

REMEMBER LOT'S WIFE Monthly Newsletter – April 2021



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

Luke 17:32 (32) *Remember Lot's wife.*

Lot's wife, just before she reached safety - though she made a remarkable effort to escape the coming catastrophe - disobeyed the angel's order and looked back. "*She became a pillar of salt*" (Genesis 19:26).

One cannot avoid the thought: Why did she look back?? A specific reason is not given, but she likely had an excessive love for the material things she had in Sodom. Lot was a rich man who had abundant livestock and servants to create a problem while living with Abraham (Genesis 13:5-7). This couple may have had a grand residence with many fine furnishings, servants, fine clothing, rich foods, and constant entertainment.

Additionally, Lot had gained distinction among the citizens of Sodom beyond his fortune. Genesis 19:1 shows him sitting in the city's gate, a place generally reserved for the judges and elders. Lot's wife could have been rethinking her choice to abandon the privileges of her high social status and her notable friends.

Perhaps she just adored the means of this world more than the Lord. The Apostle John writes:

"Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever." (1John 2:15-17)

But there may be more to it than we might know. Most assume that Lot only had two daughters, but not so. He responds to the Sodomites, "*See now, I have two daughters who have not known a man*" (Genesis 19:8). Lot had two unwed daughters. A few verses later, Lot "spoke to his sons-in-law, who had married his daughters," indicating

he had other MARRIED daughters. Lastly, the angels order him, "*Arise, take your wife and your two daughters who are here*" (verse 15), suggesting he had daughters elsewhere.

Considering Lot and his wife had more than two daughters, they left behind more than simply material wealth in the city. When the Lord rained down fire and brimstone on Sodom, their married daughters and sons-in-law - and likely grandchildren - died with the rest of the town. **What an acute and painful test of their faith!**

So, when Lot's wife was fleeing, her fortune, home, and social status were not the only things on her mind. They were irrelevant besides the inevitable death of her own flesh and blood. Perhaps she had high hope that her offspring would survive/escape this catastrophe. As a loving mother, her emotions for her doomed family in that city clouded her capability to make proper decisions.

Our Lord Jesus makes an appropriate comment in **Matthew 10:37-39**:

"He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it."

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In the prior verse, our Lord says in **Luke 17:31**, "*In that day, he who is on the housetop, and his goods are in the house, let him not come down to take them away. And likewise the one who is in the field, let him not turn back.*" Whenever the Lord directs His elect to escape to a place of safety, many of us will be challenged to entrust our family to God's mercy. Without a doubt, this could be one of the most significant tests of our spiritual walk. With the Lord ahead of us, may we recognize the hope and abundant life that is promised, and behind us destruction; and ultimately, death. This Biblical story is here for our reference - may we always *Remember Lot's Wife*.

At His service,
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