

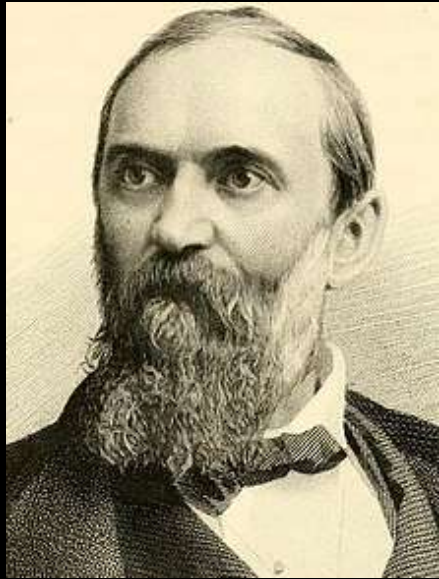
The Life of Faith: Choosing Wisely

Genesis 13:1-18

Slides from John Percival's sermon at the morning service
Sunday 26th May 2024

“After careful consideration, while it is a very interesting novelty, we have come to the conclusion that it has no commercial possibilities.”

William Orton



1. Walking by sight (v5-7, 10-13)

- Lot sees (v10)

Genesis 13v10

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.



1. Walking by sight (v5-7, 10-13)

- Lot sees (v10)
- Lot chooses (v11)
- Lot moves (v12-13)

Genesis 13v12-13

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.

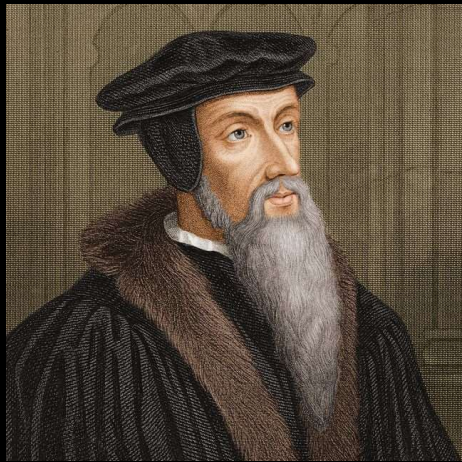
Proverbs 3v5-6

⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
⁶ in all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make your paths straight.



“Let us then learn by Lot’s example, that our eyes are not to be trusted; but that we must rather be on our guard lest we be ensnared by them, and be encircled unawares with many evils; just as Lot, when he fancied that he was dwelling in paradise, was nearly plunged into the depths of hell.”

John Calvin



2. Walking by faith (v8-9, 14-18)

- Pursuing peace (v8)

Genesis 13v8-9

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.”

Hebrews 12v14

Make every effort to live in peace with everyone



2. Walking by faith (v8-9, 14-18)

- Pursuing peace (v8)
- Practicing generosity (v9)

Matthew 6v33

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

2. Walking by faith (v8-9, 14-18)

- Pursuing peace (v8)
- Practicing generosity (v9)
- Experiencing blessing (v14-17)

Genesis 13v14-15

¹⁴ 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.

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Genesis 13v16

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.

Genesis 13v17

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

2. Walking by faith (v8-9, 14-18)

- Pursuing peace (v8)
- Practicing generosity (v9)
- Experiencing blessing (v14-17)
- Enjoying worship (v18)