **sinning** greatly against the Lord

### V The Lord Reaffirmed His Promises To Abram

- A. Lift up your **eyes** - 2 Cor 5:7
- B. **Look** north, south, east and west - Acts 7:2-5
  - 1. "I will give you all the land that you see"
  - 2. "I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth"
- C. **Go**, walk through the length and breadth of it
  - 1. "I am giving it to you" - Rom 4:20-22

### VI The Response Of Abram

- A. Abram moved his tents and lived near the Hebron
- B. Abram built an **altar** to the Lord - Rom 12:1

## PERSONAL APPLICATION

Take some time this week to consider the following:

1. Share a time when you felt you were faced with the dilemma of choosing to either "win" (at the expense of another person/group) or "lose" (at your own expense). What happened?
2. What prompted the quarreling between Lot and Abram's herdsman? Have you ever experienced this? In your family? At work? At church? What were the consequences?
3. What does Abram's choice reveal about his character and trust in God? What does Lot's choice reveal about him? Which man are you most like in times of conflict?
4. In response to Abram's act of humility and faith in God, what did the Lord promise Abram? What does this tell you about God? About how to handle conflict? About how indestructible God's promises are to you?
5. Take a moment to open your heart to the work of the Holy Spirit. Is there a situation you're facing in life right now where you are tempted to assert your own rights and privileges at the expense of someone else? How can you apply Abram's faith to the situation? Are you willing? Whatever He shows you, yield yourself to Him in total obedience. You will be blessed if you do!

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