



**“If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” – 1 John 1:8-9**

**“Abram was willing to admit that it was sin and confess it to God. Unfortunately, many Christians who sin do not do this. They try to cover it up and are therefore never restored to the joy of their initial conversion. How foolish we are to fail in this. The Devil will tell us that we have sinned and can never go back; but God is the God of new beginnings. Someone has said that he is the God of the second chance. But he is even more gracious than this. He is the God, not merely of the second chance, but of the seventy-second chance or the hundred and seventy-second chance or whatever. The only way to get back into the will of God is to go back to the very cause of the departure, confess it, forsake it, and return to the place of fellowship.”  
– James Boice**

**“Abram is about to hand the Promised Land over to the same people who, in the author’s (Moses) own day and throughout Israel’s subsequent history, were the primary obstacle to the fulfillment of the promise.” – John Sailhamer**

**“By this studied contrast Moses helps us explore our own hearts.”**

– Kent Hughes

**“The less of our energies are consumed in asserting ourselves, and scrambling for our rights, and cutting in before other people, so as to get the best places for ourselves, the more we shall have to spare for better things; and the more we live in the future, and leave God to order our ways, the more shall our souls be wrapped in perfect peace.”** – Alexander Maclaren

**“You may think you are different from Lot. But if you have put your job ahead of your family’s spiritual life, if you have put your social advancement ahead of a proper association with God’s people, if you have let your choice of a home keep you from a church in which you can grow in faith and worship-you have moved from the highlands to the plains of Jordan.”** – James Boice

**“Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm.”** – Proverbs 13:20

**“In essence, we choose our friends, and our friends change us. For in choosing them we are likely choosing our own future.”** – Daniel Estes

**“By reiterating the promises of the land and descendants at the close, the story retains the narrative’s suspense about the question of an heir.”** – Kenneth Matthew

**“Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance, and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus the author and perfecter of faith,**

**who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you may not grow weary and lose heart.”**

– Hebrews 12:1-3