

REKINDLING FAITH ~ Genesis 13:1-18

→ Scripture Reading Genesis 12:1- 3, 13:1-4

INTRODUCTION

TWO QUESTIONS: Constable

- HOW will Abraham Obtain the LAND?
- WHO will be Abraham's HEIR?

GOING BACK ~ Genesis 13:1-4

[1] So Abram went up from Egypt to the Negev, with his wife and everything he had, and Lot went with him. [2] Abram had become very wealthy in livestock and in silver and gold.

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[3] From the Negev he went from place to place until he came to Bethel, to the place between Bethel and Ai where his tent had been earlier [4] and where he had first built an altar. There Abram called on the name of the LORD.

APPLICATION

Hebrews 10:23-25 (NIV) Let us **hold unswervingly** to the HOPE we PROFESS, for **HE who promised is faithful**. [24] And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. [25] Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another-- and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Revelation 2:4-5 (NAS) But I have this against you, that **YOU HAVE LEFT YOUR FIRST LOVE**. Therefore remember from where you have fallen, and **REPENT** and **DO THE DEEDS** you **DID AT FIRST**; OR ELSE I am coming to you and will remove your lampstand out of its place - unless you repent.

ABRAM'S PLAN ~ Genesis 13:5-9

[5] Now Lot, who was moving about with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents. [6] But the land could not support them while they stayed together, for their possessions were so great that they were not able to stay together. [7] And quarreling arose between Abram's herdsmen and the herdsmen of Lot. The Canaanites and Perizzites were also living in the land at that time. [8] So Abram said to Lot, "Let's not have any quarreling between you and me, or between your herdsmen and mine, for we are brothers. [9] Is not the whole land before you? Let's part company. If you go to the left, I'll go to the right; if you go to the right, I'll go to the left."

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LOT MOVES TOWARDS SODOM ~ Genesis 12:10-13

[10] Lot looked up and saw that the whole plain of the Jordan was well watered, like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, toward Zoar. (This was before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.)

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[11] So Lot chose for himself the whole plain of the Jordan and set out toward the east. The two men parted company: [12] Abram lived in the land of Canaan, while Lot lived among the cities of the plain and pitched his tents near Sodom. [13] Now the men of Sodom were wicked and were sinning greatly AGAINST the LORD.

APPLICATION

Our choices EXPOSE our HEARTS SHOWING what is REALLY there

Our choices IMPACT our FUTURE SHAPING the DIRECTION we go

GOD'S PROMISES RE-STATED ~ Genesis 12:14-18

[14] The LORD said to Abram after Lot had parted from him, "Lift up your eyes from where you are and look north and south, east and west. [15] All the land that you see I will give to you and your offspring forever. [16] I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth, so that if anyone could count the dust, then your offspring could be counted. [17] Go, walk through the length and breadth of the land, for I am giving it to you."

THIRD TIME GOD HAS SPOKEN TO ABRAM Constable

- the HEIR would be his OWN son
- the LAND would be his and his descendants FOREVER
- the NATION (his descendants) would be INNUMERABLE

[18] So Abram moved his tents and went to live near the great trees of Mamre at Hebron, where he built an altar to the LORD.

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TAKE AWAY ??

→Repent - Return - Worship

Ephesians 2:4-5 (HCS) But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love that He had for us, made us alive with Christ even though we were dead in trespasses. You are saved by grace!

→Repent - Return - Worship

BENEATH The CROSS OF JESUS

Upon that cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see
The very dying form of One Who suffered there for me;
And from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess;
The wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of His face;
Content to let the world go by to know no gain or loss,
My sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

QUESTIONS

1. Why is so EASY to LEAVE our FIRST LOVE?
2. Why is Repentance hard for us?
3. How can we make sure we LIVE in the SHADOW of the CROSS?

