

## OT-OV

### Lesson 54

1. For the past three weeks in conjunction with our teaching of Genesis chapters eighteen and nineteen I've been teaching the Doctrine of the Three Classes of Men. Last week we completed this very essential doctrine.
2. Now we are ready to return to our study of Abraham and Lot. These two men are examples of a spiritual and a carnal believer.

Now let's return to our Old Testament Overview where we were comparing the events of chapters eighteen and nineteen.

#### 1. The promise of an heir to the Spiritual Man - Abraham.

Gen 18:9 "Where is your wife Sarah?" they asked him. "There, in the tent," he said.

Gen 18:10 Then the LORD said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son." Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him.

Gen 18:11 Abraham and Sarah were already old and well advanced in years, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing.

Gen 18:12 So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, "After I am worn out and my master is old, will I now have this pleasure?"

Gen 18:13 Then the LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Will I really have a child, now that I am old?'"

Gen 18:14 Is anything too hard for the LORD? I will return to you at the appointed time next year and Sarah will have a son."

Gen 18:15 Sarah was afraid, so she lied and said, "I did not laugh." But he said, "Yes, you did laugh."

#### 2. The promise of discipline to the Carnal Man - Lot.

Gen 19:13 because we are going to destroy this place. The outcry to the LORD against its people is so great that he has sent us to destroy it."

Gen 19:14 So Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law, who were pledged to marry his daughters. He said, "Hurry and get out of this place, because the LORD is about to destroy the city!" But his sons-in-law thought he was joking.

Gen 19:15 With the coming of dawn, the angels urged Lot, saying, "Hurry! Take your wife and your two daughters who are here, or you will be swept away when the city is punished."

Gen 19:16 When he hesitated, the men grasped his hand and the hands of his wife and of his two daughters and led them safely out of the city, for the LORD was merciful to them.

Gen 19:17 As soon as they had brought them out, one of them said, "Flee for your lives! Don't look back, and don't stop anywhere in the plain! Flee to the mountains or you will be swept away!"

Gen 19:18 But Lot said to them, "No, my lords, please!

Gen 19:19 Your servant has found favor in your eyes, and you have shown great kindness to me in sparing my life. But I can't flee to the mountains; this disaster will overtake me, and I'll die.

Gen 19:20 Look, here is a town near enough to run to, and it is small. Let me flee to it-- it is very small, isn't it? Then my life will be spared."

Gen 19:21 He said to him, "Very well, I will grant this request too; I will not overthrow the town you speak of.

Gen 19:22 But flee there quickly, because I cannot do anything until you reach it." (That is why the town was called Zoar.)

Gen 19:23 By the time Lot reached Zoar, the sun had risen over the land.

Gen 19:24 Then the LORD rained down burning sulfur on Sodom and Gomorrah -- from the LORD out of the heavens.

Gen 19:25 Thus he overthrew those cities and the entire plain, including all those living in the cities-- and also the vegetation in the land.

Gen 19:26 But Lot's wife looked back, and she became a pillar of salt.

3. Abraham's name is mentioned more than fifty times in the New Testament. A memorial to God's grace and his greatness. For example:

Jam 2:23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

Heb 11:17 By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,

Heb 11:8 By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

Gal 3:8 And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed.

Gal 3:9 So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.

Rom 9:7 Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called.

Rom 9:8 That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed.

Rom 4:2 For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory; but not before God.

Rom 4:3 For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.

Rom 4:4 Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt.

Rom 4:5 But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.

Rom 4:6 Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works,

Rom 4:7 Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.

Rom 4:8 Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.

4. Lot on the other hand is mentioned only once and that to describe indictment and judgment.

Luk 17:32 Remember Lot's wife.

Luk 17:33 Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it.

Luk 17:34 I tell you, in that night there shall be two men in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left.

Luk 17:35 Two women shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

Luk 17:36 Two men shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

5. Now let's move to chapter twenty-one where we have a record of the birth of Isaac, the child of the promise.

Gen 21:1 And the LORD visited Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did unto Sarah as he had spoken.

Gen 21:2 For Sarah conceived, and bare Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him.

Gen 21:3 And Abraham called the name of his son that was born unto him, whom Sarah bare to him, Isaac.

Gen 21:4 And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac being eight days old, as God had commanded him.

Gen 21:5 And Abraham was an hundred years old, when his son Isaac was born unto him.

Gen 21:6 And Sarah said, God hath made me to laugh, so that all that hear will laugh with me.

Gen 21:7 And she said, Who would have said unto Abraham, that Sarah should have given children suck? for I have born him a son in his old age.

6. Chapter 22 will record a big test for Abraham. Will Bible doctrine be more real than reality?

Gen 22:2 Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about."

Gen 22:3 Early the next morning Abraham got up and saddled his donkey. He took with

him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about.

Gen 22:4 On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance.

7. Doctrine had become more real than reality. Abraham knew God would provide the lamb and it would not be Isaac.

Gen 22:5 He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you."

8. Abraham did as God ordered; he took a step at a time, a day at a time knowing only that the end result would be ok. Such is our job as we redeem the time because the days are evil.

Eph 5:15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,

Eph 5:16 Redeeming (Exagorazo) the time, because the days are evil.

Eph 5:17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

Eph 5:18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

Eph 5:19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

Eph 5:20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

Col 4:5 Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming (Exagorazo) the time.

Col 4:6 Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

Gen 22:9 When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.

Gen 22:10 Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.

Gen 22:11 But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied.

Gen 22:12 "Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son."

Gen 22:13 Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son.

Gen 22:14 So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided."

9. This act of divine good by Abraham, a direct result and product of doctrine in his soul pleased God; again the Abrahamic Covenant is repeated.

Gen 22:16 and said, "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son,

Gen 22:17 I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies,

Gen 22:18 and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me."

10. A sad day for Abraham and a glorious day for Sarah. She crosses the golden bridge to eternity.

Gen 23:1 Sarah lived to be a hundred and twenty-seven years old.

11. It is time for Isaac to find a wife. Abraham sends a servant to find a wife from among his fellow Shemites.

Isaac and Rebekah

Gen 24:1 Abraham was now old and well advanced in years, and the LORD had blessed him in every way.

Gen 24:2 He said to the chief servant in his household, the one in charge of all that he had, "Put your hand under my thigh.

Gen 24:3 I want you to swear by the LORD, the God of heaven and the God of earth, that you will not get a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I am living,

Gen 24:4 but will go to my country and my own relatives and get a wife for my son Isaac."

12. A servant is sent north in search of Mrs. Right.

Gen 24:10 Then the servant took ten of his master's camels and left, taking with him all kinds of good things from his master. He set out for Aram Naharaim and made his way to the town of Nahor.

Gen 24:11 He had the camels kneel down near the well outside the town; it was toward evening, the time the women go out to draw water.

Gen 24:12 Then he prayed, "O LORD, God of my master Abraham, give me success today, and show kindness to my master Abraham.

Gen 24:13 See, I am standing beside this spring, and the daughters of the town people are coming out to draw water.

13. The servant, like his master Abraham is willing to wait upon the Lord. Enter stage left Rebekah daughter of Nahor, Abraham's brother.

Gen 24:15 Before he had finished praying, Rebekah came out with her jar on her shoulder. She was the daughter of Bethuel son of Milcah, who was the wife of Abraham's brother Nahor ...

Gen 24:23 Then he asked, "Whose daughter are you? Please tell me, is there room in your father's house for us to spend the night?"

Gen 24:24 She answered him, "I am the daughter of Bethuel, the son that Milcah bore to Nahor."

14. Rebekah excitedly returns home where she is first met by her brother Laban, the same Laban who will father both Leah and Rachel.

Gen 24:29 Now Rebekah had a brother named Laban, and he hurried out to the man at the spring.

Gen 24:30 As soon as he had seen the nose ring, and the bracelets on his sister's arms, (earlier given by the servant to Rebekah) and had heard Rebekah tell what the man said to her, he went out to the man and found him standing by the camels near the spring.

Gen 24:31 "Come, you who are blessed by the LORD," he said. "Why are you standing out here? I have prepared the house and a place for the camels."

Gen 24:32 So the man went to the house, and the camels were unloaded. Straw and fodder were brought for the camels, and water for him and his men to wash their feet.

Gen 24:33 Then food was set before him, but he said, "I will not eat until I have told you what I have to say." "Then tell us," Laban said.

Gen 24:34 So he said, "I am Abraham's servant."

Gen 24:35 The LORD has blessed my master abundantly, and he has become wealthy. He has given him sheep and cattle, silver and gold, menservants and maidservants, and camels and donkeys.

15. All parties concerned are seeking the Lord's will for Rebekah. This is one of many arranged marriages described in Scripture.

Gen 24:50 Laban and Bethuel answered, "This is from the LORD; we can say nothing to you one way or the other."

Gen 24:51 Here is Rebekah; take her and go, and let her become the wife of your master's son, as the LORD has directed."

Gen 24:52 When Abraham's servant heard what they said, he bowed down to the ground before the LORD.

Gen 24:53 Then the servant brought out gold and silver jewelry and articles of clothing and gave them to Rebekah; he also gave costly gifts to her brother and to her mother.

16. In this case Rebekah will have a say in the matter. I would remind you of the earlier taught principles of an arranged marriage and how fitting an analogy for Christ the Groom and the Church the Bride.

Gen 24:57 Then they said, "Let's call the girl and ask her about it."

Gen 24:58 So they called Rebekah and asked her, "Will you go with this man?" "I will go," she said.

Gen 24:59 So they sent their sister Rebekah on her way, along with her nurse and Abraham's servant and his men.

Gen 24:60 And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "Our sister, may you increase to thousands upon thousands; may your offspring possess the gates of their enemies."

Gen 24:61 Then Rebekah and her maids got ready and mounted their camels and went back with the man. So the servant took Rebekah and left.

17. Isaac no doubt had been told of his brides' arrival. He goes to meet her in great anticipation.

Gen 24:62 Now Isaac had come from Beer Lahai Roi (50 miles south west of Beer-Sheba) for he was living in the Negev.

Gen 24:63 He went out to the field one evening to meditate, and as he looked up, he saw camels approaching.

Gen 24:64 Rebekah also looked up and saw Isaac. She got down from her camel

Gen 24:65 and asked the servant, "Who is that man in the field coming to meet us?" "He is my master," the servant answered. So she took her veil and covered herself.

18. The marriage is consummated

Gen 24:67 Isaac brought her into the tent of his mother Sarah, and he married Rebekah. So she became his wife, and he loved her; and Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

End Lesson