

Making Choices

Will you make the right choices today, or only that which appears to bring gratification to the flesh, what is pleasing to the eyes, or what elevates you among your peers?

When Abram left his kinsmen, he took with him his brother's son: into the land of Canaan they went. Over time, "the land was not able to bear them, that they might dwell together: for their substance was great, so that they could not dwell together" (Genesis 13:6). So, what to do?

"And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdsmen and thy herdsmen: for we are brethren. Is not the whole land before thee? separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if thou take the right hand, then I will go to the left. And Lot lifted up his eyes and beheld all the Plain of the Jordan, that it was well watered every where, before Jehovah destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, like the garden of Jehovah, like the land of Egypt, as thou goest unto Zoar. So Lot chose him all the Plain of the Jordan; and Lot journeyed east...and moved his tent as far as Sodom. Now the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners against Jehovah exceedingly" (Genesis 13:8-13).

Though Lot's choice seemed to be a good one, it ended in disaster. When Jehovah destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, Lot escaped with only himself, and his two daughters: his wife, and his great wealth, gone. What choices will you make today? Where will you pitch your tent?

Remember the words of the Lord, who said, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever would save his life shall lose it: and whosoever shall lose his life for my sake shall find it" (Matthew 16:24-25). Ross Triplett, Sr.