

Daily devotions for 2019



Day 9
Abraham, part 4

Genesis 13-1-18

On leaving Egypt, Abraham finally went back to Bethel, where he had built an altar (Gen 12:8) and prayed there again.

Now a problem arises between himself and Lot. Disputes between their herdsmen are causing problems. Abraham says to Lot: "Let's not have any quarrelling between you and me – or between your herdsmen and mine – for we are brothers."

Abraham gave Lot first choice – whichever way you choose, I will go the other way. Abraham chose a peaceful way, showing generosity of spirit, which enabled the relationship between them to continue. Lot chose the fertile land of the Jordan valley, as opposed to the rocky hill country. So Abraham went the other way.

I've always been extremely blessed by the conduct of my brothers and sisters at Watchet Baptist Church. Our church meetings have always been about debate, listening, discussing and voting. All this has been with prayer and respect for each other; no divisions or falling out. When we do things in the spirit of God, with peace and love, blessings flow abundantly – and our church has been greatly blessed.

Matthew 5:9 – Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the sons of God.

Prayer

Father, fill me with your love and peace. Help me to understand and empathise with those who are lost and indifferent or angry and belligerent. Help me to be a conduit of your peace and understanding. Help me to be a peacemaker. Amen.