

# Remember Lot's Wife

*(Read from your own Bible Genesis 19:1-26)*

Let us read together the story of Lot to understand the word of the Lord Jesus when He said, **“Remember Lot's wife!”** (Luke 17:32) Let us meditate upon the message to consider and obey what God is telling us:

Lot is Abraham's nephew who went along with him when he left his own country to obey God's call. Abraham and Lot entered the land that God had promised for Abraham and his descendants and both of them were blessed by God. Their cattle and servants increased and the time came that the two parted ways. **“Abram lived in the land of Canaan while Lot lived among the cities of the plain and pitched his tents near Sodom. Now the men of Sodom were wicked and were sinning greatly against the Lord.”** (Genesis 13:12-13)

Sodom and Gomorrah were cities of immoralities; men prostituted themselves, and Lot was living among them. He and his family were living in an evil atmosphere: **“A righteous man, who was distressed by the filthy lives of lawless men; for that righteous man, living among them day after day, was tormented in his righteous soul by the lawless deeds he saw and heard.”** (2 Peter 2:7-8) Lot was a righteous man. He was a father of two daughters who were pledged to two men in the city. Sodom and Gomorrah were the cities of festivals, immoralities, homo and heterosexuality. They were the cities of pleasures, where sexualities were the people's utmost aim and goal to satisfy themselves.

Lot and his family were in that environment. They were not part of evil practices but their hearts were already enticed and drawn to the city. They were engrossed in the world with all its **passion and desires**.

**What do you think the Lord would do with such cities? Then the Lord said, “The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous that I will go down and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has reached me. If not, I will know.”** (Genesis 18:20-21) **“The two angels arrive at Sodom in the evening, and Lot when he saw them, he got up to meet them. ‘My lords,’ he said, ‘please turn aside to your servant's house and spend the night and then go on your way early in the morning.’”** (Genesis 19:1-2) The angels entered Lot's house, but the men of Sodom tried to take them to have sex with them. This was how sinful the people of the cities were!

The two angels urged Lot to get out from the city together with anyone else who belong to his family: **“Do you have anyone else here – son-in-law, sons or daughters, or anyone else in the city who belongs to you? Get them out from here, because we are going to destroy this place. The outcry to the Lord against its people is so great that He has sent us to destroy it.”** (Genesis 19:12-13) But when Lot informed the two men to whom his daughters were engaged with, they did not listen to him. They were not aware about the coming of God's wrath. The two angels said to Lot: **“Hurry! Take you wife and your two daughters who are here. Flee for your lives! Don't look back and don't stop anywhere in the plain.”** (Genesis 19:15, 17) The angels granted Lot's request to flee to the small town called Zoar. When Lot and his family had reached Zoar, the Lord rained burning Sulphur in

Sodom and Gomorrah. **“But Lot's wife looked back and she became a pillar of salt.”** (Genesis 19:26)

While the Lord Jesus was speaking to His disciples about His second coming, He said: **“Remember Lot's wife.”** (Luke 17:32) This teaches us two facts:

- 1) **Salvation is a personal decision:** Lot, his wife, and the two daughters were running to save their lives from the burning Sulphur. Lot and his two daughters obeyed the command of the angels and were saved, but Lot's wife was lost. She decided to disobey and she became a pillar of salt. Lot and his two daughters were not able to do anything for her because salvation is a personal decision. The truth is, it is not enough that our parents are Christians so we can say that we are also Christians. It is not enough that our spouse or children know God and believe in Jesus so that along with them we are also saved. We ourselves should take the decision to believe in Jesus' death on the cross; that He was buried and raised from the dead to give eternal life to everyone who believes in Him. The Bible says: **“That if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”** (Romans 10:9)
- 2) **Christians should not look back:** Lot's wife looked back to the wicked and sinful cities and she became a pillar of salt. She was enticed with the treasures and wealth of Sodom and Gomorrah. She did not focus to obey the command of the angels **“not to look back”** and so she was not able to enter the town of Zoar to be saved. God does not want us to go back to our old style of life; idolatry, immorality, cheating, corruption, injustice, etc. The Lord does not want us to go back to our previous bad habits of smoking, drinking, gambling, or spending time again with bad friends. God wants us to look up to heaven and not to the world of evil desires, **for our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious bodies.** (Philippians 3:20)

**My dear and beloved:** Lot's wife almost reached the town of Zoar but she did not enter. The word of God tells us that *we should work out our salvation with fear and trembling*. We do not work for our salvation because we freely receive it through faith in Christ Jesus, but we need to keep on going and doing the new and righteous way of life that we already received from Him; walking with God, following the examples of the Lord Jesus and waiting for Him to come and take us to eternity. The Lord Jesus will come again to judge the world: to punish the wicked, to reward those who are patiently waiting for Him and to take them with Him to heaven. No one knows at which time the Lord will come. So we should not behave like Lot's wife, who for the last moment she lost her life, because she did not keep the Lord's commands. Let us therefore keep watching because we don't know what day the Lord will come.

**My Prayer:** *“Heavenly Father, I come before You in the name of Jesus who died for me on the cross to give me eternal life. Lord, thank You for your word to me. May the example of Lot's wife be always a warning to me, to guard me from falling into sin and temptation. Lord, help me not to go back to my old life. Protect my heart and my mind, and teach me to live and wait for you to come and take me to eternity. Thank You, Lord. This is my prayer in Jesus' name, Amen.”*