

## **GENESIS 13:14-15 2025    GOD'S THIRD DIALOGUE WITH ABRAM!**

7/12/25 Sat Morn Prayer – Phil Twente

### **Biblical Background:**

*Gen 13:7-13 And there was strife between the herdsmen of Abram's livestock and the herdsmen of Lot's livestock. The Canaanites and the Perizzites then dwelt in the land. [8] So Abram said to Lot, "Please let there be no strife between you and me, and between my herdsmen and your herdsmen; for we are brethren. [9] Is not the whole land before you? Please separate from me. If you take the left, then I will go to the right; or, if you go to the right, then I will go to the left." [10] And Lot lifted his eyes and saw all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere (before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah) like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt as you go toward Zoar. Gen 13:11 Then Lot chose for himself all the plain of Jordan, and Lot journeyed east. And they separated from each other. [12] Abram dwelt in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelt in the cities of the plain and pitched his tent even as far as Sodom. [13] But the men of Sodom were exceedingly wicked and sinful against the LORD.*

### **ABRAHAM – HIS THIRD DIALOGUE WITH GOD -**

*Gen 13:14-15 And the LORD said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him: "Lift your eyes now and look from the place where you are—northward, southward, eastward, and westward; [15] for all the land which you see I give to you and your descendants forever."*

- **In chapter 12, we saw Abram's lapse of faith**, in going to Egypt. Here he is back in the land, enjoying God's provisions. Now we see conflict and strife break out with Lot—an illuminating account of what occurs when strife and trouble break out between Christians in our Christian walk. Has this not happened to all of us?
- **God had blessed.** Their possessions were so great, that strife broke out between their herdsmen. Canaanites and the Perizzites (enemies) dwelt in the land.
- **Abram said, Please, let there be no strife** between you and me and between our herdsmen. But let us separate—if you take the left, then I will take the right, or if you go to the right, then I will go to the left!
- **Lot: "who went with Abram"**, which describes his whole life. He went with Abram! Wherever Abram was, Lot was. When Abram stopped, Lot stopped. "With Abram."
- **Lot is typical of many Christians**, depending on others (not God), for faith and inspiration to act. They have not learned to walk alone with God, leaning on Him! On whom are you leaning? When there are no problems and as long as they have a close friend, a strong church, good radio Bible teachers, good seminars, they get along pretty well. But when the going gets tough or upon whom they rely, are weak or as here, when prosperity comes, they fail the test.
- **Note the conflict of interest.** Two prospering business partners, both of them Christians could not get along because of their prosperity.
- **For the stronger of the two, the man of faith**, his purpose in business is primarily to benefit God's work--to use the gifts God gives him to advance the work of God. What is your purpose in your work?
- **Initially the other partner goes along with him** and agrees that this is a worthy basis for the business. But as prosperous times comes, the second partner, who raised his standard of living, begins to look more to the material things of life--more concerned about personal prospering than anything else. When this occurs there is only one thing to do and that is to divide their ways!
- **Notice it is the man of faith who takes the initiative.** Lot would most likely have let this situation continue. Abram says, "Please let there be no strife"—let us divide-you choose. Do you ever find yourself willing to take the lead in giving up your choices?
- **There are a couple of reasons for Abram proposing this division.** There were enemies -the Canaanites and the Perizzites, in the land. Enemies are always lurking to take advantage of any strife or agreement between believers.

- **Also, Abram notes, “let there be no strife...for we are brethren”.** We are tied together. If I am hurting you, I am hurting myself—if you hurt me, you are hurting yourself.
- **Abram in his God given wisdom, takes the initiative.** He is older and the acknowledged leader, superior to Lot in every way, yet he says to Lot. You take the first choice. Abram gives up his right to the first choice. If you go to the left, I will go to the right...
- **We see the choice that Lot makes.** He chose what appeared to be the well-watered garden--the best choice for increasing business and his profit.
- **Looking out for his own interests,** he overlooked the fact that *“the men of Sodom were exceedingly wicked and sinful against the Lord”*. Today, life in the whole world is becoming morally rotten, often hidden beneath an attractive prosperity, which needs to be considered as we face the choices of life.
- **Lot failed to do so. He “chose for himself”!** Deceived by what he saw, he stumbled into heartache, loss and judgment. Lot will eventually lose everything, except his two daughters!
- **Abram, however, was content in letting God choose for him**--though it seemed to be second best. Long before the true nature of Sodom became apparent to Lot, Abram saw it in its true light. Do you choose for yourself or do you let God choose for you--“not my will but Yours be done”- “if the Lord will”?
- **How and when do we learn the inner nature of things as they really are?** These are only revealed to the person with the tent and the altar. Those always praying, worshiping and moving toward the Lord! We are only pilgrims passing through; persons of prayer and worship. Our final dwelling place is not here on earth. Hold the earthly things very lightly! Are you a person of the tent and the altar?
- **That as we read His Word, He unfolds to us through spiritual eyes,** things of judgment, moral corruptness; the deadly character of what looks so attractive, being held in high regard by the world.
- **So, “Lot chose for himself”! How revealing!** Pitched his tent toward Sodom--every time he moved, he moved nearer to Sodom. Tragic!
- **But what happened to Abram?** How did it go with his letting God make the choices for him?
- **Vs. 14-15 .....Lift your eyes now and look from the place where you are .... for all the land which you see I give to you and your descendants forever.** Where, everywhere!! To the north, to the south, to the east, to the west!! All the land is his! This land is a symbol to us of the fullness of life when walking in the Spirit--a life of joy, power, love, glory and peace, the life of refreshing ministry to others.

#### **SUMMARY – GOD PROMISES TO ABRAM:**

- **What occurs when strife and trouble break out between Christians in your walk?**
- **Many Christians depend on others (not God), for faith and inspiration to act, not yet having learned to walk alone with God, leaning on Him! On whom are you leaning?**
- **For the man of faith, his purpose in business is primarily to benefit God’s work--to use the gifts God gives him to advance the work of God. What is your purpose in your work?**
- **Are you willing to take the lead in giving up your first choices?**
- **Do you choose for yourself or to let God choose for you?**
- **Are you a person of the tent and the altar?**

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**THE GOD OF ABRAHAM PRAISE** *Thomas Oliver - ben Judah/Yigdal (Leoni) (3:58)*  
*Congregational singing Westminster Chapel, 4/6/81 Memorial Service for D. Martyn Jones*

*1 The God of Abraham praise, Who reigns enthroned above; Ancient of everlasting days,  
And God of Love; Jehovah, great I AM! By earth and Heav'n confessed; I bow and bless  
the sacred name Forever blessed.*

*2 The God of Abraham praise, At whose supreme command From earth I rise—and seek  
the joys At His right hand; I all on earth forsake, Its wisdom, fame, and power; And Him  
my only portion make, My shield and tower.*

*3 He by Himself has sworn; I on His oath depend, I shall, on eagle wings upborne,  
To Heav'n ascend. I shall behold His face; I shall His power adore, And sing the wonders of His  
grace Forevermore.*

*4 The God who reigns on high The great archangels sing, And “Holy, holy, holy!” cry Almighty  
King! Who wast and art the same, and evermore shall be: Jehovah, Father, Great I AM! We  
worship Thee!*

*5 The whole triumphant host Give thanks to God on high; Hail Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
They ever cry: Hail Abraham's God and mine! I join the heavenly lays  
All might and majesty are thine, And endless praise.*

**THE GOD OF ABRAHAM PRAISE** - 14 Verses

*1 The God of Abraham praise, Who reigns enthroned above; Ancient of everlasting days,  
And God of Love; Jehovah, great I AM! By earth and Heav'n confessed; I bow and bless  
the sacred name Forever blessed.*

*2 Formless, all lovely forms declare His loveliness; Holy, no holiness on earth can His express. Lo, He is  
Lord of all, creation speaks His praise, And everywhere, above, below, He will obey.*

*3 The God of Abraham praise, At whose supreme command From earth I rise—and seek  
the joys At His right hand; I all on earth forsake, Its wisdom, fame, and power; And Him  
my only portion make, My shield and tower.*

*4 He knoweth every thought, our secrets open lie, End as beginning clear to His all-seeing eye. With  
perfect poise He binds, accordant to the deed, To wrong the doom, to right the joy, in measured meed.*

*5 The God of Abraham praise, Whose all-sufficient grace Shall guide me all my happy days, in all my  
ways. He call a worm His friend, He calls Himself my God; And He shall save me to the end, through  
Jesus' blood.*

*6 The great I AM has sworn, I on this oath depend. I shall, on eagle wings upborne, to heaven ascend. I  
shall behold God's face; I shall God's power adore, And sing the wonders of God's grace forevermore.*

*7 Though nature's strength decay, and earth and hell withstand, to Canaan's bounds I urge my way, at  
His command. The watery deep I pass, with Jesus in my view, And through the howling wilderness my  
way pursue.*

*8 The heavenly land I see, with peace and plenty blessed; A land of sacred liberty, and endless rest. There  
milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound, And trees of life forever grow with mercy crowned.*

*9 There dwells the Lord our King, the Lord our righteousness, Triumphant over the world and sin, the  
Prince of peace; On Zion's sacred height His kingdom still maintains, And glorious with His saints in  
light forever reigns.*

*10 He keeps His own secure, He guards them by His side, Arrays in garments white and pure His spotless  
bride: With streams of sacred bliss, with groves of living joys, With all the fruits of paradise, He still  
supplies.*

*11 Before the great Three-One they all exulting stand, And tell the wonders He hath done, through all  
their land: The listening spheres attend, and swell the growing fame: And sing, in songs which never end,  
the wondrous Name.*

*12 The God Who reigns on high the great archangels sing, And "Holy, holy, holy!" cry, "Almighty King!  
Who was, and is, the same, and evermore shall be: Jehovah, Lord, the great I AM, we worship Thee!"*

*13 Before the Savior's face the ransomed nations bow. Overwhelmed at His almighty grace, forever new:  
He shows His prints of love—they kindle to a flame! And sound through all the worlds above the  
slaughtered Lamb.*

*14 The whole triumphant host give thanks to God on high; Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost," they  
every cry. Hail, Abraham's God, and mine! (I join the heavenly lays) All might and majesty are Thine,  
and endless praise.*

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