

## 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!