

LOT'S CHOICE
(Genesis 13:5-18)

- I. The STRIFE (Gen. 13:5-7)
 - A. Conflict CAUSED by their WEALTH (cf. 1 Tim. 6:9)
 - B. Conflict BEGAN among the SERVANTS
 - C. Conflict RELATED TO their experience in EGYPT
 - D. Conflict created PROBLEMS with the CANAANITES
 - 1. Exposed Abram and Lot to increased RISK of ATTACK
 - 2. DAMAGED their TESTIMONY
- II. The SOLUTION (Gen. 13:8-9)
 - A. Proposed by ABRAM
 - 1. Demonstrated a COOL HEAD
 - 2. Demonstrated a HUMBLE SPIRIT
 - B. Choice given to LOT
 - 1. Demonstrated a willingness to YIELD for the sake of PEACE
 - 2. Demonstrated TRUST in GOD'S CARE
- III. The SEPARATION (Gen. 13:10-18)
 - A. Lot's GREED demonstrated

1. Desired SECURITY and AFFLUENCE
 2. Selected PROSPEROUS cities and LUSH plains
 - a. “Like the GARDEN of the LORD”
 - b. “Like the land of EGYPT”
 3. Compromised GRADUALLY
 - a. “Moved his tents AS FAR AS Sodom” (13:12)
 - b. “Was LIVING IN Sodom” (14:12)
 - c. “Was SITTING in the GATE of Sodom” (19:1)
 4. Offered Abram neither DEFERENCE nor THANKS
 5. IGNORED the WICKEDNESS of the people (cf. Isa. 3:9)
- B. Abram’s FAITH is HONORED
1. Desired FELLOWSHIP with the LORD (cf. Heb. 11:10)
 - a. Had offered Lot HALF of what was his own
 - b. Had learned that WEALTH did not signify God’s BLESSING
 2. Met with God when the fighting STOPPED and Lot was GONE
 - a. Was promised FOREVER all the LAND he could SEE as he WALKED its length and breadth
 - b. Was promised NUMBERLESS POSTERITY
 3. Built another ALTAR in HEBRON--responding to God’s blessings and promises with WORSHIP and PRAISE