

Lesson 12: LOT'S BAD CHOICE

GENESIS 13:1-18

Abram left Egypt with his wife, and all his possessions. Lot his nephew went with him. Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold. He traveled from the south to Bethel where he had headed before. At the place where he had first built an altar to the Lord, Abram stopped to call on the Lord.

Lot, who was traveling with Abram, also had folks and herds tents. Because there are so many animals and servants, there was not enough room for all them to continue to live together. The herdsman of Abram and Lot began to fight with each other over the pasture for the animals.

When Abram saw what was happening, he said to his nephew Lot, "Let us not have any more fighting between us and between our herdsman for we are family. The whole land is before you. Please separate yourself from me. If you go to the left, I will go to the right, or if you choose to go right, I will go left."

Lot looked all around him. He saw the plain of Jordan that it was green and fertile, lush with vegetation. He also saw the hilly regions where the pasture was not good. This was before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah for their wickedness. The valley looked like the garden of the Lord, or like an area of the Nile. Lot chose the fertile plain for himself. He thought that he had gotten the best for himself. But not everything that looks good is good for us. Many times it is better to choose the harder looking path and trust the the Lord will care for us.

Abram and Lot separate, with Abram living in the hill land of Canaan. Lot began to pitch his tent closer and closer towards the city of Sodom. The men in that city were sinners extremely wicked in the eyes of the Lord. But Lot moved near them, and finally joined them. Even though Lot knew the wickedness of the city, for he knew God, he deliberately chose to be near the city and allowed his family to be influenced by it. He wanted the easier life that the valley offered him.

The Lord said to Abram after Lot had left him "Look with your eyes from the place to the north, and to the south, to the east, and to the west: For all the land which you see I will give it to you and to your descendants forever. I will make your descendants so many that they will be like the dust of the earth. So that if a man could count the number of the dust, then he can count your descendants. Get up and walk through the land. I will give it all to you."

Then Abram removed his tent, and came to the plain of Mamre which is in Hebron. There he built an altar and worshipped the Lord.

It looks from the scene like Lot got the better deal. He certainly thought that he did. He was selfish and chose what he thought was the better land. But Lot did not consider the influence of the inhabitants of the land. The people of the plain were wicked and would bring their influence of evil upon Lot and his family. If he had asked the Lord or not been selfish, things might have been very different for Lot.

Abram, on the other hand, trusted God and the Lord rewarded that trust by blessing Abram.

PRINCIPLES:

All that looks good is not always good for us.

LEARN:

Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; an he shall bring it to pass. Psalm 37:5



1. Color the lush valley scene and the mountain scenes.

2. Color Abram and Lot.

3. Cut out the 3 scenes and tape them together so that the mountains match.

4. Paste Abram and Lot on scene - Do NOT paste Abram's arm down. - so that it reflects the story.

5. Fold the 2 sides in so the picture will stand.





