
ROOTS
A Study in Genesis



LESSON 10 GENESIS 13-14

1. How did last week's study of **Genesis 11:27-12:20** challenge or broaden your understanding of God's character, and your understanding of yourself?

2. As you read **Genesis 13-14**, pray and ask God to shape your perspective on how conflict tests our faith.

3. a) Read **13:1-4** with Abram's failure in Egypt in mind. What is significant about the place to which Abram returned, and what he did there?

b) Share a time you failed to trust God. Did you return to God, as Abram did in Bethel, to renew your connection with Him? What did you learn about God that could encourage someone who has failed?

4. In **V5-7**, what fueled the conflict between Abram and Lot, and their herdsmen? Have you experienced conflict over material blessings God has given you or your family, and if so, how was it resolved?

5. a) From **V5-13**, how is Abram an example for Christians who are in conflict with one another?

b) What does the Bible say about handling conflict? Which one most helps you in a conflict and why?
Optional: cite your own favorite Bible passage regarding conflict.
 - **1 Corinthians 6:1-4**

 - **Ephesians 4:2-3**

 - **James 4:1-6**

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6. Read **Genesis 13:10-13** and comment on the basis for Lot's choice and how it compares to what you base your decisions on.
7. a) From **V14-18**, how did God's promise to Abram include more than he seemed to give up?
- b) When have you experienced receiving more in spiritual blessings than you have given up when you have followed Christ?
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8. In **Genesis 14:1-12** we see there was much turmoil in the region where Lot settled. How do you think Lot's choices in **Chapter 13** might have contributed to him being taken captive, and do you find a caution there for yourself?
9. What character qualities do you see in Abram's response to Lot's captivity, and how could these have contributed to his victory in **V13-16**?
10. From **V17-24** compare and contrast the two kings and the way they treated Abram. Did anything catch your attention in these exchanges?

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11. What was Abram's attitude and response to each king, and what does it tell you about what Abram valued?

 12. As you consider the choices of Lot and Abram, and their "**ROOTS**" of faith, how are you encouraged or challenged as you think about where you are **ROOTED** when you face conflicts and/or important life choices?

"GOSPEL GLIMPSES": Throughout the Book of Genesis, we will see previews of Jesus, and a foreshadowing of the Gospel (The Salvation Story).

1. Melchizedek mysteriously appears after Abram's battle in **Genesis 14:18-20**. What strikes you about David's reference to him in his "Messianic" prophecy in **Psalms 110**? (See especially **V4**.)

2. The New Testament writer of Hebrews refers several times to Melchizedek. In what ways do you see Melchizedek foreshadow the character of Jesus and the qualifications of His ultimate priesthood?
 - **Hebrews 5:4-10, 6:19-20**

 - **Hebrews 7:1-27**

3. Jesus is the true King of Peace. (See **Isaiah 9:6; John 14:27, 16:33; Romans 5:1; Philippians 4:6-7**.) How might He bring peace to a place of internal or external conflict for you?

4. a) Write out the Suggested Memory Verse: **Ephesians 4:3** or **Hebrews 5:9b-10**

- b) Write a prayer of response (confession, thanksgiving and/or requests) from any part of this lesson.

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PRAYER REQUEST