I Know WHOM I Have Believed

Violin Solo

Salt Flats by the Dead Sea near Sodom
COVER: I Know Whom I Have Believed

God had chosen Abraham to live a separated (II Co. 6:17,18) life unto Him. His family was not to go into the cities and mingle with people, lest their character should become polluted, and their testimony silenced.

Lot lived the separated life until he parted from Abraham. He selfishly chose to dwell in the well watered pastures near the cities of the plain. “Lot pitched his tent toward Sodom” (Ge. 13:12), and then found it convenient to enter into friendly relations with the Sodomites, though he must have known what kind of men they were. Having begun to leave the separated life, he went further, for one step leads to another. He gave up tent life, and went to live with the people of Sodom.

He tried to bear his protest in Sodom, but signally failed, as all do who imitate him. His witness for purity would have been far more powerful if he had kept apart from them.

In the midst of that world he was taken captive—a clear warning to him! Although Abraham delivered Lot, he did not go back to Abraham’s way of life, but settled back down again in Sodom!

God had to fetch this just man out of the world! He could not remain part and parcel with the ungodly world, because he was God’s elect one. Lot had no choice. He was forced out, lest he perish in the burning of Sodom.

Lot’s friends were miserable and mistaken friends, but Abraham (Jas. 2:23) had a constant Friend—a kinsman Redeemer—nearer to him than the nearest of kin. We also, though greatly tempted, tried, persecuted, and oppressed have such a Divine Helper—a sure kinsman Vindicator—the Person nearest of kin to us, Who, because He is the nearest of kin, is bound to take up our cause!

Abraham dwelt in tents, but he had the best of possessions—his kinsman Redeemer! We can be totally penniless, but if we have our Redeemer, we are infinitely better off than a millionaire who cannot say that.

All of Lot’s friends died, but Abraham had a living Kinsman. Do we not have One Who is better to us than all the world?

Abraham also had absolute certainty amidst uncertainty. Everything is uncertain with us in this world—business may slip away, and earthly comforts may disappear—but all is right forever with all who are in Christ Jesus.

Paul had found it so, too. He was persuaded that the Lord, to Whom he had committed himself, had power to hold him to the end (II Ti. 1:12). Paul had grown old, and was sitting, gray-haired, and shivering in a dungeon in Rome. He said, “I am no fool,” for I know Whom I have believed.” I am not foolish to place my soul in the pierced and blood stained hand of Him, Whose sacrifice opened the gates of heaven to all believers. Each experience and trial had brought him to know more and more of the fullness of the heights, depths, lengths, and breadths of the faithfulness and love of God!

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