

## Watchman Part 19

*(The watchman can see by faith what God had promised.)*

*“1 So Abram went up from Egypt to the Negev, with his wife and everything he had, and Lot went with him. 2 Abram had become very wealthy in livestock and in silver and gold. 3 From the Negev he went from place to place until he came to Bethel, to the place between Bethel and Ai where his tent had been earlier 4 and where he had first built an altar. There Abram called on the name of the LORD. 5 Now Lot, who was moving about with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents. 6 But the land could not support them while they stayed together, for their possessions were so great that they were not able to stay together. 7 And quarreling arose between Abram's herdsmen and the herdsmen of Lot. The Canaanites and Perizzites were also living in the land at that time. 8 So Abram said to Lot, "Let's not have any quarreling between you and me, or between your herdsmen and mine, for we are brothers. 9 Is not the whole land before you? Let's part company. If you go to the left, I'll go to the right; if you go to the right, I'll go to the left." 10 Lot looked up and saw that the whole plain of the Jordan was well watered, like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, toward Zoar. (This was before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.) 11 So Lot chose for himself the whole plain of the Jordan and set out toward the east. The two men parted company: 12 Abram lived in the land of Canaan, while Lot lived among the cities of the plain and pitched his tents near Sodom. 13 Now the men of Sodom were wicked and were sinning greatly against the LORD. 14 The LORD said to Abram after Lot had parted from him, "Lift up your eyes from where you are and look north and south, east and west. 15 All the land that you see I will give to you and your offspring forever. 16 I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth, so that if anyone could count the dust, then your offspring could be counted. 17 Go, walk through the length and breadth of the land, for I am giving it to you." (Genesis 13:1-17)*

Abram faced a certain time of struggle with his nephew Lot. Both of them servants started to quarrel, “... the land could not support them while they stayed together, for their possessions were so great that they were not able to stay together. And quarreling arose between Abram's herdsmen and the herdsmen of Lot. ...” (Genesis 13:6-7) In facing that situation, Abram practiced faith in God and trusted Him that he will receive the best from Him. He requested Lot his nephew to choose what he likes. So Lot chose what he liked, the *well watered* land, and what was left was for Abram.

Abram as man of faith trusted God and he was able to see and welcome the promise of God. The watchman sees the movement of God; The Holy Spirit. The watchman sees the favour and the provision and His promise.

Every time there is struggle or competition between you and others do not be tempted to focus on the common material things between you and others. God can and will give you more and better things than of what was taken from you. God wants you to open your eyes and see in your mind and believe in your heart what God had promised to you. God said to Abraham, ***“14 The LORD said to Abram after Lot had parted from him, "Lift up your eyes from where you are and look north and south, east and west.”*** God

wants you to ***Lift up your eyes from where you are and look*** and be able to achieve the following:-

***1- Be able to see the magnitude of God's promise: “All the land that you see I will give to you and your offspring forever.” (Genesis 13:15)***

***2- Be able to see the future blessings for your descendants: “16 I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth, so that if anyone could count the dust, then your offspring could be counted.” (Genesis 13:16)*** Sometime we quarrel about material things because we are worried about what will be left for our children.

***3- Take the step of faith to go forward and experience God's promise: “17 Go, walk through the length and breadth of the land, for I am giving it to you.” (Genesis 13:17)*** Do not allow pain and suffering and bad experiences with unfaithful people hinders you from moving forward to receive and achieve what God promised to you and to the faithful people who are with you and who delight to remain and walk in the truth of God. Respond to Jesus' call who said to us, “Go and make disciple ....”

It might be a painful experience for Abram to spent time and effort to build up Lot and now he is showing unfaithfulness and willing to leave Abram. But the truth is this: If Lot remains then he is a hindrance to Abram. And the evidence of that is clear, that when he left, Abram was able to see clearly God's promise. Lot, he looks like a veil that was in front of the eyes of Abram. The same thing for you, certain people that you had worked and labour hard would be better for you to leave you. Exactly, they are hindrances for you to see and receive God's promises.

You might say that Abram need to start from the beginning again. Yes that is true, and you might be facing the same situation, that if you permit what you previously labour and work hard will move away from you, you might experiences losses and you might need to start from the beginning once again. You might experience losses but these are temporarily thing, and you might start a new small start, but do not forget, that with such decision of yours to let those people who hurt you move away, the Lord had already placed you in the new way to receive His blessing and His promise. And worthy to remember and put in your heart and mind the following: ***“Your beginnings will seem humble, so prosperous will your future be.” (Job 8:7)***

***My Dear and Beloved:*** The watchman should and can see good end from a humble start. There are other examples in the bible that they started from zero after they faced rejection. Among them is Joseph; he started from zero when his brothers sold him. He again started from zero when he was put in prison. Jesus when came on earth he also started from zero and started to preach the good news and make new disciples. Both examples you can see that their humble start was rewarded and so prosperous their course became. You too will experience the same as you trust God and be willing to forgive, fixing your eyes on him and be willing to move on the new experience that the Lord had prepared for you as you agree to pray.

***My Prayer:*** *Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins, who was buried and rose from the dead on the third day to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your word that brings hope once again in my heart and enable me to see your promises to me. Lord I take the step of faith and will start to move and acquire what you had prepared for me. Lord gives me the patience, the perseverance and the strength to do that. This all I ask and pray in Jesus name, Amen.*