

“Risk & Reward” • Genesis 14

Mt. Lassen Community Church • August 17, 2025

Intro • *What are the top 3 scariest things you’ve done willingly?*

Vs 1–10 • Backstory: A war is raging between 4 foreign kings & 5 local kings (including Sodom & Gomorrah). This isn’t a “holy war.” Abram stays out of it, safely living in the Judean hills, where God has him, instead of where his nephew Lot chooses to live...

Vs 11–12 • Lot, living in Sodom, is swept up by the conquering armies and taken captive. This is no surprise, since Lot had lifted up eyes of flesh to choose Sodom (ch 13)! Lot foolishly RISKED his soul for the world’s luxuries and is reaping the REWARDS.

Vs 13 • Abram is living peacefully with his Canaanite neighbors and has won them over as allies. He exemplifies 1 Cor. 5—

“The Hebrew” = _____

Vs 14–15 • Abram goes out to rescue Lot. _____

Discuss: *How has Abram grown since Genesis 12? Why the change?*

The battle: _____

Vs 16–18 • Abram meets up with the local kings to restore their goods and captives. Also coming out to meet Abram is Melchizedek, the king of Salem (later to become Jerusalem).

Melchizedek is described in Hebrews as being a “type” of Jesus _____

TOPICAL STUDY: TITHING • 1 Corinthians 9:6–8; we are to give—

Bountifully _____

Prayerfully _____

Purposefully _____

Freely _____

Cheerfully _____

Faithfully (in faith) _____

Debate: *Is 10% giving simply part of the Law of Moses, or it presented in the New Testament?* Answer: yes & no...

Vs 21–24 • To Bira, the “Son of Evil”, who offers Abram a huge reward: “Keep it, buddy. I don’t want you to claim you’ve made me rich. Only God can do that!” Abram refuses to risk God’s REPUTATION, unlike Lot!

Vs 15:1 • God promises: “Your reward shall be very great!” Abram’s reward from God is not wealth, possessions, etc., it is even GREATER. God will give Abram what he both NEEDS & DESIRES = *a son!*

→ *We can’t outgive God, but we can’t define HOW He gives in return!*

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Upcoming Events –

Thursday Bible Study • Israel pt 1, Brian Tilford

The Forge Workshop • Tonight, 6pm @ MLCC

Church in the Park • Through Sept. 7 • 9:30am

Summer Baptism • 9/7 • Sign up now

Church Picnic • Sept 7 • After the baptism
Food details TBA

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