

Lesson -1

Abraham Delivers Lot

Scripture: Gen. 14:8-25; Heb.7:1-10

Main Truth: God delivers His children from all the troubles.

Memory verse: *“Blessed be the most high God, who hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand”. Gen 14:20*

Introduction:

When Lot lived in Sodom there was a war between some kings one of whom was the King of Sodom. Details of this war are given in the Bible because Lot Abraham’s nephew was involved in it. Events in which the children of God are involved are important in the eyes of God. “The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous and his ears are attentive to their cry.” Ps.34:15 (NIV). So remember that the eyes of the Lord are on the school in which you study, the house in which you live, the train and bus you travel in.

In the war the King of Sodom and those with him were defeated. The victorious king took everything he could find in the city, and carried away all the people in the city, intending to keep them as slaves. Lot, with all he owned, was carried away by the victors.

You may remember God appearing to Abraham when he was living in Ur and telling him to go to a place which he would show him. In obedience to God’s command Abraham set out. Lot was Abraham’s brother’s son. When Lot knew that God had spoken to his uncle he also believed God’s word and went with Abraham.

Abraham and Lot lived and journeyed together happily for some time, but when the wealth increased Lot wanted to increase it still more. So he left his good, God fearing uncle and went to more fertile places. That is how he reached Sodom. But the people of Sodom were very wicked. If we join the company of bad people there will always be danger, and Lot was soon in danger. When the enemies captured him he might have prayed to God for deliverance, but his prayers were not answered then may be because he did not ask for God's protection and left the company of his godly uncle. God helps those who trust Him.

When they were defeated in the war some people ran away and escaped. One of those who escaped went and told Abraham about Lot's sad condition. Abraham was very sorry and he prayed to God. When we are in distress we should seek God's help first. Abraham got ready to help Lot. If some of us were in Abraham's place we would perhaps have said: "Since that fellow has left me, let him suffer and learn a lesson!" Do you sometimes feel happy when someone you do not like is in trouble? But Abraham did not feel like that. He and his men risked their lives to save Lot.

You know that Abraham was very rich. God gave abundant wealth to His servant who trusted Him. In those days rich people had many servants. Most of Abraham's servants had been brought up in his own house. They loved Abraham as a father because he was very kind to them. We also should be kind to the servants who work in our houses and to the poor people around us. When Abraham got ready to go to save Lot 318 of his trained servants also got ready to go with him. See the courage of Abraham who went to fight against four kings and their armies. Do you know how Abraham got this great courage? It was from his faith in the almighty God. Our God's Name itself is "the Lord of Hosts". He is able to deliver His children from all troubles. Abraham set out to rescue his brother.

Abraham rushed to the place and fell upon the enemies at night, while they were asleep, and drove them away to the mountains. In their camp Abraham found his nephew Lot, safe, with his wife and

daughters and all his goods. Abraham delivers all the others who had been taken captives by the powerful kings.

Then Melchizedek, the priest of the most high God and the King of Salem, came out to meet Abraham. He presented Abraham with bread and wine and blessed him in the name of God. Abraham gave Melchizedek one tenth of everything he had captured from the enemies. This gift was an expression of gratitude to God. We owe to God ourselves and everything we have. Abraham could have kept all the plunder he got but he gave all to the King of Sodom. We see that Abraham was free from the love of money and goods (1Tim. 6:10)

Abraham was careful, not only to give the King of Sodom all the plunder, but also to speak to the king about the God who created heaven and earth. (Gen: 14:23) We, the children of God, should be ready to tell others about the Lord Jesus whenever we get an opportunity.

Note:

Melchizedek - King of righteousness
Salem - Peace. Salem may be Jerusalem.

When these things happened Abraham's name was Abram. It was only some time later that God gave him the name Abraham which means 'Father of a multitude'.

Questions:

1. Why did Lot leave the company of Abraham?
2. Who took Lot captive?
3. How did Abraham deliver Lot?
4. Who were the two great men who met Abraham when he came back victorious?
5. Who was Melchizedek? What did Abraham give him?