

Lot's Wife

Introduction

1. In one of the shorter verses in the New Testament, Jesus said, "remember Lot's wife" (Luke 17:32).
 - A. Her name and genealogy have not been revealed to us in scripture.
2. We are limited in our knowledge of things to remember concerning the wife of Lot.
 - A. With the exception of this statement in Luke 17, our knowledge of Lot's wife must be gathered from the events stated in Genesis, chapter 19.

Instructions Given

1. Regarding the wicked city of Sodom, the two angels told Lot:

Genesis 19:13 "For we will destroy this place, because the outcry against them has grown great before the face of the LORD, and the LORD has sent us to destroy it."

- A. Lot was told:

Genesis 19:15 "Arise, take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you be consumed in the punishment of the city."

2. The command was then given.

Genesis 19:17 So it came to pass, when they had brought them outside, that he said, "Escape for your life! Do not look behind you nor stay anywhere in the plain. Escape to the mountains, lest you be destroyed."

3. **When the Lord rained upon Sodom and Gomorrah brimstone and fire, Lot's wife looked back.**

Genesis 19:26 But **his wife looked back behind him**, and she became a pillar of salt.

4. **Only Lot and his two daughters were saved when the city of Sodom was destroyed with fire and brimstone.**

A. **We are to remember that Lot's wife perished – although she:**

Was the Wife of a Righteous Man

1. **Peter speaks of Lot as being just and righteous.**

2 Peter 2:7-8

A. **The righteous obey the commands of the Lord and that was what Lot did.**

B. **His wife disobeyed in looking back upon the city of Sodom in its destruction.**

2. **We can learn from this, that righteousness is an individual responsibility.**

A. **One cannot be righteous for another.**

Galatians 6:5 For each one shall bear his own load.

3. **Lot's wife had the responsibility of obedience in the same respect as Lot and his two daughters did.**

4. **The righteousness of one person may influence others for good, but it does not obey for them.**

Was Warned of Her Danger

1. Again, let us look at the warning that was issued:

Genesis 19:17 So it came to pass, when they had brought them outside, that he said, "Escape for your life! Do not look behind you nor stay anywhere in the plain. Escape to the mountains, lest you be destroyed."

2. The warning was very plain and definite.

A. It was made known to her as it was to Lot and his two daughters.

B. She had no ground to plead ignorance.

3. In like manner, there are warnings that Christ has given us which must not be ignored or disobeyed.

Hebrews 2:1-3

4. Lot's wife was warned and we are warned regarding what the Lord expects of us.

Acts 3:22-23 For Moses truly said to the fathers, 'THE LORD YOUR GOD WILL RAISE UP FOR YOU A PROPHET LIKE ME FROM YOUR BRETHREN. HIM YOU SHALL HEAR IN ALL THINGS, WHATEVER HE SAYS TO YOU. AND IT SHALL BE THAT EVERY SOUL WHO WILL NOT HEAR THAT PROPHET SHALL BE UTTERLY DESTROYED FROM AMONG THE PEOPLE.'

Made Some Effort to Be Saved

1. It would appear that she along with Lot and her two daughters had departed from Sodom.

A. The wording in verses 16-17 make this known:

Genesis 19:16-17the LORD being merciful to him, and they brought him out and set him outside the city. So it came to pass, **when they had brought them outside....**

2. We need to start the effort in being saved and continue in the effort.

A. There are so many who start the race, but they fail to run the race – completing it to the very end.

Luke 9:62 But Jesus said to him, **“No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.”**

3. Wouldn't it be great if all who have started their walk as a Christian continued to faithful and steadfast to the very end!

A. If so, our meeting facilities today would barely be able to contain all in attendance!

Committed But One Sin

1. We read of Lot's wife of committing just one sin:

Genesis 19:26 But **his wife looked back behind him**, and she became a pillar of salt.

A. The command was very clear “do not look behind you nor stay anywhere in the plain...”

B. Lot's wife disobeyed by looking back upon the burning city of Sodom.

1) In doing so, she was turned into a pillar of salt.

2. Why did she look back? We are not told why she did. But perhaps....

A. Sentiment motivated her to look back.

1) She may have been thinking of loved ones and friends who were perishing in the city.

a. But whatever prompted her to look back is really immaterial.

b. The fact is “she looked back” which was in direct disobedience of God's command.

3. **Someone may say “I know she committed other sins.”**
 - A. **But where do we read of any other sins being attributed to Lot’s wife?**
4. **Someone may say “I just can’t believe that one sin can cause a person to be lost.”**
 - A. **How many sins are charged against Simon in Acts 8 that prompted Peter to say that his money perished with him?**
 - 1) **He sinned by the thought of his heart, thinking he could buy he power of laying on of hands from the apostles.**
5. **There are so VERY MANY today who are determined to make the Bible read as they want it to read rather than accept what is said.**

James 2:10 For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, **he is guilty of all.**

6. **Let us be careful. We may find ourselves getting “so smart” that our we begin to think that our thoughts are above God’s.**

Isaiah 55:8-9 “For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,” says the LORD. “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.”

Conclusion

1. **We need to seriously remember Lot’s wife in all the aspects mentioned this morning.**
2. **Let us remember:**

Proverbs 4:23 Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life.

Invitation

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