

“Remembering Lot's Wife”

Luke 17:32

Introduction

- I. Without the Old Testament, we would not be able to understand some New Testament references.
- II. Take for instance, who is Lot, what did his wife do, and why should we remember her?
- III. Let us study this statement in regard to Biblical things.

Discussion

- I. Jesus showed the authenticity of the Old Testament.
 - A. He thought man could benefit from studying and knowing the Old Testament (Rom. 15:4; 1 Cor. 10:1-11).
 - B. Jesus spoke of events in the past as real and not “mythical” (John 17:17).
 1. The flood (Matt. 24:37-39).
 2. Jonah (Matt. 12:39-40).
 3. Lot and his wife (Luke 17:32).
- II. By remembering Lot's wife, we are reminded of the wicked environment in which her family lived.
 - A. Sodom had a bad reputation (Gen. 13:13; 18:20-21).
 - B. Homosexuality was rampant (Gen. 19:4-5).
 - C. Men wanted to attack Lot instead of curbing their homosexual desires (Gen. 19:9-11).
 - D. Lot warned his family of the coming destruction (Gen. 19:12-14).
 - E. Lot and his family were commanded not to look back (Gen. 19:17).
 - F. Lot's wife disobeyed (Gen. 19:26).
 - G. Other references (2 Pet. 2:6-9; Jude 7).
- III. Remembering Lot's wife shows us the dangers of evil companionships.
 - A. Lot made a bad decision to move his family there (Gen. 13:8-13).
 - B. We should remember the dangers of the physical over the spiritual (Matt. 6:24-34; 1 Cor. 15:33).
 - C. How many choose wicked environments in which to live so that they can enjoy worldly things?
- IV. Remembering Lot's wife teaches the consequences of disobeying God.
 - A. This is not the only time that lesson has been taught (Gen. 2:16-17; 3:23-24; Num. 4:15; 2 Sam. 6:6-7).
 - B. Consider a warning today (Heb. 10:25-27).
- V. Remembering Lot's wife shows that God always make a way to escape.
 - A. Lot and his family were given the opportunity to escape (Gen. 19:16).
 - B. There are still ways of escape today, if we look for them (1 Cor. 10:13).
- VI. Remembering Lot's wife helps us to see the need to keep moving forward.
 - A. Don't go backward (Luke 9:62; 2 Pet. 2:20-22).
 - B. Press toward the mark (Phil. 3:13-14; Heb. 12:1-2).

Conclusion

- I. “Remember Lot's wife.”
- II. The mistakes of others can teach us to avoid them ourselves.