

REMEMBER LOT'S WIFE

LUKE 17

Text: Luke 17:32

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

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.

1. REMEMBER HER RELIGIOUS PRIVILEGES

A. She had shared the experiences of Abraham

1. His call and his move of faith. (Gen 12)
2. His altar and his prayer life
3. His giving and his generosity toward her and her family

B. She had a righteous husband (2 Pet 2:7-8)

(2 Peter 2:7-8) "And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: {8} (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;)"

C. We live in a day of religious privilege

1. Churches available almost everywhere
2. Radio and television ministries
3. An abundant supply of Bibles
4. Lots of available literature

D. Religious privilege does not save

1. Illustration: Judas

E. The last days are characterized by wickedness in spite of much light.

(Matthew 24:12) "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold."

2. REMEMBER HER POSSESSIONS

(Genesis 13:10-11) "And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered

every where, before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, even as the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, as thou comest unto Zoar. {11} Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other."

3. REMEMBER THE PRAYERS OF HER RELATIVE

A. Abraham undoubtedly prayed for her and Lot many times.

B. Consider Abraham's intercession for Sodom to be spared (Gen 18)

1. These prayers brought angels to Sodom
2. These prayers brought her potential deliverance.

(Genesis 19:29) "And it came to pass, when God destroyed the cities of the plain, that God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when he overthrew the cities in the which Lot dwelt."

C. Many have relatives faithfully praying for them.

1. Perhaps you have a father or mother praying for you.

2. Perhaps your child is praying for you.

3. Perhaps a husband or wife is praying for you.

D. Churches and prayer groups around the world are praying.

1. Pleading for souls

2. Naming loved ones before the throne of grace.

3. LET'S REMEMBER HER PERISHING

A. In the midst of her possessions and privileges, she perished.

B. Her lot became that of her treasures; they perished

C. What her looking back revealed.

1. It revealed her disobedience

(Genesis 19:17) "And it came to pass, when they had brought them forth abroad, that he said, Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed."

2. It revealed her unbelief

3. It revealed her bondage to the things of this world

(Matthew 16:26) "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

(Mark 8:36) "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"

(Luke 9:25) "For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away?"

Illustration: Rich young ruler

(Matthew 19:16-22) "And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? {17} And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments. {18} He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false

witness, {19} Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. {20} The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet? {21} Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me. {22} But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions."

D. Her death was sudden and shocking

1. She died much as she lived
2. She died in an act of sin

Close:

Remember Lot's wife. We need to turn from passing things to eternal ones, and get ready for the return of the Lord.

(2 Peter 3:11) "Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,"