

EASTERN BIBLE CONFERENCE YOUNG PEOPLES BIBLE STUDY 2009

As we study Abraham and Lot this year, I would like to suggest five “C’s” to apply to the circumstances through which Abraham, Sarah and Lot went through. I believe this will be a very useful tool for each of us – not just the young people here at EBC - but those of us who are helping with the readings as well. They are as follows:

- 1. CHOICES - Note that the word is plural. Many are voices are calling for our attention today just as they called for the attention of those we are studying.**
- 2. CONSIDER - What did the Lord mean when he said to His people - “Consider thy ways”. What is involved in the application of this principle? Do we have time in our busy schedules to be exercised about the choices we make? Can we afford not to be?**
- 3. CONCLUSION - Often we come to a conclusion but how did we arrive at it? Did we skip part 2? Obviously Lot came to some **WRONG** conclusions and he and his family suffered much because of it. Abraham through much exercise came to some **RIGHT** conclusions and he and Sarah were blessed abundantly!**
- 4. CHOICE - Now there is no “s” – it is no longer choices but a choice that we make that will either bring the blessing of God upon us or much misery and suffering.**
- 5. CONSEQUENCES - The first four areas are very much under our control. This last is either the result of exercise and the application of the Word to our path or the unhappy results of ignoring some or all of the foregoing areas.**

ABRAHAM – “THE FRIEND OF GOD”

1. It took only a couple of chapters to tell us about the creation of this world. How many chapters does it take to tell us about Abraham and his descendents? Discuss
2. How important is this man Abraham? His name is mentioned ___ times in the New Testament in ___ different books. Discuss.

GENESIS Chapter 11 vs 31-32 & Acts Chapter 7 vs 2 & 3

1. What was the initial response of Abraham to the “Call of God” as seen in Acts 7? Discuss
2. Do the instructions of God appear to be clear? Let’s discuss what God asked him to do.
 - A. “Get thee out of thy country”
 - B. “From thy kindred”
 - C. “From thy fathers house”
 - D. “I will make of thee a great nation”
 - E. Why not stay and fix the problems within the Ur of the Chaldees?
 - F. God was asking him to leave something he could see and to “Look for a city” which he could not see. Discuss
3. Who appears to be taking the lead when they arrive at Haran?
4. What happens at Haran? Discuss

GENESIS Chapter 12

1. Let’s see how the “Call of God” changed in Chapter 12. Discuss.
2. Let’s discuss some features of the “Call of God”
 - A. It is a divine call.
 - B. It is an individual call.
 - C. It is a call of separation.
 - D. It is a call – when heard – that changes our view of this world!
Discuss - in relation to Abram and to Lot.
3. Verse 4 – “Abraham departed as the Lord had spoken unto him and Lot went with him.” Discuss the difference.

4. Discuss the significance of Verse 6 – “And the Canaanite was in the land.” Compare Ephesians Chapter 6 – vs 12.
5. Two things characterized the life of Abraham in verses 7 & 8.
Discuss
6. Discuss the famine and Abraham’s time spent in Egypt.
7. What about Abraham’s altar and his tent?

GENESIS Chapter 13

1. What is the recurring feature with Lot in verses 1 & 5. Discuss
2. Verses 3 and 4 are full of instruction. Discuss the following:
 - A. At the beginning.
 - B. The place of the altar.
 - C. At the first.
 - D. There Abraham called on the name of the Lord.
2. The strife that arose was not the result of the difficulty but the revealer of the hearts of Abraham & Lot. Discuss
3. Verse 8 - is the revealer of Abram’s heart as Verse 11 is the revealer of Lot’s heart. Discuss the choice of each.
4. Discuss verse 12 as further indicators of the spiritual condition of Abram and Lot.
5. Lets talk about separation – when and why is it necessary? It is always from this world but the separation from Lot goes further. Discuss.
6. When did God speak again to Abram? Vs 14 thru 18. Discuss.

GENESIS Chapter 14

1. Chapter 14 begins with a battle between 4 kings and 5 kings. Why did this battle initially involve Lot and not Abram? Discuss vs 12
2. At what point did Abram get involved and why did he?
3. Discuss vs 14 – “He armed his trained servants, born in his own house, three hundred and eighteen.”
4. Verse 14 involves a test of another kind. Discuss the timing of this test in reference to the battle Abram had just won.
5. While the king of Sodom is coming – who meets Abram? How does he strengthen and prepare Abram for the coming test?
6. Verse 23 involves a choice for Abram. Discuss

GENESIS Chapter 15

1. Discuss the fact that it was “After these things” that “the Word of the Lord” comes to Abram.
2. Discuss the first two words - “Fear not”.
3. What is the thought of a “shield”?
4. Discuss - “Thy exceeding great reward”.

Although the life of Abram is not a perfect life, we again find the recovered man in Chapter 18 sitting in the tent door in the plains of Mamre. He appears to have given up any idea of helping God and is waiting for God to work. This is a good time to see what God has to say of His servant from the pages of the New Testament as seen in Romans 4 – vs 18 – 22. Let’s list and discuss what this chapter sets before us.

1. Vs 18 - a. “Against hope – believed in hope”
b. “being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body, now dead”
c. “neither yet the deadness of Sarah’s womb”
d. “he staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief”
e. “being fully persuaded . . . He was able to perform”

This is also a good time to see what Hebrews 11 vs 8 14 has to say about Abraham & Sarah.

- Vs 8 - a. He went out by _____.
- Vs 9 - b. He sojourned in the land of promise by _____.
- Vs 10 - c. He looked for a _____ which hath foundations.
- Vs 11 - d. Sarah judged _____ who had promised.

GENESIS Chapter 18

1. Having seen the three men of Chapter 18 – and having bowed before them, he immediately offers:

- A. Refreshment
 - B. Rest
 - C. Provision (food)
 - D. Discuss the attitude of Abram during this time.
2. It is to the man who is walking in communion with Himself that God reveals his mind as to:
- A) Abraham's own circumstances - Discuss
 - B) His own confidence in the man Abraham – vs 19
 - C) The future of Sodom - Discuss Abraham's intercession for Sodom.

GENESIS Chapter 19

1. Verse 1 reveals another downward step in the life of Lot. Discuss
2. Verse 8 shows how Lot's moral compass has been destroyed by association with the men and principles of Sodom. Discuss. Compare this with what is said of Abraham in Chapter 18 – vs 19.
3. Verse 9 - Do you think this is what Lot told the men of Sodom when he moved there? How many others do we know who just went to sojourn? Naomi & Elimelech – Ruth Ch 1 vs 1.
4. Verse 14 - “He seemed as one that mocked unto his sons in law.” Discuss
5. Verse 15 - “The angels hastened Lot” and verse 16 – “while he lingered” – are indicative of where Lot's heart was. Discuss
6. Verse 26 - Discuss Lot's wife and the total loss to this family.

GENESIS 21 Vs 1 – 8

1. Verse 1 - “God is faithful” - Discuss
2. Verse 6 - “God hath made me to laugh” – Sarah
3. Verse 8 - “And Abraham made a great feast . . .”