REMEMBER LUKE 17, GENESIS 19

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Introduction:

There are lessons that can be learned from the mistakes of others. Someone has once said get you wisdom concerning life as cheap as you possibly can, simply meaning get it from others if possible.

There are some things that it is better to remember that to relive them. Such is the case with this story.

What a sad ending we find in the lives of this family.

Keep in mind who it is that we are looking at this morning. Lot, his wife and his children. Lot the nephew of the patriarch Abraham. A man who had seen the altars that Abraham had built and saw God's hand of blessing. What happened? Why was there such a difference in Abraham's family and Lot's family?

This was a family of privilege, possessions, and prayer, and yet with all this the outcome was still devastating.

Let's remember Lot and his Wife.

1. THERE DANGER WAS GREAT (GENESIS 19)

A. They lived in a wicked city (Gen 13:13)

Genesis 13:13

But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the Lord exceedingly.

- 1. There was an absence of morality.
- 2. This lifestyle had become normality.

Luke 17:28

Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded;

Sadly today wicked living has become the norm, and it doesn't trouble us like it once did.

B. They were warned of coming judgment.

Genesis 19:14

And Lot went out, and spake unto his sons in law, which married his daughters, and said, Up, get you out of this place; for the Lord will destroy this city. But he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons in law.

2. HER DELAY WAS FOOLISH

Genesis 19:26

But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.

- A. She remembered the things she left behind.
 - 1. The possessions she left
 - 2. The people she left
 - 3. The friends she left
 - 4. The family she left

Sadly many today have so many people and things that they have attached themselves to.

B. She regrettably looked back.

3. HER DECISION WAS COSTLY

Genesis 19:26

But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.

- A. Her death was sudden
- B. Her death was shocking

1 Samuel 12:15

But if ye will not obey the voice of the Lord, but rebel against the commandment of the Lord, then shall the hand of the Lord be against you, as it was against your fathers.

Hebrews 2:2-3

For if the word spoken by angels was stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompence of reward; [3] How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;

Its interesting what substance she was turned to. Salt.

Matthew 5:13

Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

If she wasn't going to be a testimony while living, she would become one while perishing.

It is sad but many do more in dying than they do in living.

Judges 16:30

And Samson said, Let me die with the Philistines. And he bowed himself with all his might; and the house fell upon the lords, and upon all the people that were therein. So the dead which he slew at his death were more than they which he slew in his life.

Close:

Remember Lot and His wife. They were privileged, had possessions, knew about prayer, but ended with problems.

Dad where is it that you are leading your family. Where is it that you are dwelling? Mom what are the people and things that have your heart?

Remember Lot's wife.