Pastoral Notes

'Lipstick on a Pig' Gen 13::1-10.

It's been said by many, including Barack Obama, 'you can put lipstick on a pig, but it's still a pig'. In other words, **the appearance of something or someone can be artificially enhanced to appear to look better than it actually is.** As a result, we live in a world where it is hard to discern the real from what is fake.

As human beings, it is our nature to view things based on its outward that looks good to us is not good for us.

Lot, the nephew of Abram was blessed to gain wealth by hanging out with his uncle. He received God's overflow blessings. He was given the chance to pick anywhere he wanted to live. His selection was made based on what he saw but he never sought God before making his decision. By seeking God first, in all your major decisions, he can show you things you are not equipped to see. God will use hindsight to give you insight to have foresight that goes beyond

Key Sermonic Points

- 1. You can be blessed hanging out with blessed people.
- 2. Always check for the presence of God.
- 3. In big decisions, go back to the altar and seek God.

appearance. **God, however, looks on the inside** because the inside cannot be altered. Billions of dollars are spent by people trying to enhance or change their appearance but like 'lipstick on a pig' **you are who you are at your core.**

Christians are meant to be Godly and not Worldly. We must strive to see things as God sees them walking by our *Spiritual Faith* and not by our *Natural Sight*.

We must learn not to be enamored by outside appearances. At some point, we need to stop bumping our own head and learn that all

your eyesight.

Too often we act out of fleshly desires and end up asking God for <u>forgiveness</u> whereas, if we sought him first, we would only have to ask for <u>permission</u>. **Go to the altar of Jesus as often as you can. Don't be fooled by things resembling lipstick on a pig. "Life is too short to waste time on swine".**

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Stay Blessed, Pastor Robbie

Nuggets:

- Don't make a move without checking for the presence of God
- If you don't see Jesus in it, get out from around it.
- Stop relying on the flesh, and start relying on the Lord
- If you go to the Altar, you can avoid the Slaughter.