

Remember Lot's Wife

Text: Luke 17:32

Introduction:

1. This is one of the shortest verses in the Bible.
2. This statement was spoken in the context of the impending destruction of Jerusalem.
3. In this lesson, we will look at several reasons why we need to remember Lot's wife.

I. The Historical Backdrop

- A. (**Genesis 18:1 - 19:29**).
- B. Abraham was told that Sodom, Gomorrah, and the cities of the plains would be destroyed because of their extreme wickedness.
- C. Abraham pleaded on behalf of the cities, but to no avail.
- D. Lot and his family were told to leave and not look back.
- E. Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt.

II. Lessons Learned From Lot's Wife

- A. ***She Perished Although The Wife Of A Righteous Man.***
 1. (**2 Peter 2:7-8**) Lot was a righteous man.
 2. (**Romans 4:3**) Lot's uncle Abraham was a righteous man.
 3. The righteousness of our relatives won't save us.
 4. We won't be asked, "*Were your relatives faithful?*"
 5. God has no grandchildren, only children.
- B. ***She Perished Although She, Herself Was Righteous.***
 1. She was spared from the initial destruction because of her righteousness and God's mercy.
 2. But her righteousness did not license sin.
 3. Once escaping the defilements of the world, we must continue to live a sanctified life.
 4. (**Revelation 2:10**) Must remain faithful .
 5. (**Romans 8:1**) No condemnation walking after the Spirit.
- C. ***She Perished Although Warned To Flee From The Wrath To Come.***
 1. It is not enough to know the facts of the gospel, we must obey them. (**2 Thessalonians 1:6-9**)
 2. (**James 4:17**)- Must do God's Word.
 3. (**James 1:22**) – Must be more than hearers.
 4. It must be a horrifying fate to stand condemned while knowing all along the route to pardon.
- D. ***She Perished Although Her Sin Seemed Small.***
 1. She just looked back.
 2. It seemed only natural; remember, her family was there.
 3. But this should stand to warn us of how serious sin is viewed by God.
 4. Wages of sin is death -- (**Romans 6:23**).

- E. **She Perished Although She Was Separated From Sodom.**
1. Sodom can be viewed as a type of the world.
 2. Even though a person may leave the world and be translated into the kingdom of God (**Colossians 1:13**), they still can sin (**1 John 2:1**).
 3. Probably more than we would like to realize, there are a number of Christians who are separated from the world but looking back.
 4. Must do all things through Christ -- (**Philippians 4:13-14, John 14:6**).
- F. **She was almost saved from destruction.**
1. Almost wasn't good enough then, and it isn't good enough today.
 2. King Agrippa told Paul that he was '*Almost persuaded to be a Christian*'. (**Acts 26:28**)
 3. Almost cannot avail; almost is but to fail! Sad, sad, that bitter wail; "*Almost but lost!*"

Conclusion:

1. The mistake of Lot's wife should serve as a warning to us all.
2. Initial separation from the world is good, but not sufficient.
3. We must guard our lives by continued obedience day by day.
4. "*And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.*" (**Luke 9:62**)
5. We are to remember how she died. She died in **unbelief, disobedient** to God's Word.
6. God is not willing that any should perish, but if we neglect to heed His warnings we will suffer the consequences.