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## What Is Faith (Part 3)

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### Romans 4 (NASB 1977 Edition)

#### *Justification by Faith Evidenced in Old Testament*

<sup>1</sup>What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, has found? <sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about; but not before God. <sup>3</sup>For what does the Scripture say? “AND ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS RECKONED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS.” <sup>4</sup>Now to the one who works, his wage is not reckoned as a favor, but as what is due. <sup>5</sup>But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is reckoned as righteousness, <sup>6</sup>just as David also speaks of the blessing upon the man to whom God reckons righteousness apart from works:

<sup>7</sup>“BLESSED ARE THOSE WHOSE LAWLESS DEEDS HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN,  
AND WHOSE SINS HAVE BEEN COVERED.

<sup>8</sup>“BLESSED IS THE MAN WHOSE SIN THE LORD WILL NOT TAKE INTO  
ACCOUNT.”

<sup>9</sup>Is this blessing then upon the circumcised, or upon the uncircumcised also? For we say, “FAITH WAS RECKONED TO ABRAHAM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS.” <sup>10</sup>How then was it reckoned? While he was circumcised, or uncircumcised? Not while circumcised, but while uncircumcised; <sup>11</sup>and he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had while uncircumcised, that he might be the father of all who believe without being circumcised, that righteousness might be reckoned to them, <sup>12</sup>and the father of circumcision to those who not only are of the circumcision, but who also follow in the steps of the faith of our father Abraham which he had while uncircumcised.

<sup>13</sup>For the promise to Abraham or to his descendants that he would be heir of the world was not through the Law, but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>For if those who are of the Law are heirs, faith is made void and the promise is nullified; <sup>15</sup>for the Law brings about wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

<sup>16</sup>For this reason *it is* by faith, that *it might be* in accordance with grace, in order that the promise may be certain to all the descendants, not only to those who are of the Law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, <sup>17</sup>(as it is written, “A FATHER OF MANY NATIONS HAVE I MADE YOU”) in the sight of Him whom he believed, *even* God, who gives life to the dead and calls into being that which does not exist. <sup>18</sup>In hope against hope he believed, in order that he might become a father of many nations, according to that which had been spoken, “SO SHALL YOUR DESCENDANTS BE.” <sup>19</sup>And without becoming weak in faith he contemplated his own body, now as good as dead since he was about a hundred years old, and the deadness of Sarah’s womb; <sup>20</sup>yet, with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief, but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God, <sup>21</sup>and being fully assured that what He had promised, He was able also to perform. <sup>22</sup>Therefore also IT WAS RECKONED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS. <sup>23</sup>Now not for his sake only was it written, that it was reckoned to him, <sup>24</sup>but for our sake also, to whom it will be reckoned, as those who believe in Him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup>*He* who was delivered up because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our justification.

**Definition of Biblical Faith: Faith is a human response to a divine revelation.**

**Important Points:**

1. **True faith begins with a divine revelation from God. (Not a desire, not a plan, not a scheme, not an idea we have)**
  - a. **The first part of the revelation from God will be a revelation of His character.**
  - b. **He is going to reveal to us the part of His nature/character that we need to believe in to do what He has asked us to do.**

**Joshua 5:13-15**

**Joshua Encouraged Through a Vision Before the Taking of Jericho**

<sup>13</sup> Now it came about when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, a man was standing opposite him with his sword drawn in his hand, and Joshua went to him and said to him, “Are you for us or for our adversaries?” <sup>14</sup> He said, “No; rather I indeed come now *as* captain of the host of the LORD.” And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and bowed down, and said to him, “What has my lord to say to his servant?” <sup>15</sup> The captain of the LORD’S host said to Joshua, “Remove your sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy.” And Joshua did so.

**How We Should Respond to God’s Revelation**

1. **There must be an acceptance of the promise that God has made.**
2. **Have to face up the fact as fact**
3. **Repudiation of all confidence in human resources**
4. **Leave the details to God**
5. **May have to take a posture of belief because of an interim between the promise and the answer. Interim could be because:**
  - a. **There may be something we haven’t done that God has already asked us to do**
  - b. **God may be teaching us to trust Him or teaching us patience, or teaching us that we don’t always get things when we want them, child.**

**Hebrews 11**

**The Triumphs of Faith**

<sup>1</sup> Now faith is the <sup>[a]</sup>assurance of *things* <sup>[b]</sup>hoped for, the <sup>[c]</sup>conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup> For by it the men of old <sup>[d]</sup>gained approval.

<sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the <sup>[e]</sup>worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible. <sup>4</sup> By faith Abel offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained the testimony that he was righteous, God testifying <sup>[f]</sup>about his gifts, and through <sup>[g]</sup>faith, though he is dead, he still speaks. <sup>5</sup> By faith Enoch was taken up so that he would not see death; AND HE WAS NOT FOUND BECAUSE GOD TOOK HIM UP; for he obtained the witness that before his being taken up he was pleasing to God. <sup>6</sup> And without faith it is impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and *that* He is a rewarder of those who seek Him. <sup>7</sup> By faith Noah, being warned *by God* about things not yet seen, <sup>[h]</sup>in reverence

prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

<sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed <sup>[i]</sup>by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup> By faith he lived as an alien in the land of promise, as in a foreign *land*, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs of the same promise; <sup>10</sup> for he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup> By faith even Sarah herself received <sup>[j]</sup>ability to conceive, even beyond the proper time of life, since she considered Him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup> Therefore there was born even of one man, and him as good as dead <sup>[k]</sup>at that, *as many descendants AS THE STARS OF HEAVEN IN NUMBER, AND INNUMERABLE AS THE SAND WHICH IS BY THE SEASHORE.*

<sup>13</sup> All these died in faith, without receiving the promises, but having seen them and having welcomed them from a distance, and having confessed that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. <sup>14</sup> For those who say such things make it clear that they are seeking a country of their own. <sup>15</sup> And indeed if they had been <sup>[l]</sup>thinking of that *country* from which they went out, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup> But as it is, they desire a better *country*, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not <sup>[m]</sup>ashamed to be called their God; for He has prepared a city for them.

<sup>17</sup> By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was offering up his only begotten *son*; <sup>18</sup> *it was he* to whom it was said, “IN ISAAC YOUR <sup>[n]</sup>DESCENDANTS SHALL BE CALLED.” <sup>19</sup> <sup>[o]</sup>He considered that God is able to raise *people* even from the dead, from which he also received him back <sup>[p]</sup>as a type. <sup>20</sup> By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau, even regarding things to come. <sup>21</sup> By faith Jacob, as he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, *leaning* on the top of his staff. <sup>22</sup> By faith Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the exodus of the sons of Israel, and gave orders concerning his bones.

<sup>23</sup> By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king’s edict. <sup>24</sup> By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, <sup>25</sup> choosing rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, <sup>26</sup> considering the reproach of <sup>[q]</sup>Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he was looking to the reward. <sup>27</sup> By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured, as seeing Him who is unseen. <sup>28</sup> By faith he <sup>[r]</sup>kept the Passover and the sprinkling of the blood, so that he who destroyed the firstborn would not touch them. <sup>29</sup> By faith they passed through the Red Sea as though *they were passing* through dry land; and the Egyptians, when they attempted it, were <sup>[s]</sup>drowned.

<sup>30</sup> By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup> By faith Rahab the harlot did not perish along with those who were disobedient, after she had welcomed the spies <sup>[t]</sup>in peace.

<sup>32</sup> And what more shall I say? For time will fail me if I tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, <sup>33</sup> who by faith conquered kingdoms, performed *acts of* righteousness, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup> quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup> Women received *back* their dead by resurrection; and others were tortured, not accepting their <sup>[u]</sup>release, so that they might obtain a better resurrection; <sup>36</sup> and others <sup>[v]</sup>experienced mockings and scourgings, yes, also chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup> They were stoned, they were sawn in two, <sup>[w]</sup>they were tempted, they were put to death with the sword; they went about in sheepskins, in goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, ill-treated <sup>38</sup> (*men* of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts and mountains and caves and holes <sup>[x]</sup>in the ground.

<sup>39</sup> And all these, having <sup>[y]</sup>gained approval through their faith, did not receive <sup>[z]</sup>what was promised, <sup>40</sup> because God had <sup>[aa]</sup>provided something better for us, so that apart from us they would not be made perfect.

**Footnotes:**

- a. Hebrews 11:1 Or *substance*
- b. Hebrews 11:1 Or *expected*
- c. Hebrews 11:1 Or *evidence*
- d. Hebrews 11:2 Lit *obtained a good testimony*
- e. Hebrews 11:3 Lit *ages*
- f. Hebrews 11:4 I.e. by receiving his gifts
- g. Hebrews 11:4 Lit *it*
- h. Hebrews 11:7 Lit *having become reverent*
- i. Hebrews 11:8 Lit *to go out*
- j. Hebrews 11:11 Lit *power for the laying down of seed*
- k. Hebrews 11:12 Lit *in these things*
- l. Hebrews 11:15 Or *remembering*
- m. Hebrews 11:16 Lit *ashamed of them, to be*
- n. Hebrews 11:18 Lit *seed*
- o. Hebrews 11:19 Lit *Considering*
- p. Hebrews 11:19 Or *figuratively speaking; lit in a parable*
- q. Hebrews 11:26 I.e. the Messiah
- r. Hebrews 11:28 Lit *has kept*
- s. Hebrews 11:29 Lit *swallowed up*
- t. Hebrews 11:31 Lit *with*
- u. Hebrews 11:35 Lit *redemption*
- v. Hebrews 11:36 Lit *received the trial of*
- w. Hebrews 11:37 One early ms does not contain *they were tempted*
- x. Hebrews 11:38 Lit *of*
- y. Hebrews 11:39 Lit *obtained a testimony*
- z. Hebrews 11:39 Lit *the promise*
- aa. Hebrews 11:40 Or *foreseen*

**Colossians 2:6-7**

**You Are Built Up In Faith**

<sup>6</sup>Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, *so* <sup>[a]</sup>walk in Him, <sup>7</sup> having been firmly rooted *and now* being built up in Him and established <sup>[b]</sup>in your faith, just as you were instructed, *and overflowing* <sup>[c]</sup>with gratitude.

**Footnotes:**

- a. Colossians 2:6 Or *lead your life*
- b. Colossians 2:7 Or *by*
- c. Colossians 2:7 One early ms reads *in it with*

**1 Corinthians 15:31 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

<sup>31</sup> I assure you, believers, by the pride which I have in you in [your union with] Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily [I face death and die to self].

## **Exodus 14:13-18**

### **The Sea Is Divided**

<sup>13</sup> But Moses said to the people, “Do not fear! <sup>[a]</sup>Stand by and see the salvation of the LORD which He will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you have seen today, you will never see them again forever. <sup>14</sup> The LORD will fight for you while you keep silent.”

<sup>15</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, “Why are you crying out to Me? Tell the sons of Israel to go forward. <sup>16</sup> As for you, lift up your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, and the sons of Israel shall <sup>[b]</sup>go through the midst of the sea on dry land. <sup>17</sup> As for Me, behold, I will <sup>[c]</sup>harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and I will be honored through Pharaoh and all his army, through his chariots and his horsemen. <sup>18</sup> Then the Egyptians will know that I am the LORD, when I am honored through Pharaoh, through his chariots and his horsemen.”

#### **Footnotes:**

- a. Exodus 14:13 Or *Take your stand*
- b. Exodus 14:16 Lit *enter the*
- c. Exodus 14:17 Lit *make strong*

## **Genesis 22:1-14**

### **The Offering of Isaac**

<sup>1</sup> Now it came about after these things, that God tested Abraham, and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” <sup>2</sup> He said, “Take now your son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I will tell you.” <sup>3</sup> So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and Isaac his son; and he split wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. <sup>4</sup> On the third day Abraham raised his eyes and saw the place from a distance. <sup>5</sup> Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey, and I and the lad will go over there; and we will worship and return to you.” <sup>6</sup> Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son, and he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. <sup>7</sup> Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, “My father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” And he said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?” <sup>8</sup> Abraham said, “God will <sup>[a]</sup>provide for Himself the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” So the two of them walked on together.

<sup>9</sup> Then they came to the place of which God had told him; and Abraham built the altar there and arranged the wood, and bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.

<sup>10</sup> Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. <sup>11</sup> But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” <sup>12</sup> He said, “Do not stretch out your hand against the lad, and do nothing to him; for now I know that you <sup>[b]</sup>fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.” <sup>13</sup> Then Abraham raised his eyes and looked, and behold, behind *him* a ram caught in the thicket by his horns; and Abraham went and took the ram and offered him up for a burnt offering in the place of his son.

<sup>14</sup> Abraham called the name of that place <sup>[c]</sup>The LORD Will Provide, as it is said to this day, “In the mount of the LORD it will <sup>[d]</sup>be provided.”

#### **Footnotes:**

- a. Genesis 22:8 Lit *see*
- b. Genesis 22:12 Or *reverence*; lit *are a fearer of God*
- c. Genesis 22:14 Heb *YHWH-jireh*
- d. Genesis 22:14 Lit *be seen*

## Matthew 16:13-23

### Peter's Confession of Christ

<sup>13</sup> Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He was asking His disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" <sup>14</sup> And they said, "Some say John the Baptist; and others, <sup>[a]</sup>Elijah; but still others, <sup>[b]</sup>Jeremiah, or one of the prophets." <sup>15</sup> He \*said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, "You are <sup>[c]</sup>the Christ, the Son of the living God." <sup>17</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon <sup>[d]</sup>Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven. <sup>18</sup> I also say to you that you are <sup>[e]</sup>Peter, and upon this <sup>[f]</sup>rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it. <sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth <sup>[g]</sup>shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth <sup>[h]</sup>shall have been loosed in heaven." <sup>20</sup> Then He <sup>[i]</sup>warned the disciples that they should tell no one that He was <sup>[j]</sup>the Christ.

### Jesus Foretells His Death

<sup>21</sup> From that time <sup>[k]</sup>Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised up on the third day. <sup>22</sup> Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "<sup>[l]</sup>God forbid *it*, Lord! This shall never <sup>[m]</sup>happen to You." <sup>23</sup> But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me; for you are not setting your mind on <sup>[n]</sup>God's interests, but man's."

#### Footnotes:

- a. Matthew 16:14 Gr *Elias*
- b. Matthew 16:14 Gr *Jeremias*
- c. Matthew 16:16 I.e. the Messiah
- d. Matthew 16:17 I.e. son of Jonah
- e. Matthew 16:18 Gr *Petros*, a stone
- f. Matthew 16:18 Gr *petra*, large rock; bed-rock
- g. Matthew 16:19 Gr *estai dedemenon*, fut. pft. pass.
- h. Matthew 16:19 Gr *estai lelumenon*, fut. pft. pass.
- i. Matthew 16:20 Or *strictly admonished*
- j. Matthew 16:20 I.e. the Messiah
- k. Matthew 16:21 Two early mss read *Jesus Christ*
- l. Matthew 16:22 Lit (God be) *merciful to You*
- m. Matthew 16:22 Lit *be*
- n. Matthew 16:23 Lit *the things of God*

## Genesis 13:1-13

### Abram and Lot Separate

<sup>1</sup> So Abram went up from Egypt to the <sup>[a]</sup>Negev, he and his wife and all that belonged to him, and Lot with him.

<sup>2</sup> Now Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver and in gold. <sup>3</sup> He went <sup>[b]</sup>on his journeys from the <sup>[c]</sup>Negev as far as Bethel, to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai, <sup>4</sup> to the place of the altar which he had made there formerly; and there Abram called on the name of the LORD. <sup>5</sup> Now Lot, who went with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents. <sup>6</sup> And the land could not <sup>[d]</sup>sustain them <sup>[e]</sup>while dwelling together, for their possessions were so great that they were not able to remain together. <sup>7</sup> And there was strife between the herdsmen of Abram's livestock and the herdsmen of Lot's livestock. Now the Canaanite and the Perizzite were dwelling then in the land.

<sup>8</sup> So Abram said to Lot, “Please let there be no strife between you and me, nor between my herdsmen and your herdsmen, for we are brothers. <sup>9</sup> Is not the whole land before you? Please separate from me; if *to* the left, then I will go to the right; or if *to* the right, then I will go to the left.” <sup>10</sup> Lot lifted up his eyes and saw all the <sup>[f]</sup>valley of the Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere—*this was* before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah—like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt as you go to Zoar. <sup>11</sup> So Lot chose for himself all the <sup>[g]</sup>valley of the Jordan, and Lot journeyed eastward. Thus they separated from each other. <sup>12</sup> Abram <sup>[h]</sup>settled in the land of Canaan, while Lot <sup>[i]</sup>settled in the cities of the <sup>[j]</sup>valley, and moved his tents as far as Sodom. <sup>13</sup> Now the men of Sodom were wicked <sup>[k]</sup>exceedingly and sinners against the LORD.

#### Footnotes:

- a. Genesis 13:1 I.e. South country
- b. Genesis 13:3 Lit *by his stages*
- c. Genesis 13:3 I.e. South country
- d. Genesis 13:6 Lit *bear*
- e. Genesis 13:6 Lit *to dwell*
- f. Genesis 13:10 Lit *circle*
- g. Genesis 13:11 Lit *circle*
- h. Genesis 13:12 Lit *dwelt*
- i. Genesis 13:12 Lit *dwelt*
- j. Genesis 13:12 Lit *circle*
- k. Genesis 13:13 Lit *wicked and sinners exceedingly*

## Genesis 19:1-29

### The Doom of Sodom and Gomorrah

<sup>1</sup> Now the two angels came to Sodom in the evening as Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw *them*, he rose to meet them and <sup>[a]</sup>bowed down *with his* face to the ground. <sup>2</sup> And he said, “Now behold, my lords, please turn aside into your servant’s house, and spend the night, and wash your feet; then you may rise early and go on your way.” They said however, “No, but we shall spend the night in the square.” <sup>3</sup> Yet he urged them strongly, so they turned aside to him and entered his house; and he prepared a feast for them, and baked unleavened bread, and they ate.

<sup>4</sup> Before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, surrounded the house, both young and old, all the people <sup>[b]</sup>from every quarter; <sup>5</sup> and they called to Lot and said to him, “Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us that we may <sup>[c]</sup>have relations with them.”

<sup>6</sup> But Lot went out to them at the doorway, and shut the door behind him, <sup>7</sup> and said, “Please, my brothers, do not act wickedly. <sup>8</sup> Now behold, I have two daughters who have not <sup>[d]</sup>had relations with man; please let me bring them out to you, and do to them <sup>[e]</sup>whatever you like; only do nothing to these men, inasmuch as they have come under the <sup>[f]</sup>shelter of my roof.” <sup>9</sup> But they said, “Stand aside.” Furthermore, they said, “This one came in <sup>[g]</sup>as an alien, and already he is acting like a judge; now we will treat you worse than them.” So they pressed hard against <sup>[h]</sup>Lot and came near to break the door. <sup>10</sup> But the men reached out their <sup>[i]</sup>hands and brought Lot into the house <sup>[l]</sup>with them, and shut the door. <sup>11</sup> They <sup>[k]</sup>struck the men who were at the doorway of the house with blindness, both small and great, so that they wearied *themselves trying* to find the doorway.

<sup>12</sup> Then the *two* men said to Lot, “Whom else have you here? A son-in-law, and your sons, and your daughters, and whomever you have in the city, bring *them* out of the place; <sup>13</sup> for we are about to destroy this place, because their outcry has become so great before the LORD that the LORD has sent us to destroy it.” <sup>14</sup> Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law, who <sup>[l]</sup>were to marry

his daughters, and said, “Up, get out of this place, for the LORD will destroy the city.” But he appeared to his sons-in-law <sup>[m]</sup>to be jesting.

<sup>15</sup> When morning dawned, the angels urged Lot, saying, “Up, take your wife and your two daughters who are here, or you will be swept away in the <sup>[n]</sup>punishment of the city.” <sup>16</sup> But he hesitated. So the men seized his hand and the hand of his wife and the <sup>[o]</sup>hands of his two daughters, for the compassion of the LORD *was* upon him; and they brought him out, and put him outside the city. <sup>17</sup> When they had brought them outside, <sup>[p]</sup>one said, “Escape for your life! Do not look behind you, and do not stay <sup>[q]</sup>anywhere in the valley; escape to the <sup>[r]</sup>mountains, or you will be swept away.” <sup>18</sup> But Lot said to them, “Oh no, my lords! <sup>19</sup> Now behold, your servant has found favor in your sight, and you have magnified your lovingkindness, which you have shown me by saving my life; but I cannot escape to the <sup>[s]</sup>mountains, for the disaster will overtake me and I will die; <sup>20</sup> now behold, this town is near *enough* to flee to, and it is small. Please, let me escape there (is it not small?) <sup>[t]</sup>that my life may be saved.” <sup>21</sup> He said to him, “Behold, I grant you this <sup>[u]</sup>request also, not to overthrow the town of which you have spoken. <sup>22</sup> Hurry, escape there, for I cannot do anything until you arrive there.” Therefore the name of the town was called <sup>[v]</sup>Zoar.

<sup>23</sup> The sun had risen over the earth when Lot came to Zoar. <sup>24</sup> Then the LORD rained on Sodom and Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven, <sup>25</sup> and He overthrew those cities, and all the <sup>[w]</sup>valley, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground. <sup>26</sup> But his wife, from behind him, looked *back*, and she became a pillar of salt.

<sup>27</sup> Now Abraham arose early in the morning *and went* to the place where he had stood before the LORD; <sup>28</sup> and he looked down toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the <sup>[x]</sup>valley, and he saw, and behold, the smoke of the land ascended like the smoke of a <sup>[y]</sup>furnace.

<sup>29</sup> Thus it came about, when God destroyed the cities of the <sup>[z]</sup>valley, that God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when He overthrew the cities in which Lot lived.

#### Footnotes:

- a. Genesis 19:1 Lit *bowed himself*
- b. Genesis 19:4 Or *without exception*; lit *from every end*
- c. Genesis 19:5 I.e. have intercourse
- d. Genesis 19:8 I.e. had intercourse
- e. Genesis 19:8 Lit *as is good in your sight*
- f. Genesis 19:8 Lit *shadow*
- g. Genesis 19:9 Lit *to sojourn*
- h. Genesis 19:9 Lit *the man, against Lot*
- i. Genesis 19:10 Lit *hand*
- j. Genesis 19:10 Lit *to*
- k. Genesis 19:11 Lit *smote*
- l. Genesis 19:14 Or *had married*; lit *were taking*
- m. Genesis 19:14 Lit *like one who was jesting*
- n. Genesis 19:15 Or *iniquity*
- o. Genesis 19:16 Lit *hand*
- p. Genesis 19:17 Lit *he*
- q. Genesis 19:17 Lit *in all the circle*
- r. Genesis 19:17 Lit *mountain*
- s. Genesis 19:19 Lit *mountain*
- t. Genesis 19:20 Lit *and my soul will live*
- u. Genesis 19:21 Lit *thing*
- v. Genesis 19:22 I.e. small

- w. Genesis 19:25 Lit *circle*
- x. Genesis 19:28 Lit *circle*
- y. Genesis 19:28 Lit *kiln*
- z. Genesis 19:29 Lit *circle*

**True faith is letting God make the plan, letting God work it out, letting God have the details. You serve Him until the day He shows you what it is. You grow in your faith which is obeying Him and letting Him call the shots and you not telling God what to do.**

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