

# Remember Lot's Wife

Luke 17:32

JESUS said to those who were contemporary with him: "**Remember Lot's wife.**". There must be reasons why we should remember that woman. Why single out Lot's wife and tell us to remember her? In this sinful age in which we are living we do well when we remember Lot and his wife.

The Bible is full of danger signals. Lot's wife is one of these. Abraham and Lot were agreeing nicely. Both were rich. Both had great flocks and herds. Finally, the herdsmen fell out among themselves. Abraham learned about this and sent for his nephew. The old patriarch said to Lot: "**Then Abram said to Lot, "Let there be no strife between you and me, and between your herdsmen and my herdsmen, for we are kinsmen."**" (Gen. 13:8.)

Abraham was a man of peace. He seemed to think that the very fact that men were brethren ought to be enough to keep down strife between them. And so, it should. He made a generous offer to Lot, saying: "**Is not the whole land before you? Separate yourself from me. If you take the left hand, then I will go to the right, or if you take the right hand, then I will go to the left.**" (Verse 9.)

That was a big offer. It takes a big man to make a big offer. Abraham was older and wiser than Lot. How much better it would have been for Lot to have allowed Abraham to make the decision! But he had his eyes too much on the things of this world. In his anxiety to secure fine pastures for his flocks and herds, he all but forgot his girls. Girls and boys have souls to save. Flocks and herds do not. "**And Lot lifted his eyes and saw that the Jordan Valley was well watered everywhere like the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt, in the direction of Zoar. (This was before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.)**" Vs10.

This appealed to Lot. He chose this plain of Jordan. But the book very significantly says: "**And pitched his tent toward Sodom.**"

What a sad pitch" that was! And how many others have done the same thing! How many have forgotten God in their rush after wealth, social prestige, political ambitions, educational attainments, etc.! Had Lot's wife been as wise, she would have advised Lot to move as far away as possible. It was a good place for cattle, but a poor place for girls.

If Lot had just looked a little way down the road and saw how hard it would be to extricate himself from this wicked environment, he would never have made the choice he did. So it has been with millions of others.

Our shortsightedness is pitiful. *"But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the Lord exceedingly."* Verse 13. And they got no better, but rather grew worse.

Finally, God decreed that these cities should be destroyed from the face of the earth. This sent Abraham to his knees, pleading in behalf of these cities for the sake of Lot and his loved ones. What a spirit to manifest! In his petitions to God, Abraham said: *"Then Abraham drew near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it?"* (Gen. 18:23-24.)

God assured him that if there were fifty righteous within the city, He would spare the city for their sake. Abraham knew the wickedness of the place. He kept pleading for the city until he had the promise of the Lord that if there were ten righteous within the city, he would spare the city.

Just **Ten** righteous people would have been the physical salvation of Sodom and Gomorrah. But they were not to be found. Lot was warned by angels to flee from the city. But his wicked sons-in-law mocked him.

Lot's mistake was made in coming into this wicked place, with those girls of his. They had married the wicked Sodomites. What a mistake it is for a pure Christian girl or boy to marry a wicked and sinful person!

Finally, the angels laid hands on Lot, his wife, and their two daughters and brought them out of the city, commanding them: ***“And as they brought them out, one said, “Escape for your life. Do not look back or stop anywhere in the valley. Escape to the hills, lest you be swept away. Gen. 19:17.***

***“But Lot's wife, behind him, looked back, and she became a pillar of salt.”*** Verse 26. And this is the last time that she ever disobeyed God! You know there will come a last time. Jesus told somebody to remember this woman. There are so many things that we ought to learn and remember from her. We ought to be able to see that the things this world has to offer do not compensate for the loss of a soul.

We ought to put first things first. The salvation of our soul and the salvation of the souls of others ought to be our first consideration. Do not allow business, pleasure, or anything else to come before our duty to God.

We should be able to see the danger of putting our children in wicked environments and under the influence of the ungodly. One of the most dangerous things is to marry outside of the family of God. Thanks be to God, it has worked out at times to the salvation of the one who was not a Christian. And while this is true, more often it works the other way. Think of the eternal consequences involved! Unborn generations will be influenced by these dangerous alliances. And then we should learn from Lot's wife that when we have been delivered from the pollutions of this world we must not look back.

Lot, his wife, and the girls were on their way to safety, but she looked back. Christians have escaped the pollutions of this world and are on their way to heaven, but heaven will not be reached if we look back to the sinful things of this world.

Jesus said: ***“No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.”*** (Luke 9:62.) Many are looking back, and some have gone back; and such are not fit for the kingdom of God. “Remember Lot's wife”