

Back to the Beginning

Finding the Forever Character of God

A Walk through Genesis



Lessons Learned

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So Abram went up from Egypt, he and his wife and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the Negeb. ²Now Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold. ³And he journeyed on from the Negeb as far as Bethel to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai,

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⁴ to the place where he had made an altar at the first. And there Abram called upon the name of the LORD. ⁵ And Lot, who went with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents,

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⁶ so that the land could not support both of them dwelling together; for their possessions were so great that they could not dwell together, ⁷ and there was strife between the herdsmen of Abram's livestock and the herdsmen of Lot's livestock. At that time the Canaanites and the Perizzites were dwelling in the land.

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⁸ Then Abram said to Lot, "Let there be no strife between you and me, and between your herdsmen and my herdsmen, for we are kinsmen. ⁹ Is not the whole land before you? Separate yourself from me. If you take the left hand, then I will go to the right, or if you take the right hand, then I will go to the left."

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¹⁰ And Lot lifted up his eyes and saw that the Jordan Valley was well watered everywhere like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, in the direction of Zoar. (This was before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.)

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¹¹ So Lot chose for himself all the Jordan Valley, and Lot journeyed east. Thus they separated from each other. ¹² Abram settled in the land of Canaan, while Lot settled among the cities of the valley and moved his tent as far as Sodom.

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¹² Abram settled in the land of Canaan, while Lot settled among the cities of the valley and moved his tent as far as Sodom. ¹³ Now the men of Sodom were wicked, great sinners against the LORD.

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¹⁴ The LORD said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him, "Lift up your eyes and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward, ¹⁵ for all the land that you see I will give to you and to your offspring forever.

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¹⁶ I will make your offspring as the dust of the earth, so that if one can count the dust of the earth, your offspring also can be counted. ¹⁷ Arise, walk through the length and the breadth of the land, for I will give it to you."

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¹⁸ So Abram moved his tent and came and settled by the oaks of Mamre, which are at Hebron, and there he built an altar to the LORD.

Three Lessons from Abraham's Next Steps of Faith

Lesson #1

When You Can't See a Way
Forward, It's Okay to Go Back.

V.3-4 And he journeyed on from the Negeb as far as Bethel to the place where his tent had been **at the beginning**, between Bethel and Ai, to the place where he had made an altar **at the first**. And there Abram called upon the name of the LORD.

Lesson #2

God is Better than You Are at
Keeping His Promises to You.

V.9b If you take the left hand, then I will go to the right, or if you take the right hand, then I will go to the left."

Lesson #3

**The Land that Looks Good is
Not Always the Land of
Blessing.**

V.13 Now the men of Sodom were wicked,
great sinners against the LORD.



Two Final Questions

1. *Who is Writing the Chapters of Your Life?*
2. *Is There Something in Your Life You Need to Turn back over to God?*
