

**Abram's Repentance and Return to God
and to the Promised Land
Genesis 13:01–04**

**1. *Abram left Egypt:*
*Separation from the world***

1 So Abram went up from Egypt to the Negev, with his wife and everything he had, and Lot went with him.

2 Abram had become very wealthy in livestock and in silver and gold.

**2. *Abram returned
to the promised land
to Bethel:*
*Repentance***

a. The place where he began his journey of faith

b. The place of worship

3 From the Negev he went from place to place until he came to Bethel, to the place between Bethel and Ai where his tent had been earlier

4 and where he had first built an altar. There Abram called on the name of the LORD.

**Abram Separated from Lot:
Selfish Faith Vs. Unselfish Faith
Genesis 13:05–13**

1. *Abram and Lot faced a threefold problem*

- a. An unwise desire:
To stay together
- b. A severe conflict
between workers
- c. A poor godly influence,
a poor testimony to the world

2. *Abram sought to solve the conflict*

- a. He suggested
the need for keeping peace
- b. He offered to give
the best land to Lot

3. *Lot was misled by the lust of the eyes: By appearance*

- a. Selfishly,
Lot looked for the best land
- b. Selfishly,
Lot chose all the best land
for himself

5 Now Lot,
who was moving about with Abram,
also had flocks and herds and tents.

6 But the land could not support them
while they stayed together,
for their possessions were so great
that they were not able to stay together.

7 And quarrelling arose
between Abram's herders and Lot's.
The Canaanites and the Perizzites
were also living in the land at that time.

8 So Abram said to Lot,
"Let us not have any quarrelling
between you and me,
or between your herders and mine,
for we are close relatives.

9 Is not the whole land before you?
Let us part company.
If you go to the left,
I'll go to the right;
if you go to the right,
I'll go to the left."

10 Lot lifted looked around and saw
the whole plain of the Jordan
towards 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:

4. *Abram lived where he could prosper spiritually, Lot where he could prosper in the world*

a. Lot settled near Sodom

b. Lot settled where the people were wicked and very sinful

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.