

RIGHTEOUS LOT

(2 Pet. 2:4-9)

Introduction:

1. It has been a while since we did a character study and so...let us this morning consider Lot the nephew of Abraham. His life is rich with instruction for us even though he lived nearly 4000 years ago.
2. Let us consider who he was, what he did, and what we can learn.

Discussion:

I. Who He Was.

- A. Lot was the son of Haran, the son of Terah (Gen. 11:26, 31).
- B. Lot's father Haran died in Ur (Gen. 11:28), before the family left Ur per the call of God (Acts 7:2, 3).
 2. He accompanied the patriarch of the family, after the death of Terah, into Canaan (Gen. 12:5).
 3. Not all of the family accompanied the patriarch, Abraham, into the land of Canaan (Gen. 22:20-23; 24:2-4, 10 ["City of Nahor" more than likely refers to Haran, later called Padan Aram {the fields of Aram} in Gen. 28:2]).
- C. Let's put some things together in our minds:
 1. Terah begot Abram, Nahor, and Haran.
 2. Abram begot Ishmael, Isaac, and later the 6 sons of Keturah (most notably Midian).
 3. Nahor begot 8 sons (most notably Bethuel, the father of Laban [father of Leah and Rachel] and Rebekah). Nahor's son Kemuel had a son named Aram (Padan Aram source?).
 4. Haran begot Lot, the father of Moab ("from a father") and Ben-ammi ("son of my people") the father of the Ammonites.

II. What He Did.

- A. Lot accompanied the patriarch of the family, after the death of Terah, into Canaan (Gen. 12:5). He traveled with Abraham until their numbers grew too great and they separated (Gen. 13:5-9).
- B. Lot chose lands "toward" Sodom (Gen. 13:10-13).
- C. Lot was taken prisoner in the war between 4 kings against 5 kings (Gen. 14:1-12), but Abraham, with only 318 trained servants freed Lot and the other captives; chasing the forces of the 4 kings back north of Damascus (Gen. 14:14-16).
- D. Lot took up residence in the wicked city of Sodom (Gen. 19:1). Lot protected the angels sent to inspect the wickedness of Sodom from the crowd (Gen. 19:2-9).
- E. Lot's family was given the opportunity to escape Sodom's destruction, with the command not to look back as the city was destroyed. Lot's wife did look back and was turned into a pillar of salt. Lot and his two daughters escaped north to Zoar and then to a cave in the mountains (Gen. 19:12-26).
- F. Lot's daughters having lost their husbands or fiancées in the destruction of Sodom (Gen. 19:14) conspire to get their father Lot drunk with wine and become impregnated by their father (Gen. 19:31, 32). They did so on subsequent nights (Gen. 19:33-36).

III. What We Can Learn.

- A. We must be careful that our decisions in this life are not made purely from physical considerations. The land might have looked good but the direction was not.
- B. Association with wickedness has consequences.
 1. Lot was taken prisoner. We can lose our influence/leverage.
 2. Lot was grieved, but why was he there (2 Pet. 2:6-9)?
 3. He lost his wife, why did she look back?
 4. His daughters devised a wicked plan, where had they learned such depravity?
- C. Our unrighteous choices can have continuing adverse effects, despite our personal righteousness (Moab and Ammon were constant thorns to Israel).
- D. God is so good!
 1. Lot and his family were offered deliverance, and most were saved from Sodom's destruction.
 2. Lot's descendants, despite how they were conceived, were blessed by God (Deut. 2:9, 19).

Conclusion:

1. Lot's life is a cautionary tale. Let us learn from his example and strive to make some of the same choice he did, but avoiding some of his bad choices.
2. Invitation.