

## Lot Experiments With His Own Plan.

**This week** we learn about the great mistake of trying to mix our own way with God’s way.

*“Abraham obeyed My voice ...  
and kept My commandments,  
My statutes, and My Laws”  
Genesis 26v5*

**Bible Readings for this week:**

*(Choose a regular time each day to read the bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)*

Day	Bible Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	Genesis 12v4,13v1-18 (Abram and Lot leave Haran, then separate)	
Monday	Genesis 14v1-16 (Lot moves to Sodom and is taken prisoner)	
Tuesday	Genesis 18v1-5,16-33 (Abraham pleads for Sodom)	
Wednesday	Genesis 19v1-15 (God sends angels to rescue Lot)	
Thursday	Genesis 19v16-30 (Lot’s wife looks back and dies)	
Friday	2 Peter 2v1-10 (God in His mercy spares Lot)	
Saturday	Luke 17v20-37 (The Final Judgement of God)	

**Important Lesson for us today:** *We have choices in life. There are consequences for our decisions - both in this life, and for eternity. The Lord expects a believer to be obedient, separate from the world, seeking, and following His will before making any important decision. He has given us principles to follow. Examples: Which Church to attend? Is it faithfully preaching the Gospel, holding reverent, Christ centred, worship? Who to marry? Does the person hold to all the same Bible truth that you do? Which Job? Will I compromise my faith, testimony, and church attendance? If we push past God’s direction for us there are consequences of lost peace, and witness - just as Lot found. His family perished spiritually because he mixed the world’s ways with God’s way.*

**Hymn 536: To know the Lord’s blessing we must commit to total obedience to the Lord.**

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| 1. Thy way, not mine, O Lord,<br>However dark it be!<br>Lead me by Thine own hand,<br>Choose out the path for me. | 6. Not mine, not mine the choice<br>In things both great and small;<br>Be Thou my Guide, my Strength,<br>My Wisdom, and my All. |
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*EDT Bible/College Class Take Home Sheet*

*This sheet is given to remind you of the lesson and to encourage you to read your Bible.*

## Lot’s Plan for His Life Does Not Please God.

- **Lot’s Background (we go back in time before Isaacs’s birth – Genesis 12v4).**
  - Lot was Abraham’s nephew and came with him out of Ur and Haran.
    - He shared the benefits of living with a family which trusted, and served God.
    - God had blessed both Abraham and Lot with increase in their flocks.
    - Now their flocks were too large to live in the same area – They must separate.
    - Lot believed in God BUT also wanted his own way.
- **Lot Sees an Opportunity for Personal Gain.**
  - Abraham asked Lot to choose – Fertile Plains (East) or Rugged Mountains (West).
  - Lot chose for himself. No thought for Abraham, nor of seeking God’s guidance.
  - He chose the Fertile Plains and so moved near to the wicked city of Sodom.
- **At First Lot’s Plan Appeared to be Very Successful.**
  - His wealth increased as his business grew – but he then **moved into** Sodom.
  - He and his family made many new friends, and he became a Magistrate.
  - He thought he could change Sodom’s evil ways, but he was corrupted by them.
- **But Did Lot’s Success Last?**
  - Sodom was attacked. Lot lost all his wealth - He and his family were taken prisoners.
  - Abraham, with God’s help, rescues Lot and his family, but they **return** to Sodom.
  - Lot tried worldly methods to protect the angel visitors from the men of Sodom.
- **Could God Condone Lot’s Way of Life in Wicked Sodom?**
  - No. God determines to destroy wicked Sodom. He reveals His Plan to Abraham.
  - Abraham pleads with God to spare it - “If 50, 45, 40, 30, 20, 10 **righteous are found?**”
  - God’s destruction goes ahead because not even 10 believers could be found.
- **God Graciously Rescues Lot, His Wife, and Two Daughters.**
  - Reluctantly they agree to be rescued by God from the impending destruction.
  - Lot lost everything. Sodom, and Gomorrah are destroyed by fire and brimstone.
  - Lot’s wife wanted to stay, so she looked back in disobedience, and lost her life.
  - Lot did not learn from this as he chose to live in another nearby city, even though he was vexed (troubled) by the evil practices of Sodom. He had no peace.
  - Lot’s bad witness meant his daughters’ desires were focused **only** on Sodom.
- **Beware of Satan’s Cruel Lies Which Lead to Disappointment.**
  - Satan tries to deceive us with lies – ‘It is OK to follow me **and** God at the same time’. ‘Enjoy sin, do not worry about it’. ‘God will not mind’. ‘Go your own way’.

*Satan’s aim is to keep us away from knowing the Lord as our Saviour, or if we are a Christian, to spoil our fellowship with God and our testimony for Him.*

- **Are we bound by Satan?** – A prisoner of our sin of unbelief, pride and selfishness?

**The Lord Jesus said, “No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. (this world).”** *Matthew 6v24.*