

Remember that these monologues are essentially historical fiction, based on the Scripture but filling in plausible subjective details, both emotional responses and motivations. Your first task is to decide if they are reasonable.

Lot

- *Read Genesis 13—19 comparing the experiences of Abram/Abraham and those of Lot.*
- *What are the ways that they differ? Is there such a thing as “spiritual sensitivity”?*
- *Did Lot make a bad choice in taking the best portion of the land or did the choice reveal his character?*
- *Why do you suppose that he, a herdsman, pitched his tent near the city? (Genesis 13:12)*
- *2 Peter 2:7 says that he was “distressed by the filthy lives of lawless men” but he did not move away.*
- *In fact, he ended up moving into the city. How do you explain that?*
- *Is it possible that convenience and “amenities” played a role?*
- *Is it possible that Lot “got used to” the behavior of the citizens?*
- *Is it possible that Lot’s wife had a large part of the responsibility for their staying in the city?*
- *How do the temptations of women differ from the temptations of men?*
- *What does it mean that she “looked back”? Hebrew: to regard, pay attention to, consider.*
- *Why was she the only one to do so?*
- *How do you explain the behavior of the two engaged sons-in-law?*
- *Can a highly developed culture and economic system co-exist with moral decadence?*
- *What are the clues to the quality of Lot’s spiritual leadership in his family?*
- *Did he really have low regard for women?*
- *He was rescued from the physical destruction of Sodom but his family was deeply damaged.*
- *How can we escape that fate? How can we even live victoriously in an evil environment?*
- *Abram/Abraham and Sarai/Sarah were not perfect — they tried to “help God out” with Hagar.*
- *Were there consequences of that decision? Arabs: Ishmaelites and sons of Ketura? (wife#2)*
- *Genesis 13:4 says Abram “called on the name of the Lord.” He had followed God from Haran in faith.*
- *2 Peter 2:7 calls Lot “a righteous man”. How is that possible? He doesn’t seem very righteous except protecting his supernatural visitors from sexual attack.*
- *It seems that he can only be righteous by God’s grace — indicating that Lot was saved spiritually.*
- *We also, are righteous only by the miracle of redemption and sanctification.*