

A cosmic background featuring a view of Earth from space, with the Moon in the upper center. The scene is filled with stars and the Milky Way galaxy, set against a deep blue and purple color palette.

THE BOOK OF
GENESIS

BIG BUCKS AND THE BELIEVER

Genesis 13:1-18

The danger of loving things more than God!

- How many family fights and feuds have been caused by the love of money or material things?
- Churches splitting or dissolving over who controls the money!
- Beware of love of money and possessions (**1 Tim. 6:6-10**); Abram does well with this third test!

A REAL HEART TEST

For believers, the heart of every problem is usually a problem in the heart.

- Abraham determined to be a peacemaker and not a troublemaker—even when wealth was involved.
- It was bad enough that this dispute was between brethren (**Gen. 13:8**); but even worse, the heathen people of the land were watching and listening. **13:7**
- No wonder our Lord prayed that His people might be one, that the world might believe. **John 17:20-23**

SOME LESSONS FROM LOT

James 3:13-18 explains why Lot was a troublemaker instead of a peacemaker: he had heart trouble!

- Covetousness—an insatiable appetite for more things—leads to all kinds of evil. **1 Tim. 6:10**
- According to **1 Cor. 2:14-3:3**, there are only three kinds of people in the world: the natural, carnal, and spiritual. Lot was carnal, a friend of the world.
- Lot was not devoted to God. **2 Peter 2:7-8**

ABRAM WAS A FRIEND OF GOD

Lot could not walk with Abraham because Abraham was the friend of God (**Isaiah 41:8; Amos 3:3**), but Lot was a friend of the world. **James 4:4**

- 1. Abraham lived for others, not for self.**
- 2. Abraham lived by faith, not by sight.**
- 3. Abraham let God choose for him.**
- 4. Abraham gave thanks to God.**

ABRAHAM WALKED BY FAITH.

ABRAM PASSED THIS TEST

- Abraham failed the first two tests—fights and famine—because he resorted to faith in man’s wisdom instead of faith in God’s Word.
- But he passed the third test with great distinction because he let God take control.

*“And this is the victory that has overcome the world—
our faith.”* **1 John 5:4**

