

## Genesis 13:5-18 Abram & Lot Separate

Lot chooses the world for himself. Abram, as the mature brother, defers to him and gives him whatever he wants. But then God gives Abram everything. Lot claims a portion of the promised land for himself; God gives Abram the entire promised land.

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## Genesis 11:26-33

“There is something to be learned from every step of Lot’s journey—and from every incident connected with it.”

~Charles Spurgeon

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“And there was strife between the herdsmen of Abram’s livestock and the herdsmen of Lot’s livestock.”

Even in the place of blessing, we can still have problems.

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Deuteronomy 7:1 — “When the LORD your God brings you into the land which you go to possess, and has cast out many nations before you, the Hittites and the Girgashites and the Amorites and the Canaanites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than you,

Canaanites — כְּנַעֲנִי (kena‘ani) — “Inhabitants of the lower region” i.e. “Lowlander” also meant “merchant/trader”.

-Perizzites — פְּרִזִּי (perizzi) — “belonging to a unwalled town”

-Hittites — חִתִּי (chitti) — sons of Heth (a son of Canaan)

-Amorites — אֱמֹרִי (emori) — “mountain-dwellers” or “highlands”

-Hivites — חִוִּי (chivvi) — “belonging to a tent/nomadic village”

-Girgashites — גִּרְגָּשִׁי (girgashi) — “dwelling in a clayey soil”

-Jebusites — יְבוּסִי (yebusi) — “Inhabitant of Jebus” (Jebus = “threshing place”)

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Psalms 133:1-3 — Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For brethren to dwell together in unity!

-It is like the precious oil upon the head, Running down on the beard, The beard of Aaron, Running down on the edge of his garments.

-It is like the dew of Hermon, Descending upon the mountains of Zion; For there the LORD commanded the blessing— Life forevermore.

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Romans 12:10 — Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;

Romans 12:18 — If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.

Ephesians 4:1-3 — I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called,

-with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

1 Corinthians 6:7 — Now therefore, it is already an utter failure for you that you go to law against one another. Why do you not rather accept wrong? Why do you not rather let yourselves be cheated?

Matthew 5:9 — Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God.

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1 John 2:16-17 — For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

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\*Plain of Sodom Map

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Hebrew אָד (ad) gives the sense “right up to, but not yet into”

“But the men of Sodom were exceedingly wicked and sinful against the LORD.”

“exceedingly wicked and sinful”

-wicked / evil (ra') — עָרָא

-sinful / sinner (chatta) — חַטָּא

-exceedingly / very (me'od) — מְאֹד

Only verse in the Bible where all 3 words are found together.

-Only verse where exceedingly / very (me'od) and sinful / sinner (chatta) are found together.

-Wicked(ra') and sinful (chatta) are found in 3 verses, but only here are the words paired.  
-Exceedingly(me'od) and wicked(ra') are found in 8 verses, but only here and in Jeremiah 24:2-3 (the "very bad figs") are they paired.

\*naughty figs

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"As far a sin goes, what's the difference between being gay/lesbian and committing adultery?"

Romans 1:26 — For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature.

Leviticus 18:22 — 'You shall not lie with a male as with a woman. It is an abomination.

Abomination = tô'ēbā(תועבה) Used 179x in OT; a disgusting thing, abomination, abominable

"ABOMINATIONS" IN THE OT:

-Idolatry / false worship / pagan religion ~25–30 occurrences

-Moral evil (pride, lying, injustice, etc.) ~20–25 occurrences

-Sexual sins ~5–8 occurrences

Ceremonial uncleanness / food laws ~5–7 occurrences

SEXUAL SINS:

-Homosexual practice — Leviticus 18:22; Leviticus 20:13

-Cross-dressing — Deuteronomy 22:5

-Cult/ritual prostitution — Deuteronomy 23:17–18

-Returning to a former spouse after she has married another man — Deuteronomy 24:4

1 Corinthians 6:9-10 — Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.

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Hebrews 11:8-10 — By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

\*Bethel Map

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“Now” = *nā'*(*ἄ*); is “please” in verses 8 and 9.

-Abe told lot, “please lift up your eyes”

-Now God tells Abe, “Now, please, you lift up your eyes...”

Matthew 6:33 — “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”

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Philippians 4:19 — And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.