

Read Genesis 13:10-18

10 Lot looked around and saw that the whole plain of the Jordan toward Zoar was well watered, like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt. (This was before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.)

11 So Lot chose for himself the whole plain of the Jordan and set out toward the east. The two men parted company.

12 Abram lived in the land of Canaan, while Lot lived among the cities of the plain and pitched his tents near Sodom.

13 Now the people of Sodom were wicked and were sinning greatly against the LORD.

14 The LORD said to Abram after Lot had parted from him, "Look around from where you are, to the north and south, to the east and west.

15 All the land that you see I will give to you and your offspring forever.

16 I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth, so that if anyone could count the dust, then your offspring could be counted.

17 Go, walk through the length and breadth of the land, for I am giving it to you."

18 So Abram went to live near the great trees of Mamre at Hebron, where he pitched his tents. There he built an altar to the LORD.

When Abram gave Lot first choice of whatever part of the Promised Land he wanted, what did Lot look around and see (v. 10)? It looked to Lot like the whole plain of the Jordan was the best place to live.

Why did the whole plain of the Jordan look good to Lot (v. 11)? There was a lot of water there and it would be easy to grow his crops and water his animals. **What does that tell us about Lot?** He was just thinking about himself. He was selfish. He should have let Abram have first choice.

Where did Abram choose to live (v. 12)? In the land of Canaan. **Where did Lot choose to pitch his tents?** Near the city of Sodom. **What does that tell us about Lot?** He thought it would be fun to live near the big city. His heart was attracted to the things of the world.

How would you describe the people of Sodom (v. 13)? They didn't love God and were sinning against Him.

What did God tell Abram to do (v. 14)? Look all around you.

What did God promise Abram (vv. 15-16)? All the land he could see, i.e. all of the Promised Land. And he would have so many children and grandchildren (descendants) that no one could count them.

What did God tell Abram to do (v. 17)? Go and walk through the whole land I'm giving you and check it out.

Where did Abram go (v. 18)? Near the great trees of Mamre at Hebron, where he pitched his tents.

What did Abram do there? He built an altar and worshipped God.