

"And Lot Lifted Up His Eyes, And Beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere, before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, even as the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, as thou comest unto Zoar."
Genesis 13:10 KJV

Your mental focus will draw your soul. "Every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the Love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the Will of God abideth forever." Lust was, and still is, Satan's best tool. He used it on Eve and he still stands munching on delicious forbidden fruit. Look no further than your TV to see the world's offerings of forbidden fruit. The fruit was everything Satan claimed it was, but he left out that it was forbidden and deadly. In fact, he lied about it; "Ye shall not surely die!" Disobedience is doomed. "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." Eyes are the soul's window to the world, but faith, that is knowing, believing, and obeying God's Word, is the soul's window to God. Where we focus our thinking determines our destiny. Adam's focus on self, doomed humanity. Look at Lot. What was wrong with Jordan's well-watered plain? It was in full view of Sodom and Gomorrah's evil. Lot, accustomed to gazing outwardly instead of upwardly, left shepherding. He didn't move into Sodom right away, but was drawn away by what he "saw." God's Word tells us that "*just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked,*" finally had to flee for his life when God's Judgment fell on Sodom's evil! His collusion with evil doomed his family. Lot started in the "well-watered plain" and ended sitting in the gate at Sodom. Your collusion with evil dooms those who look to you for guidance. Lot procured worldly success for his family, but barely escaped! The two daughters who survived were ignorant of righteousness. He measured success by temporal gain instead of eternal gaze. "Vexation of spirit" seemed worth it to him for the worldly success of his family. "But what shall it profit a man, if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" Which "fertile plain" draws your gaze? See beyond it to the wickedness in full view from its bounty. Your gaze may determine the eternity of others.



Old Satan tries to draw with stealth,
And pipes your gaze to wickedness,
A faithful gaze beholds God's wealth,
And turns, instead, to righteousness. –CGP

Abraham believed God, and "*it was counted to him for Righteousness.*" Every time he dug a well he found water. His posterity numbers as the sands of the sea and his wells still exist. I challenge you to find descendants of Sodom, Gomorrah, or Lot.

"Therefore take no thought, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or, 'What shall we drink?' or, 'Wherewithal shall we be clothed?' But seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His Righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matthew 6:31, 33 KJV