

“Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other. Abram dwelled in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain, and Pitched His Tent Toward Sodom.” Genesis 13:11-12 KJV

Living in Sodom was a personal choice of “righteous Lot.” Just like Eve in the Garden, he “saw...desired...and took,” and it doomed his posterity. Most of us rarely consider our choices of what may seem good as a detriment to our family, and I doubt Lot did either. The well-watered plain, now the Dead Sea, was a good choice, but it put Lot in a very dangerous position; one of having to daily resist temptation. We are never told to resist temptation, but rather to flee it. *“Every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Flee also youthful lusts: but follow Righteousness, Faith, Charity, Peace, with*



them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart. Submit yourselves therefore to God. RESIST THE DEVIL, and he will flee from you.” Notice the preface to resisting the devil is submitting to God. In other words obey His Word. Stay close to God and you’ll have no problems with Satan! Satan will use good things to keep you from God’s best! We need look no further than the temptation of Christ. He’ll suggest or produce good things to keep you from obeying God. we may see winning the lottery as a good thing, but God says, *“For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.”* And there you have it! Wealth is not the key to happiness. God is! *“Therefore take no thought, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or, ‘What shall we drink?’ or, ‘Wherewithal shall we be clothed?’ But seek ye FIRST the Kingdom of God, and His Righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. [Jesus said], ‘If ye know these things, HAPPY are ye IF YE DO them.’* Are you happy? God only promised to supply your NEED! Not your wants!

Sodom is a dangerous place,
If you do thereby set your face,
For you will never win the race,
By looking back to second place! –CGP

Looking to the world for Joy is like looking for a five-star restaurant at the garbage dump! God is not there! The faithful are where He is found for they are them who walk with Him!

“Great Peace have they which love Thy Law: and NOTHING shall offend them.” Psalms 119:165 KJV