

FOUNDATIONS OF OUR FAITH VI

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Genesis 14:1-24

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Hebrews 7:1-22

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

1. Reflect on what may be going through Lot's mind as the events of vv. 1-10 are occurring.

2. What situation does Lot find himself in as a result of this invasion (vv. 11-12)?

3. Describe the position this puts Abram in (v. 13). (What is his dilemma?)

What is significant about the three men in v 13?

4. Abram does not confront his crisis without a plan (vv. 14-15, 20). What is the most important element of his plan?

5. Contrast the kings who meet Abram upon his return (vv. 17-18). (What distinguishes them?)

6. What are some of the characteristics of Melchizedek as a type of Christ (vv. 18-20; c.f., Hebrews 7:1-22)?

7. Reflect on the title & description of the LORD as “God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth (vv. 18, 19, 22). Why is this so significant at this juncture in Abram’s journey of faith?

8. Why is Abram so adamant in his response to the king of Sodom (vv. 22-24)? (How does this differ from his experience coming out of Egypt (12:16; 13:2)?

9. Several principles were drawn from this text—
 - Crisis can strike at any time.
 - I must be willing to put myself at risk for others.
 - I cannot confront a crisis alone.
 - I must carefully choose capable individuals to stand alongside me.
 - One plus the Lord equals a majority.
 - I must never forget (to thank) the God who stands with me.
 - Great success may be followed by great temptation. I must know my boundaries.

Discuss the principle, or principles, which strike the strongest chord with you. Why?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

I will cultivate stronger relationships this week by . . .

I will acknowledge the Lord as my provider this week by . . .