

Study on Perish (Lot's wife)
Basis=Gen 19

Intro:

1. "He that gives good advice builds with one hand; he that gives good counsel and example builds with both hands; but he that gives good admonition and bad example builds with one hand and pulls down with the other"..Francis Bacon
2. There are 2 basic ways to learn from others' example (experience)
 - a. follow their successes (positive)
 - b. avoid their mistakes (negative)
3. The Bible gives both positive and negative examples.
4. This morning study the negative example of a nameless woman
 - a. Jesus referred to her when teaching about the coming destruction, Lk 17:28-32
 - b. Gen 19:15-17, 24-26

The Bible is full of many stories of faith and doubt.
Adam-Eve, Abraham, Joseph, Samson, Elijah

Jews were great storytellers; their history was preserved in them.

Even obscure events were remembered through the telling of stories.

This lesson will draw a few lessons from one of those relatively obscure events.

"about whom we know very little, but from whom we can learn a great deal"

5. What can we learn from this woman known as "Lot's wife"?
- I. Lot's wife perished even though she was the wife of a righteous man.
1. Somewhere we got the idea that being close to an important person made us important.
(weak hang around strong) (first ladies)
 - a. it may in this world (name a few well known celebrities)
 - b. it means nothing spiritually
 2. Association with a righteous man (or woman) will sometimes make us better, but it will not forgive

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one sin (language around preachers)

a. 2 Peter 2:4-9

b. angels...God; world..Noah; Sodom..Lot; association did not save the angels, world, or Sodom (or vice-versa)

Sometimes people gain notoriety for only one incident:

John Wilkes Booth, Lee Harvey Oswald

3. Demas: fellow-worker Philemon 1:23,24..deserter
2 Tim 4:9,10

4. Some try to go "piggy back" to heaven (free loader)
example: wife, preacher, mother, father, etc.

5. Remember Lot's wife

II. Lot's wife perished even though she was warned by God

1. The message was plain

a. she heard

b. she understood

(a and b above from God's grace, Gen 19:16)

2. The gospel's message is just as clear. How can we not understand. John 8:24, 3:16, Mk 16:16, Act 2:37-38

3. God is warning you of coming destruction, 2 Pet 3:7-12

4. Will you avoid the mistake of Lot's wife?

III. Lot's wife perished even though she made an effort to save herself.

1. She did leave the city (with a little persuasion)

2. But partial obedience is only failure

a. Matt 7:21-23

b. what if Christ had not completed His obedience by going to Calvary?

c. Heb 5:8,9

d. what if we believe, but do not repent? Lk 13:3,
Act 17:30

e. what if we repent, but are not baptized? Act 2:38,
I Pet 3:21

f. what if we are baptized, but do not remain true to God? Rev 2:10

g. Naaman 2 Kings 5:1ff

Many of you are making an effort

3. Remember Lot's wife

IV. Lot's wife perished even though she was separated from the city

1. She was out of the city, but the city was not out of her.

a. she had friends and relatives in the city

b. besides, one little peak wouldn't hurt (maybe she

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was over-confident)

Luke 9:62

2. As Christians, we are to be in the world, but not of the world
 - a. church = called out
 - b. sanctified = set apart
(a and b above don't fall back)
 - c. we are to be led by the Spirit, not the flesh.
Gal 5:16-24, Heb 10:37-39, Rom 6:16-18,22
 3. Don't yield to temptation to look back at the world,
Lk 9:62
 4. Remember Lot's wife
- V. Lot's wife perished even though she committed only one sin.
1. she looked back
 - a. what's the crime? disobedience -- rebellion toward God's command.
 - b. one sin is all it took to destroy her.
 2. One sin destroyed
 - a. Adam/Eve
 - b. Uzzah
 - c. Nadab and Abihu
 - d. Moses
 3. Sinners perish, not because of number of sins, but the fact we sin, Isa 59:1,2 Rom 6:23
 4. How many sins have you committed - (can you sense the patience of God?)

Conclusion:

1. Lot's wife perished even though she:
 - a. was wife of righteous man
 - b. was warned by God
 - c. made an attempt to save herself
 - d. was separated from city
 - e. committed only 1 sin.
2. Heb 12:1,2

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