

The Gospel Herald

“As the truth is in Jesus” (Ephesians 4:21)

For The LORD’S PILGRIMS, STRANGERS & SOJOURNERS

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Remember Lot’s Wife

Luke 17:32

“And the morning arose, and the angels hastened Lot, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which are here; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city. And while he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife and upon the hand of his two daughters; the Lord being merciful unto him: and they brought him forth and set him without the city. And it came to pass, when they had brought them forth abroad, that he said, escape for thy life; **LOOK NOT BEHIND THEE** (Genesis 19:15-17).

“The sun was risen upon the earth when Lot entered into Zoar. Then the Lord rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the Lord out of heaven; And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground. But his wife **LOOKED BACK** from behind him, and she **BECAME A PILLAR OF SALT**” (Genesis 19:23-26).

“And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample (example) unto those that after should live ungodly” (II Peter 2:6).

“Now all these happened unto them for ensamples (examples); and they are written for **OUR** admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come” (I Corin. 10:11).

We in this dispensation of time as believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, have been blessed with the Old Testament as a record of God’s promises to his people and that his Word is sure and his wrath is kindled against all that were disobedient and unbelieving. Just as what he promised to them of the Old Covenant came to pass as his said, so shall it be with his promises to we that are under the New Covenant.

Why is that our Lord Jesus would reiterate what he had spoken to Lot and his family in Luke’s Gospel, and it has been set aside as a three-worded verse? “**REMEMBER LOTS WIFE.**”

I have pondered this context over the years and seem to be taught something additional each time I study it. I ask myself the question, “why did Lot’s wife LOOK BACK? What drove her to disobedience?”

As I continued to read the Genesis account as follows, “And the men (Angels) said unto Lot, Hast thou here any besides? Son in law, and thy sons, and thy daughters, and whatsoever thou hast in the city, BRING THEM OUT OF THIS PLACE” for we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the Lord; and the Lord hath sent us to destroy it” (Genesis 19:12-13).

You see, there were Lot’s sons and a son in law that DID NOT come out with he, his wife and his two daughters when they left the cities. It also was unlikely that they took many possessions with them in such a short notice. I see in God’s sovereign purpose the valuable teaching of instructing us that live in hope, not get attached to things here below. Oh, absolutely we are to love our children and family, for they are gifts of God EVEN if some are for just in this time world and may never see heaven as an eternal home. Yet, to be anchored to such relationships and THINGS above our love for our Lord Jesus Christ, is why God has caused his beloved Son to REMIND us of Lot’s wife.

Lot’s wife was disobedient in “looking back” because her heart was still seeking those that stayed behind. I say, “stayed behind,” because they were given the option to come out, but their love was in their sin and the influence of the society. A Mother’s love is a special love with a bond to a child that only a mother can know. Yet, in the realm of the kingdom of God, ONLY those chosen of God and born of the Spirit are going to spend eternity in immortal glory with those of the elect Church of Jesus Christ.

Yes, dear ones, some out of families God has not possibly chose to redeem and their names not found written in the Lambs book of life. As Jesus said, “A man’s greatest foes shall be them of his own household”. Think about it! If an angel of God visited you this day and said get your house in order for you are to leave America next Wednesday, and I am going to destroy the nation because of its sin, are you ready to leave behind those of your dear family who refuse to believe the revelation and laugh at your request to leave? Lot had found GRACE in God’s sight (Gen. 19:19) to obey no matter what the cost; his wife could not follow the command on her husband’s grace.

Grace must be given individually to a believer to be able to perform what the Lord has commanded. Our dear children cannot inherit the forgiveness of sin and a home in heaven riding along on mother’s and father’s salvation experience. YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN individually by the enabling grace of the Almighty. Lot’s wife looked back to see her children that REFUSED to heed the command to leave. May we learn from the Holy record of this text to seek those things which are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of the Father. Loving our beloved brothers and sisters in Christ that we fellowship in the hope of our salvation is where our TRUE family ties should be. For in

this family, God has brought us together in the common bond of his Spirit that we might be manifest as the children of God whereby we call out, "Abba Father."

May our focus be upon those things that are everlasting, knowing that we take nothing with us when we are called to the realms above.

REMEMBER LOT'S WIFE, and look unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith.

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