

# Abram Separated from Lot: Selfish Vs. Unselfish Faith

## Genesis 13: 05–18

### 1. *Abram and Lot faced a three-fold problem*

- a. An unwise desire:  
To stay together  
even when the land could not  
support both of them
- 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 the peace
- b. He offered to give the best land  
to Lot, sacrificing his own  
right to choose first

### 3. *Lot was misled by what looked good: By appearance*

- a. Selfishly, Lot “lifted up his eyes”  
to look for the best land
- b. Selfishly, Lot looked and  
focused his eyes upon what  
appeared to be the best land
- c. 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 Perizzites were also living in the land at that time.

8 So Abram said to Lot, “Let’s 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’s 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 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:

**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

**5. *Abram's faith was rewarded***

- a. When: After separation from the worldly
- b. How: By the LORD's Word — "Lift up now your eyes"
- c. What: A threefold reward
  - 1) The land
  - 2) The seed
  - 3) The right to claim the land: All the land upon which he walked

**6. *Abram's faith continued on***

- a. He obeyed God
- b. He worshipped God (in Hbron)

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.