

THE LIFE OF ABARAHAM

3. Abraham's Priorities



Introduction

All of us, consciously or unconsciously, have priorities in our lives. Often these priorities, or the things we put first in our lives, affect the way we think or act. They are what determine the direction of our lives. What was the most important thing in Abraham's life? Let's compare this with Lot, who was Abraham's nephew.

Scripture Reading: Genesis 13:1-17

A. ABRAHAM'S PRIORITIES

- ✧ What were Abraham's priorities do you think, from the verses we have just read? V3-4, 8-9



Although Abraham did not place material possessions as his number one priority he was generous towards Lot? What can we learn from his example?

B. LOT'S PRIORITIES

- ✧ How do you think Lot should have responded to his uncle in this situation?
- ✧ What influenced Lot's decision and what does this show us about his priorities in life? V10
- ✧ How did Lot's choice affect his lifestyle? V12-13



What are the characteristics of a person whose priority is material possessions? Examine your own life. Are any of those characteristics in you?

C. ABRAHAM REASSURED

- ✧ How did God respond to Abraham's choice? V14-17
- ✧ Why do you think this really encouraged Abraham?

Conclusion

It is easy to say we put God first in our lives, but do we really? How do we make our decisions? Are we more like Lot than Abraham? Sadly many Christians are, wanting the best for themselves. There are some important lessons we can learn from this story, and one of these is that if we put God first and trust him, he will bless us.