

# **Saving Lot's Wife**

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## Introduction:

- A. Luke 17:28-33
- B. Relate account of Lot's escape from Sodom and Gomorrah - Gen. 19:12-26
  - 1. Gen. 18 - God appears to Abraham and tells him His plans; Abraham pleads with God
  - 2. Angels specific with instructions to Lot and family regarding escape from death and destruction
  - 3. Lot's wife perished; sad ending for someone who was almost saved
- C. Jesus reminds us that we can learn from her example.
  - 1. Luke 17:28-33
  - 2. Some people will not be saved in spite of all that is done for them

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

- A. Lot's family was severely influenced by the wickedness of the city
  - 1. 2Peter 2:7-8
  - 2. "Vex, tormented; basanizo - To test (metals) by the touchstone by abrading it with other metals or stones; to question by applying torture"
- B. Not enough for Mrs. Lot. She couldn't be saved by someone else's life.
  - 1. Bible is clear that we are each responsible for our own sins.
  - 2. Ez. 18:20; Matt. 3:5-9
- C. Today some still think that because someone in the family is good, they are also good by means of the relationship.
  - 1. During personal work, unwilling prospects talk of relatives who are believers, as if that somehow exempts them from taking an active interest in their own salvation

## **II. SHE PERISHED THOUGH SHE WAS WARNED**

- A. Angels explicitly spelled out the warning - Gen. 19:17
  - 1. She was warned about the danger, consequences, and instructed in what to do to be saved from them
- B. The New Testament is filled with warnings today.
  - 1. For believers - 1Cor. 10:1-11; Rev. 2-3
  - 2. For unbelievers - Acts 17:30-31; 2Thes. 1:8-9

## **III. SHE PERISHED EVEN THOUGH SHE INITIALLY SOUGHT SALVATION**

- A. She started the journey but didn't finish; she looked back - Gen. 19:26
  - 1. "nabat - to look intently at; to regard with pleasure, favor or care; behold, consider, have regard, respect for."
  - 2. Obviously some things in Sodom she would miss
- B. Many today start well but don't go far.
  - 1. They think too much of their stuff - Gen. 45:19-20; Luke 12:15
  - 2. They think too much about their circumstances - Matt. 13:19-22
  - 3. They think too much about their associations - Luke 9:57-62
  - 4. They think too much about their past - Phil. 3:13-14

Conclusion:

- A. Lot's wife had every opportunity to be saved
  - 1. The warning was given
  - 2. The instructions that led to safety were specific
  - 3. She had time and means to complete her salvation
- B. She would not be saved by:
  - 1. Lot's efforts
  - 2. God's efforts
  - 3. The angels' efforts
  - 4. Her half efforts
- C. She would only be saved by:
  - 1. Hearing the warning and instructions
  - 2. Believing the warning and instructions
  - 3. Obeying the warning and instructions
  - 4. Remaining faithful to the warning and instructions to the end
- D. It is the only way in which we will be saved - Heb. 12:1-2