

THE SLAUGHTER OF THE KINGS Part One

Text: Genesis 13:1-15:1

- These chapters are about Abraham's relationship to the corrupt _____ in which he lived.
- The cities of _____ and Gomorrha were as corrupt as it got in the ancient world, and they serve as symbols of worldly corruption to this day (Ezek. 16:49-50).
- The "world" (Matt. 16:24-26, 1 Jn. 2:15-17):
 - Not of creation, people, or good life experiences but of life _____ by sin.
 - The world of stuff that appeals to the _____ of the eyes, flesh, and pride.
 - The world of sin and sinners under the control of _____.
 - A place of vanity, materialism, covetousness, greed, immorality, sensuality, all corruption;
 - A place that _____ the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Over the next two Sundays, six applications of the right way to relate to a corrupt world from the example of faithful Abraham:
- I. **ABRAHAM'S NEPHEW LOT GOT INTO TROUBLE BY _____ WITH A CORRUPT WORLD (13:1-13).**
 1. He _____ (Gen. 13:10, 1 Tim. 6:10-11).
 2. He _____ (Rom. 12:2).
 - Lot's creeping compromise:
 - He pitched his tent toward Sodom (Gen. 13:12) = lust of the _____.
 - He _____ in Sodom (Gen. 14:12) = lust of the flesh.
 - He sat in the gate of Sodom (Gen. 19:1) = _____ of life.
 3. He _____ to his family (Gen. 18:19).
 4. He _____ himself (2 Pet. 2:8).
 5. He suffered _____ (Gen. 14:12, Gal. 6:7-8).
- II. **ABRAHAM _____ HIMSELF FROM A CORRUPT WORLD (13:14-18).**
 - Abraham owned it all but wasn't concerned about having the best for himself.
 - He " _____ his tent" (Gen. 13:18) and moved miles away from Sodom and that whole part of the country.

- Application: This kind of separation is essential and very Biblical (1 Pet. 1:14-17).
 - Holiness = being separated from _____ so we can be separated to _____ (2 Cor. 6:14-18).
- Separation is:
 - Not buying into worldly _____ (Eph. 5:6).
 - Not allowing yourself to be influenced by the ungodly _____ of ungodly people (Ps. 1:1).
 - Not conforming to worldly expectations or practices (Rom. 12:2).
 - Not being a _____ of the world instead of God (Jas. 4:4).
 - Not living for worldly _____ or pleasures (Matt. 6:24).
 - Not defiling your life with _____ (Jas. 1:27).
 - Not allowing the world to steal away the _____ of your testimony (Matt. 5:13).
 - Not entangling yourself in compromising _____ or being yoked to wicked practices or people (2 Tim. 2:19, Prov. 1:10, Ps. 1:1, 2 Cor. 6:17-18).

CONCLUSION

- Separation from the world is God's _____ for His children.
- Make the decision to "put the world behind you" and follow Jesus!