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Short Study 033: That's Your Lot!

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Read Genesis 13:6-13

Introduction: 1 Corinthians 10:11 tells us that the faults of some characters in the Old Testament were recorded as warnings to us not to follow their examples. One character who made mistakes was Abraham's nephew Lot.

See if you can identify and label Lot's mistakes.

1. What attitude lay behind his choice of land?

Compare Lot's choice with Abraham's gracious offer.

2. How integrated was Lot with the society of Sodom?

Lot has been described as one who began well but finished badly*. Compare his three locations mentioned in Genesis 13:11, 13:12 and 19:1. (Note: Those "Sitting in the gate" were often citizens with some authority.) and contrast Lot's position with the man described in Psalm 1:1.

3. Had Job's moral judgment been influenced by living in Sodom?

Lot was not indifferent to the state of Sodom's society (see 2 Peter 2:7-8). However, had it affected him in any way (see Genesis 19:8)?

4. What was Lot's failing when the angels came to rescue him (Genesis 19:16)?

To think about:

1. Is the society in which you live one in which you can participate fully in good conscience? If not, how can you avoid making similar mistakes to those of Lot?
2. What was the mistake of Lot's wife? What does this tell us about Christian commitment and repentance?

To dig deeper:

Find out what you can about Sodom, its people, and anything else about Lot.

* D.B.P. Smith, Old Testament Tutor, Birmingham Bible Institute, 1971.