

Then The Disciples Looked One On Another Linville Dunaway, Corinth Christian Church

John 13:21 and 22. "When Jesus had thus said, he was troubled in spirit, and testified, and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me. Then the disciples looked one on another, doubting of whom he spake."

Isn't it odd that no matter what time period you look at people are the same. Material things may change but man is the same today as he was thousands of years ago. Here we read of the Lord telling the disciples that one of them would betray him and instead of them looking to him for answers, they looked at each other.

What did looking at each other solve, or do for them? Did they look at the one that they didn't care as much for? I suppose that in most groups a person will have a lower opinion of a certain person, even if it is subconsciously. Watching a person doesn't tell us what is in his heart, either bad, or good. Can you imagine one of the disciples looking at another and thinking, "I bet he is talking about you," and not thinking about himself? If this

had continued, it probably would have led to a division of the disciples.

Today it is no different among believers, either among denominations, churches, or even in a congregation. People look on one another at times when they should be looking to the Lord. What do we find when we look at one another? We see those we like, maybe because they agree with us, or we see those we don't care as much for. Then some see a person that they don't like at all. Oh, they may be civil and shake hands, but really don't know, or care, about that person.

Looking at, or to, man is apt to bring more problems than good. People can sometimes help us with a problem, but God is always the one to go to. He not only has the answers, but also loves us and wants to help us. Some people may help us to a certain point, but can, or will, do only so much. Then, there are those who don't want to give you any time or effort. They are too wrapped up in themselves and those that they like, leaving no time for you.

No, looking at others is not the way to go, or to get the help that we need. Everyone has a full time job trying to help themselves. I know that there are those who feel that they can look at a person and tell all about them. I don't believe it. **1 Samuel 16:7.** "But the Lord said unto Samuel,

Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart."

I still remember a preacher years ago who told me that when I had preached as long as he had, that I would be able to look at a congregation and tell who was saved and who was not. I still can't do it, my eyes are still not that good. His were not either, he was only fooling himself. Instead of looking at people he needed to look to the Lord.

I urge everyone to look to the Lord when they have a question about life and how to live for the Lord. Yes, there are those who will betray the Lord, but it is not up to you, or I, to judge them. God will do that himself, and only he can do it. Think of this, Peter looked at the other disciples wondering which one it was. He may have had a suspicion about another disciple, but not of himself. Judas turned out to be the one that Jesus referred to, but didn't Peter betray Jesus too? Any of us can fail in our life for the Lord. That is why we need to look to Jesus constantly and not at others. Looking at other believers may tempt a person to feel superior if he thinks that he does more, or is more interested. Remember Jesus is both Savior and Judge - Look unto Him.

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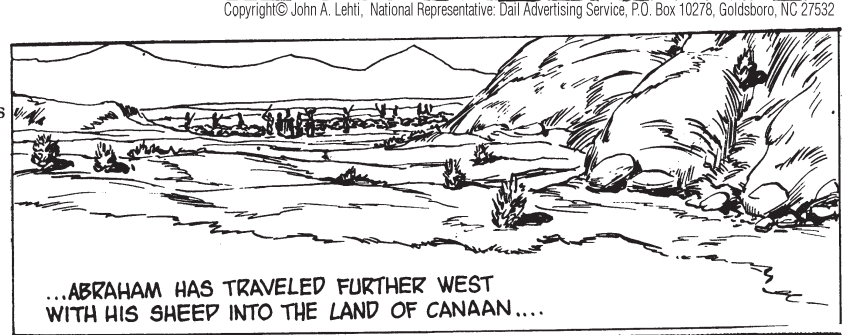
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ABRAHAM AND HIS NEPHEW, LOT, HAVE GONE SEPARATE WAYS BECAUSE THEIR FLOCKS ARE TOO LARGE TO EXIST TOGETHER ON THE SAME GRAZING LANDS. LOT HAS GONE TO THE PLAINS NEAR SODOM, BUT...



THERE IS AN ABUNDANCE OF GOOD LAND FOR LOT AND FOR ME, NOW THAT WE HAVE SEPARATED!

...VIOLENT DAYS ARE IN STORE, HOWEVER, FOR ALL THOSE LIVING NEAR THE CITY OF SODOM, AS A GROUP OF KINGS MAKE CERTAIN PLANS!

WE SHALL TAKE SODOM WITH OUR ARMIES VERY EASILY!

IT IS THE SEASON FOR KINGS TO MAKE WAR IN ORDER TO GAIN MORE SLAVES AND ACQUIRE A LARGER AMOUNT OF TREASURE.



THE ARMY OF BERA, KING OF ALL SODOM, HAVING BEEN FOREWARNED, HAS GATHERED AT THE VALE OF SIDDIM WITH BERSHA, THE KING OF GOMORRAH, AND SOME OTHER LOCAL KINGS, TO GIVE BATTLE AND TO PROTECT THEIR CITIES AGAINST THE INVADERS - BUT BERA'S PLANS ARE NOT WELL FORMULATED OR HE WOULD NEVER PICK THE SIDDIM VALLEY AS A PLACE TO FIGHT THE FOE!



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