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Luke 17:28-33

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- Gen. 18, 19:12-26 - “17 ...Escape for your life! Do not look behind you nor stay anywhere in the plain. Escape to the mountains, lest you be destroyed... 26 But his wife looked back behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.”
- Luke 17:28-33 - “Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; 29 but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. 30 Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed. 31 In that day, he who is on the housetop, and his goods are in the house, let him not come down to take them away. And likewise the one who is in the field, let him not turn back. 32 Remember Lot's wife. 33 Whoever seeks to save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it.”
- Some people will not be saved in spite of all that is done for them

She Perished Even Though She Was The Wife Of A Righteous Man

- Lot's family was severely influenced by the wickedness of the city
 - 2Peter 2:7-8 - “And delivered righteous Lot, who was oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked 8 for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented his righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing their lawless deeds”
 - “Vexed, tormented; from basanizo - To test (metals) by abrading it with other metals or stones; to question by applying torture” (Vines)

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- Mrs. Lot couldn't be saved by someone else's righteous life. We are each responsible for our own sins.
 - Ez. 18:20 - “The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not bear the guilt of the father, nor the father bear the guilt of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself.”

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- We are each responsible for our own sins.
 - Matt. 3:5-9 - “Then Jerusalem, all Judea, and all the region around the Jordan went out to him and were baptized by him in the Jordan, confessing their sins. 7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance, 9 and do not think to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones.”

She Perished Even Though She Was Warned

- Angels explicitly spelled out the warning
 - Gen. 19:17 - “Escape for your life! Do not look behind you nor stay anywhere in the plain. Escape to the mountains, lest you be destroyed.”
- She was warned about the danger and consequences, and was instructed in what to do to be saved from them

She Perished Even Though She Was Warned

- The New Testament is filled with warnings today. For believers:
 - 1Cor. 10:1-11
 - Rev. 2-3

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- The New Testament is filled with warnings today. For unbelievers:
 - Acts 17:30-31 - “Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, 31 because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.”
 - 2Thes. 1:8-9 - “In flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power”

She Perished Even Though She Initially Sought Salvation

- She started the journey but didn't finish; she looked back
 - Gen. 19:26 - “But his wife looked back behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.”
 - “Nabat - to look intently at; to regard with pleasure, favor or care; behold, consider, have regard, respect for.” (Strong's)

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- Many today start well but don't go far. They think too much of their stuff.
 - Gen. 45:19-20 - “Now you are commanded-do this: Take carts out of the land of Egypt for your little ones and your wives; bring your father and come. 20 Also do not be concerned about your goods, for the best of all the land of Egypt is yours.”
 - Luke 12:15 - “And He said to them, Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses.”

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- Many today start well but don't go far. They think too much of their circumstances.
 - Matt. 13:19-22 - “When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside. 20 But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; 21 yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles. 22 Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful.”

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- Many today start well but don't go far. They think too much of their associations.
 - Luke 9:57-62 - “Now it happened as they journeyed on the road, that someone said to Him, Lord, I will follow You wherever You go. 58 And Jesus said to him, Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head. 59 Then He said to another, Follow Me. But he said, Lord, let me first go and bury my father. 60 Jesus said to him, Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God. 61 And another also said, Lord, I will follow You, but let me first go and bid them farewell who are at my house. 62 But Jesus said to him, No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.”

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- Many today start well but don't go far. They think too much of their past.
 - Phil. 3:13-14 - “Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, 14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”

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- Lot's wife had every opportunity to be saved
 - The warning was given
 - The instructions that led to safety were specific
 - She had time and means to complete her salvation
- She would not be saved by:
 - Lot's efforts
 - God's efforts
 - The angels' efforts
 - Her own half efforts
- She would only be saved by:
 - Hearing the warning and instructions
 - Believing the warning and instructions
 - Obeying the instructions
 - Remaining faithful to the instructions to the end

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- It is the only way in which we will be saved
 - Heb. 12:1-2 - “Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”