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steering or Drifting Sept. 10, 1922. B. 711.

Scripture Reading: * Genesis 12:1-10 & 13:1-18.

Text: - Genesis 13:12 *Anderson 9/11/27. Eve.*

Introduction: - Character study is both interesting and profitable. Abraham and Lot present great contrasts. Start together but end far apart. They are actuated by different motives. Abraham had a purpose in his life, Lot just drifted.

I. Abraham - Father of a Multitude

1. Steered by God's chart
2. Heeded God's call from Ur. "He obeyed, not knowing whither", implicitly, promptly. The secret of his great life is that he obeyed God.
3. He followed the divine leading. Followed the light he had. Kept in close fellowship with God.
4. He believed the promises of God, that he should be the father of a great nation. The fulfillment of the promise often seemed far away but he was faithful, persevering to the end. The journey was long and hard, but he kept on going. Often he erected an altar by the way and God appeared to him.
5. He obtained the reward. He is called the "father of the faithful". All nations blest in him. Entered the city without foundations.

II. Lot - Simply Drifted

1. Accompanied his uncle Abraham, perhaps from personal attachment, perhaps from love of adventure, but without apparent aim.
2. He had regard only for self - his selfish choice with Abraham. Gave no evidences of seeking God's will.
3. Heedless tendencies. "Lifted up his eyes toward Sodom. "Pitched his tent toward Sodom" "Lot sat in the gate of Sodom".
4. He made failure of life. Disgraced his family. Barely escaped with his life from the wicked city. Left no heritage of any value.

III. Conclusion

Heed the failures of an aimless life. It is easy to drift with the current. The longer one drifts the farther he is from God. Mark also the blessings of a well directed life. Begin early in life to go by God's chart - the Holy Bible, etc.