

*Hello! This is Dorothy -*

There is a tremendous verse in **Galatians 3:7 - Know and understand that it is [really] the people [who live] by faith who are [the true] sons of Abraham.** Are you a *true son of Abraham?* Do you *live by faith?*

In **Genesis 13**, Abraham knew it was so much better for God to choose for him. Oh, how we go and mess up life trying to work out everything ourselves! Likewise, when we have the Lord we have all. God had promised to give Abraham an inheritance. There was no fear that Lot could rob him of that which was guaranteed to him by the faithfulness of God. Hence, Abraham could say, "Let others choose for themselves if they please, but, as for me, Thou shalt chose mine inheritance for me."

What about you? Are you busy trying to weave and work what should be yours and where you fit in? Don't you understand that God has a plan? So somebody is promoted and somebody is noticed. Hallelujah! Praise the Lord! God has a plan for your life. Let it come from Him. I like that little phrase:

*Not mine, not mine, the choice in all things great or small;*

*Be Thou (speaking of the Lord) my guide, my God,*

*my strength, my wisdom and my all.*

When a person chooses for himself or herself, he or she thinks it is time to get the very best and does not know the hidden snares and all the sin that lies ahead. But if you are willing to let the Lord choose for you, you will find He has, in love, planned the best for your life. Lot thought he had the best when he selfishly chose the beautiful land before him. Neither did he express his attitude to his Uncle Abraham by even offering him the first choice. Sadly, Lot saw only what he wanted and where he was going. How right it was that Lot had to go. Lot must go.

In **Psalm 4:3** we read - **But know that the Lord hath set apart him that is godly for himself . . .** In **Genesis 13: verses 10 and 11**, where we are looking just now, we see that Lot looked and saw and wanted and chose the best for himself. If we are willing to die to our ambitions and schemes, to the delights of friendship, which insidiously lower the temperature of the spirit, to the self life in all its subtle and overt manifestations, then better than choosing for ourselves, if we trust the Lord entirely, God will do much better for us. If we could just see that we can hand it all over to Him. Abraham lifted up his eyes, not looking for what would be the best for his material interests, but looking at what God had prepared for him. Would you stop and look to God even now with your life? Will you say to the Lord, *I want You to change to choose what is best for me.*'

We read that after Lot had left — **Chapter 13** —

**14 The Lord said to Abram . . . Lift up now your eyes and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward;**

**15 For all the land which you see I will give to you and to your posterity forever.**

**16 And I will make your descendants like the dust of the earth, so that if a man could count the dust of the earth, then could your descendants also be counted. *I love it!***

**17 Arise, walk through the land, the length of it and the breadth of it, for I will give it to you. *It was a moment in which Abraham had to act by faith. He had to go forward. He had to enter into what the Lord was saying, believing Him for that absolute possession of what He had promised.***

**18 Then Abram moved his tent and came and dwelt amongs the oaks . . . of Mamre, which are in Hebron, and built there an altar to the Lord.** I love this. Quietly, he waited in the place where God would speak to him. The word *Hebron* signifies the word *fellowship*. Deeper fellowship with the Almighty God, who never leaves, never forsakes, but always promises and always fulfills His promise. That is where you and I need to be if we love the Lord Jesus. And if we do not know the Lord Jesus, we need to receive Him into our lives and to understand that, as in **Lamentations 3**, we read —

**22 It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because**

**his compassions fail not.**

**23 They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.**

In other words, it is by the mercy of God alone that we can receive the grace of God to come into Christ. But in so doing, it is that His life, His plan, His purpose might be all outworked. It was not just Abram and what he was to see and to know and to possess. No. God knew behind Abram, one day he would be Abraham and with his wife Sarah, there would be a Seed - *with a capital S* - would come forth as the Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ. So, behind what seemed to be a very ordinary little decision, for some of us God has eternal purposes being outworked. That is why it is essential that we abide in Christ and let His plan and purpose work through us. Let the Lord Jesus choose for you. You can then worship Him with all your heart and give glory to Jesus, our Lord and Saviour.

*Amen.*