

**REMEMBER LOT'S  
WIFE  
LUKE 17:28-37**

# OBSERVATIONS

- Jesus, in this passage of scripture, is warning His disciples and us, through a woman whose name we have never known, about the dangers of looking back to a life that we have been called by Him to leave behind; Hebrews 12:1-2
- Jesus, here, doesn't ask us to remember some famous and positive role models in the Bible (Hannah, Sarah, Esther, Ruth, Mary)
- Here is a woman who is “Eternally Damned,” and we are asked by Jesus to remember her.
- Jesus was speaking specifically to His children on the subject of His second coming, and how unprepared people will be
- There are many things we could take from Lot's story (Why he chose Sodom? Why have your bones buried there?) but Jesus asks us to remember his wife's story (his worse half)

# #1 BEING CLOSE TO GRACE IS NOT GRACE!

- She married into a righteous family; her Husband's uncle was Abraham (father of the faithful). She was there when Abraham received the promises of God (Genesis 12)
- She literally was led by hand of God's own angels out of Sodom (Genesis 19:16)
- She may have outwardly conformed to her husband's religion, but the world was in her heart
- Here is a woman who lived a life of "divine opportunity," surrounded by God's people, and living in recorded history, with saving grace **BUT** not through saving faith (Ephesians 2:8; Romans 10:17)

- You can be next to **God** and not have **Him** in your heart. (**Gehazi** was **Elisha's** servant, **Demas** was **Paul's** co-worker, **Judas** was **Christ's** disciple, **Lucifer** was **God's** angel—yet they were all condemned)
- Living in a **Christian** household doesn't make you a **Christian** (**Mom**, **Dad**, and the children must have their own relationship with **God**)
- A child's relationship with **God** will not only bless the child, but also those who gave them spiritual formation; I Timothy 5:4 (*“But if any widow have children or nephews, let them learn first.....”*)
- Being in the “**Right Church**” doesn't guarantee salvation, (tares/weeds, can grow amongst wheat, **Matthew 13:25**)

# #2 DON'T FALL IN LOVE WITH WHAT YOU'RE LEAVING BEHIND

- Lot's wife looked back because she was willing to: “sacrifice the eternal on the altar of the temporary.”
- Even as she was being delivered by angels, she couldn't help but look back to the devils
- I believe Jesus has Lot's wife's story in mind in Luke 9:62

*“And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.”*

# OBSERVATIONS

- Backsliding begins with a thought, desire. Lot's wife evidenced her desire by looking back
- Notice that she was willing to run with Lot for a while, and follow his example for a while—until she begin to think it over; the life she was leaving behind was what she was thinking about (the pleasures) Beware of “sprinters versus long distance runners” in the marathon called life!
- Remember, she went part of the way towards safety. She was almost to Zoar, the refuge city, but yet she perished; She was “almost saved,” but not quite saved, **Genesis 19:21-26**

- **At some point in our lives, we have to come to a decision as to whether we will leave God to follow sin or leave sin to follow God**
- **Jesus says that you can't do both, Matthew 6:24**
- **There is temptation to try to find pleasure in both worlds, at the same time; but the etiology or origin of that desire is not God, but Satan, and sin in you and me, Romans 7:19-21**
- **When Lot's wife looked back, disobeying God's instruction, it revealed her secret love of the world. 1 John 2:15-17**

# OBSERVATIONS

- **Sometimes to avoid sin you have to be willing to remove yourself from the sinful situation due to its power over you, 2 Corinthians 6:17**
  - **Alcohol, and other drugs and other environments**
  - **Pornography (don't buy the TV package that includes it)**

**Avoid associations with some people, who engage in our weakness!**



# **LONGING FOR “THE GOOD OLD DAYS” IS NOT WISE!**

*“Do not say, ‘Why were the good old days better than these?’ For it is not wise to ask such questions.” Ecclesiastes 7:10*

Sometimes, distance from the past gives us a nostalgia that is never quite honest; an enchantment that is not complete (like the old school days that God blessed you through that are romanced rather than “thankfully distanced.”)

*Jesus says, “It was the same in the days of Lot. People were eating, drinking, buying and selling, planting and building. But the day Lot left Sodom, fire and sulfur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all.” Luke 17:28-29*

- It will be sad to see those who were united in Holy Matrimony separated by sin and righteousness forever
- People who lived together, worked together, raised a family together, will be eternally separated, never to meet again
- Children who were raised in righteous homes with unlimited potential to accomplish the spiritual trajectory that God had specifically for them:

**LOST!**

# #3 HER METHOD OF DEPARTING THIS WORLD IS A CAUTIONARY TALE

*“Ye are the salt of the earth; but if the salt have lost his savor, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under the foot of men.” Matthew 5:13*

- God turned Lot’s wife into what she should have been in the first place—the salt of the earth, a different flavor than this sinful world
- It seems that if she wasn’t going to be the salt of the earth that she was supposed to be, then God would punish her by making her physically what she was supposed to be spiritually.
- If our hearts are mesmerized (paralyzed) by the world, we will perish with the world

- **Privilege alone will not secure salvation. You can have:**
  - **Great Spiritual Opportunities**
  - **Be in “The Best Church”**
  - **Hear “The Best Preaching”**
  - **Have “The Best Parents”**
  - **Have “The Best Spiritual Spouse”**

**AND STILL BE LOST!**

**One Day the Tares (Weeds) and the Wheat  
Or the Sheep and the Goats Will Be  
Separated!**

# **LUKE 17:34-37**

*“I will tell you, on that night two people will be in one bed; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding grain together; one will be taken and the other left.”*

*“Where, Lord?” they asked.*

*He replied, “Where there is a dead body, there the vultures will gather.”*

- **Wherever the wicked are who are marked for eternal punishment, they shall be discovered by the judgments of God, as wherever a dead carcass is, the vultures will smell it out, Hebrews 4:12**
- **The judgments of God will divide families in that day with “Surgical Separation” of the righteous from the unrighteous with **NO APPEAL!****



**SO, JESUS SAYS TO US:**

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# **THE PLAN OF SALVATION**

**Hear the Gospel**

**Acts 15:7**

**Believe the Gospel**

**Acts 15:7**

**Repent Of Sins**

**Acts 2:38**

**Confess Christ**

**Acts 8:37**

**Be Baptized**

**Acts 8:38, Acts 2:38**