

"REMEMBER LOT'S WIFE" 75

TEXT: Gen. 19:26; Lk. 17:32.

PURPOSE: To show that a person should never look back at their old way of life but should go on to live a more godly life.

INTRODUCTION:

- A. This is a very short verse but it has a very powerful message.
- B. Lot's wife became a pillar of salt because she looked back to her old way of life. She loved it more than she loved God.
- C. We want to look at Lot and his wife and learn more lessons from their lives.

BODY:

I. LOT AND HIS WIFE LIVED IN A SINFUL WORLD!

- A. The people around them were sinful.
 - 1. Gen. 18:20-21 And the Lord said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grave,. "I will go down now and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry against it that has come to Me; and if not, I will know."
 - 2. Gen. 19:4-7 Now before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both old and young, all the people from every quarter, surrounded the house. And they called to Lot and said to him, "Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us that we may know them carnally." So Lot went out to them through the doorway, shut the door behind him, and said, "Please, my brethren, do not do so wickedly!"
 - 3. Even after being blinded- Gen. 19:11 And they struck the men who [were] at the doorway of the house with blindness, both small and great, so that they became weary trying to find the door.
- B. Some of this sinfulness was wearing off on Lot, Gen. 19:8. "See now, I have two daughters who have not known a man; please, let me bring them out to you, and you may do to them as you wish; only do nothing to these men, since this is the reason they have come under the shadow of my roof."

- C. Some of Lot's family were sinful, Gen. 19:14 So Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law, who had married his daughters, and said, "Get up, get out of this place; for the Lord will destroy this city!" But to his sons-in-law he seemed to be joking.
- D. God told them to leave, Gen. 19:15-17 When the morning dawned, the angels urged Lot to hurry, saying, "Arise, take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you be consumed in the punishment of the city." And while he lingered, the men took hold of his hand, his wife's hand, and the hands of his two daughters, the Lord being merciful to him, and they brought him out and set him outside the city. So it came to pass, when they had brought them outside, that he said, "Escape for your life! Do not look behind you nor stay anywhere in the plain. Escape to the mountains, lest you be destroyed."
- E. Lot's wife looked back to her old way of life, Gen. 19:26 But his wife looked back behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.

II. WE, LIKE LOT AND HIS FAMILY LIVE IN A SINFUL WORLD!

- A. The people around Lot were sinful.
 - 1. Most people around us are sinful.
 - 2. 1 Jn. 5:19.
 - 3. Matt. 7:13-14, 21-23.
- B. Some of the wickedness was wearing off on Lot.
 - 1. We must guard against the same thing happening to us.
 - 2. 1 Cor. 5:9.
 - 3. 1 Cor. 15:33.
 - 4. 2 Cor. 6:14-16.
 - 5. 2 Thess. 3:14.
- C. Some of Lot's family were sinners.
 - 1. We must teach our children.
 - 2. Timothy was taught- 2 Tim. 3:15.
 - 3. Proverbs on childbearing.

- a. Prov. 22:6. Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.
- b. Prov. 13:24. He who spares his rod hates his son,
- b. Prov. 22:15 Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; The rod of correction will drive it far from him..
- c. Prov. 29:15 The rod and rebuke give wisdom, But a child left to himself brings shame to his mother.

D. Lot was told to leave this worldly place.

- 1. We are told to leave worldly things.
- 2. Matt. 16:26.
- 3. James 4:3-4.
- 4. 2 Cor. 6;17.

E. Lot's wife big mistake was looking back to her old way of life.

- 1. We must never look back to the world (fall away).
- 2. Lk. 9:62.
- 3. Phil. 3:13-16.

CONCLUSION:

A. Are you like Lot's wife? Are you looking back?

B. Let us learn the lesson from this family and strive not to make the same mistakes they made.

- 1. Live in sinful world.
- 2. Sinfulness wearing off.
- 3. Own family sinful.
- 4. God told them to leave.
- 5. She looked back.