

# THE TRUTH

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## Lesson 29 - The Truth About Lot's Wife

### 1. What are some things that the word, "remember" is attached to in the Scriptures?

- a. \_\_\_\_\_: [Exodus 20:4]
- b. \_\_\_\_\_: [Ecclesiastes 12:1]
- c. \_\_\_\_\_: [Luke 17:32]

What did Jesus mean by that cryptic expression "Remember Lot's wife"? What does that woman of long ago have to do with people who are watching the closeout of history? Why did the Master relate Mrs. Lot to our day? Jesus used her as a fearful warning. That woman became cold, careless, and disobedient. Finally the judgments of God fell upon her, and she became a pillar of salt on the plains of Sodom.

"It is a sin to forget, a sin to be negligent. If you form a habit of negligence, you may neglect your own soul's salvation and at last find that you are unready for the kingdom of God." [Christ's Object Lessons, 358]

### 2. When Jesus said, "Remember Lot's wife," to whom was it addressed? [Luke 17:22] Ans. His beloved \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** It is a solemn warning, when we think of the persons to whom it was first given. The Lord Jesus was speaking to His disciples: He was not addressing the Scribes and Pharisees who hated him, but Peter, James, and John, and many others who loved Him: yet even to them He thinks good to address a caution. She is to be a caution to us all in the \_\_\_\_\_, for God will deal with us as he did with her if we \_\_\_\_\_ as she did.

It is a solemn warning, when we think of the person Jesus names. He does not bid us remember, Sarah, or Hannah, or Ruth. No: He singles out one whose soul was lost forever. He cries to us, "*Remember Lot's wife.*"

### HER HISTORY

Lot's wife does not have a beginning or middle, but she had a terrible end!

#### ➤ Abraham's separation from his native country: [Genesis 12:1, 4-5]

We cannot tell exactly when she became Lot's wife, but we are inclined to believe that it was after he had left Haran, for when Abraham left Haran we read that he took "Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son" but we do not read of Lot's wife. The name of Abraham's wife is given, but Lot's wife

is not mentioned.

➤ **Abraham's separation from Lot through "strife": [Genesis 13:1-8; 10-12]**

Even after the separation of Lot from his uncle, there is still no mention of Lot being married or his wife's name.

➤ **Abraham rescues Lot: [Genesis 14:12-16]**

Abraham brought back all the goods, and also brought again his nephew Lot, and his goods, and the women also, and the people. **[Genesis 14:16]** We suppose that Lot's wife is included under the words "the women." Now the Holy Spirit never puts an insignificance upon good women: in connection with their husbands they are generally mentioned with honor, and in this book of Genesis it is specially so. Sarah and Rebekah and Rachel have each an honorable memorial, and as no mention is made of Lot's wife we may deduce that she was not worthy to be mentioned. She must have been a person of very small consideration.

**3. From which countries have historians supposed that Lot's wife was a native of?**

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.

**NOTE:** Lot's wife may have been a native of Sodom, for it is possible that he dwelt there for twenty years. Lot may have married a Canaanite or an Egyptian woman, a person utterly unworthy to be taken into the holy household, and therefore the marriage is not recorded. It was the custom of that elect and separated family, to send back to home, to obtain from their native land some daughter of the same house, that the pure stock might be preserved, and that there might be no connection with the heathen.

**4. What three things should we remember about Lot's wife?**

i. Remember her \_\_\_\_\_

➤ She was privileged to have a \_\_\_\_\_ **[2 Peter 2:6-8]**

"When Lot entered Sodom he fully intended to keep himself free from iniquity and to command his household after him." **[Patriarchs and Prophets, 168]**

➤ She was privileged to know \_\_\_\_\_ **[James 2:23; 2 Chronicles 20:7; Isaiah 41:8]**

➤ She was privileged to be \_\_\_\_\_ by an \_\_\_\_\_ **[Genesis 19:1]**

It will take more than mere privileges to get us to heaven. All through the Scriptures we find people who had great privileges, but yet were lost:

• \_\_\_\_\_ was privileged to be Paul's companion. **[Philemon 1:24; Colossians 4:14]**

• \_\_\_\_\_ was privileged to be Christ's treasurer. **[John 13:29]**

- \_\_\_\_\_ was privileged to be David's captain. [2 Samuel 20:23; 1 Chronicles 11:6]
- \_\_\_\_\_ was privileged to be Elisha's servant. [2 Kings 5:20]

Yet in spite of all their privilege, knowledge, warning and opportunities, they all died in their sins.

**NOTE:** "Let us value our religious privileges, but let us not rest entirely upon them. Let us desire to have the benefits of them in all our movements in life, but let us not put them in the place of Christ. Let us use them thankfully, if God gives them to us, but let us take care that they produce some fruits in our heart and life. If they do not do good, they do positive harm: they will sear the conscience, they increase responsibility, they aggravate condemnation. The same fire which melts the wax hardens the clay; the same sun which makes the living tree grow, dries up the dead tree and prepares it for burning. Nothing so hardens the heart of man as barren familiarity with sacred things.

You may be the wife of the saintliest man of God and yet be a daughter of the Devil. You may be the child of a prophet and yet the curse of the prophet's God may be upon you; or you may be the father of a most gracious family and yet still be an alien to the commonwealth of Israel. No earthly relationship can possibly help us if we are personally destitute of the spiritual life. Our first birth does not avail us in the kingdom of God, for that which is born of the flesh at its very best is flesh, and is prone to sin, and will certainly perish. [Spurgeon]

- ii. Remember her \_\_\_\_\_ [Luke 17:31]

This seemed a small thing, but we are sure, by the punishment of it, that it was a great and exceedingly sinful sin.

- She disobeyed an express command, and so sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, which ruined us all. [Genesis 19:17]
- Unbelief was at the bottom of it; she questioned whether Sodom would be destroyed, and thought she might still have been safe in it. [Hebrews 3:19]
- She looked back upon her neighbors' whom she had left behind. Their day of grace was over.
- Probably she yearned after her house and goods in Sodom, and was loth to leave them. Christ intimates this to be her sin [Luke 17:31-32] she too much regarded her stuff.
- Her looking back is an inclination to go back; and therefore our Saviour uses it as a warning against apostasy from our Christian profession. We have all renounced the world and the flesh, and have set our faces heavenward; we are in the plain, upon our probation; and it is at our peril if we return into the interests we profess to have abandoned.

"Instead of thankfully accepting deliverance, she presumptuously looked back to desire the life of those who had rejected the divine warning. Her sin showed her to be unworthy of life, for the preservation of which she felt so little gratitude." [Patriarchs and Prophets, 161]

- iii. Remember her \_\_\_\_\_ [Genesis 19:26]

Salt is one of the most mentioned commodities in the entire Bible

➤ Salt \_\_\_\_\_: **[2 Chronicles 13:5]**

➤ Salt \_\_\_\_\_: **[Leviticus 2:13]**

➤ \_\_\_\_\_ are likened unto salt: **[Matthew 5:13]**

For the sake of Paul and Silas, all the prisoners with them were loosed. **[Acts 16:26]** For the sake of Paul, the lives of all that sailed with him were saved. **[Chapter 27:24]** Thus the wicked are benefited by the presence of the righteous. Well would it be if they would remember the obligations under which they are thus placed. What saves the world to-day? For whose sake is it still spared? For the sake of the few righteous persons who are yet left. Remove these, and how long would the wicked be suffered to run their guilty career? No longer than the antediluvians were suffered, after Noah had entered the ark, or the Sodomites, after Lot had departed from their polluted and polluting presence. If only ten righteous persons could have been found in Sodom, the multitude of its wicked inhabitants would, for their sakes, have been spared. Yet the wicked will despise, ridicule, and oppress the very ones on whose account it is that they are still permitted the enjoyment of life and all its blessings. **[Daniel and the Revelation, 38.4]**

➤ Newborn babies were \_\_\_\_\_ with salt. **[Ezekiel 16:4]**

➤ Poisoned waters were \_\_\_\_\_ with salt. **[2 Kings 2:21]**

➤ Heathen cities were \_\_\_\_\_ with salt. **[Judges 9:45]**

➤ Salt is a representation of \_\_\_\_\_ of the wicked in hell fire. **[Mark 9:49]**

“While her body was upon the plain, her heart clung to Sodom, and she perished with it. She rebelled against God because His judgments involved her possessions and her children in the ruin. Although so greatly favored in being called out from the wicked city, she felt that she was severely dealt with, because the wealth that it had taken years to accumulate must be left to destruction.” **[Conflict and Courage, 54]**

### DELAYED JUDGEMENT

➤ **[Romans 9:13-15]**

➤ **[Ecclesiastes 8:11]**

“We are taught the fearful and solemn lesson that while God's mercy bears long with the transgressor, there is a limit beyond which men may not go on in sin. When that limit is reached, then the offers of mercy are withdrawn, and the ministration of judgment begins. **[Conflict and Courage, 54]**