

An Unwise Decision

"As dawn broke, the angels urged Lot on, saying, 'Up, take your wife and your two remaining daughters, lest you be swept away because of the iniquity of the city.' Still he delayed. So the men seized his hand, and the hands of his wife and his two daughters – in the LORD's mercy on him – and brought him out and left him outside the city" **Genesis 19:15-16**

You remember the separation of Abraham and Lot: because of quarreling between their servants, Abraham offered Lot first choice of where to settle. "And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of the Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere, before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, like the garden of the LORD...and moved his tent as far as Sodom."¹ In Genesis 14, Abraham saved Lot from marauding kings, and in Genesis 19, the only apparent reason God did not destroy Lot with the rest of Sodom was due to Abraham's intercession on Lot's behalf. After God destroys Sodom and Gomorrah, the narrative involving Lot ends with Lot in a drunken stupor living in incest with his daughters.

God committed Himself to Abraham, not Lot. When Lot agreed to separate, he left the source of blessing, choosing the more fertile and lush plains near Sodom. You will find no necessary relationship between what appears to be the abundant life and the source of blessing, and when you make the wrong choice, you do so to your own hurt.²