

REMEMBER LOT'S WIFE

Genesis 19:1-28

2 Thessalonians 1:6-10

Introduction: There are many reasons why we should remember the account of Lot and the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah for here was a Godly man in the midst of a sinful city. The city was so sinful that even Lot's own sons-in-law would not listen to him.

The main reason that we want to remember this account is that according to the scriptures found in **2 Thessalonians 1:6-10** the unbelievers living when Jesus returns will suffer the same destruction that the sinners in Sodom and Gomorrah suffered. Lot's wife is one of those examples. We'll now take a look at Lot's wife and why she perished.

I. SHE PERISHED EVEN THOUGH SHE WAS THE WIFE OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN

1. As far as the scriptures describe Lot's wife, she was faithful, loving and he in return loved her.
2. Although Lot was righteous, he wasn't as righteous as he could/should have been.
 - Where was his spiritual influence with his wife and family?
3. Lot's wife was even a distant relative of Abraham who was one of the greatest men of faith.
4. Even though one's husband or wife is a Christian, one still cannot go to heaven with him/her.
 - If one is lost, even though one's wife, husband, children, father, family are Christians, one cannot go to heaven with them.
 - If you are lost, you are lost!
5. Even though one's mother and father are Christians, one cannot go to heaven with them IF one is lost. Every single individual MUST be a believer in Jesus Christ.

II. SHE PERISHED, ALTHOUGH SHE WAS WARNED OF HER DANGER

1. Lot and his family were given a "special" warning from the mouth of God, Himself, to escape for their lives. Yet, Lot's wife perished.
2. Today there is a warning from God (**John 3:36**).
 - One cannot say that he/she hasn't been warned today because if anyone has ever had adequate warning, today's generation has had it.

III. SHE PERISHED, ALTHOUGH SHE MADE AN EFFORT TO BE SAVED

1. Lot's wife heard the warning, partially believed it, left everything and ran away for a little while but she stopped short of safety.
 - She just couldn't leave everything behind.

2. Today, many hear the warning, go the right direction for a while but stop short of salvation.
- They just can't leave their old way of life. "I want to, but....."

IV. SHE PERISHED, EVEN THOUGH SHE WAS SEPARATED FROM THE SODOMITES

1. Lot's wife was with him, outside the city, but her thoughts were back in the city along with her love, concern and affections.
- She wasn't as bad as the citizens of Sodom, yet, she perished.
2. Just because one doesn't drink, one still won't get into heaven.
- Just because one doesn't chase women/men, one won't get into heaven.
- Just because one doesn't curse or use bad language or tell dirty stories, one won't get into heaven.
- Going to church every week won't get one into heaven.
- Every individual must have a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.
- To go to heaven, every single person must make his/her own commitment to Jesus.

V. SHE PERISHED, ALTHOUGH SHE COMMITTED BUT ONE SIN

1. Lot's wife was guilty of but ONE sin and that was the sin of unbelief (*vv. 17; 26*)
2. Everyday there are people dying and going to Hell not because they are horrible sinners but because of the nature of sin.
- Every person is born in sin, is a sinner.
- It is not an accumulation of sins which one commits during his/her lifetime that condemns,
3. Lot's wife perished because she didn't keep looking straight ahead once she left Sodom.
- She stopped. She looked back.
- One can look at Jesus, hear His Word, know what is needed, start in the right direction but hesitate, begin to regret and turn back, never completing what Jesus said to do.
- The one sin that totals up all the other sins in sending people to Hell is - UNBELIEF

CONCLUSION:

1. Lot's wife perished although she was married to a righteous man.
2. She perished although she was warned of her danger.
3. She perished, although she started out in the right direction to be saved.
4. She perished although she was separated from the danger (Sodom) - Sin.
5. She perished, although she committed but one sin - she turned back.
6. Lot's wife is an example for us to examine today for the choice is the same today, hear and obey God and be saved or not.