

Abram and Lot Separate

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Faced with the problem of survival because of their many belongings and ensuing conflict, **Abram** and **Lot** separated. Because of **ADONAI's** promise to bless **him**, one might have expected **Abram** to choose first. But **he** offered the first choice to **Lot**, who chose the very best land available. **Abram** had learned **his** lesson from his journey to Egypt. **The LORD of mercy** would provide for **him** no matter where **he** lived. Therefore, **he** was not looking on temporal things, but on things spiritual; this was **His** promise. This chapter shows how faith solves conflict. You could say that generosity is a sign of faith in the promises of **God**. For faith does not selfishly seek one's own desires, but is giving, generous, and self-denying.²³⁹