

“I Know What I’m Doing!”

*Consequences of the Choices We Make
Genesis 12:10-13:18*

Deliverance From Egypt

- Abram’s departure from Egypt typified Israel’s later exodus.
- God sent a famine. *Gen 12:10*
- The Egyptians afflicted God’s people. *Gen 12:12-15, Ex 1:11-14*
- God plagued the Egyptians. *Gen 12:17, Ex 8-11*
- The Egyptians allowed God’s people to depart after bestowing upon them great wealth. *Gen 12:16,20, Ex 12:33-36*
- They returned to the land by stages through the wilderness. *Gen 13:3, Ex 17:1*
- They finally arrived back in the land where they worshipped the Lord. *Gen 13:3, Ex 15:17*

Lot’s Separation From the Land

- Lot’s separation from Abram and his association with Sodom established that he was not to inherit the covenant blessing to be promised to Abram. *Gen 13:13*
- Abram’s kindness to his nephew was evident. *Gen 13:8-11*
- Abram displayed his faith in worship. *Gen 13:1-4*
- Abram showed self-effacing generosity towards Lot. *Gen 13:5-13*
- The Lord responded by elaborating his offer of blessing. *Gen 13:14-17*

Abram’s Faith on Trial

Seven Factors Abram Faced

- Abram’s wife Sarai was barren.
- His destination was unknown.
- He was leaving his people.
- On the way his father died.
- He found no home.
- The Canaanites were in Canaan.
- There was famine.

Do we identify with Abram at this point? Do we think that his decision to go to Egypt was reasonable? Often we can fully identify with him, for this is precisely how we reason. We reason that obeying God is all right so long as all goes right; but come trouble, famine, peril, or sword, piety goes out the window, and we trust not in God but to our own resources. Failing those, we turn to the world for provision. And the world does provide! It provides for its own and for those willing to affirm it and go its way. James Montgomery Boice, Genesis Vol 2 pgs 472-473

Placing Our Trust in God

- “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” *Phil 4:6-7*