

Apparent Paradise or Distant Promise?
Genesis 13
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A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush. Ben Franklin

Why did Moses choose to suffer with the people of God rather than enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season?

Abram's Story

His faith, his promises, his failure, his repentance.

This is repentance described in geographical terms.

God's Sends a New Trial

The trial of wealth.

A necessary separation.

Abram was the elder, the Patriarch of the family.

He used his authority to yield to Lot.

Is meekness weakness?

Why? How could he do that? (Hebrews 11:10)

There are too many families where strife rules.

You can always take the high moral ground in a family feud.

Lot: Walking by Sight

Lot immediately took advantage of the situation for material gain.

It was like the Garden of God. Eden
It was like Egypt (That is a warning sign.)

This decision began a slow steady descent for Lot.
(Genesis 13:13; 14:12; 19:1, 14; 2 Peter 2:7-8)

God's Reward of Grace

God delights to bless his people in the way of obedience, but we have not merited his favor.

How does God reward Abram?

The blessings of covenant keeping are real.

God told Abram to walk about the land, to check it out. It would be given him and his descendants. As far as the eye could see.

I choose the better path.

Have you found your treasure, the reward of the diligent pursuit of ultimate joy, the joy that you can find in Jesus?