

Abram Returns to Canaan
Genesis 13:1-18

Main Point:

God's people are to walk by faith and not by sight. Knowing that Jesus did this for you, seek to do the same.

1. When you fall into sin, you need to get back on the right path.
2. Being on the right path means you walk by faith.
3. You should walk by faith because walking by sight is perilous.
4. You should walk by faith because it will eventually be replaced with sight.
5. You can walk by faith because Jesus always did.

Hebrews 11:8 ⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. (NKJV)

R. Kent Hughes "His journey from Egypt to the Negev to Bethel was apparently a conscious pilgrimage through which he desired to recapture his previous walk with God, because he ultimately returned to the altar where he first called on the name of the Lord."

Allen Ross "Abram knew that God meant what he had said, and so it mattered little what Lot chose for now."

J.C. Ryle "He chose by sight, and not by faith. He asked no counsel of God, to preserve him from mistakes. He looked to the things of time, and not of eternity. He thought of his worldly profit, and not of his soul. He considered only what would help him in this life."

John Calvin "Lot ... fancied that he was dwelling in Paradise, [but he] was nearly plunged into the depths of hell."

Mark 8:36 ³⁶ "For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? (NKJV)

1 John 3:2 ² Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. (NKJV)

R. Kent Hughes "Abram was like us, a paradoxical mixture of self-centered reliance and trust in God."

1 Peter 2:23 ²³ When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. (ESV)