

## REMEMBER LOT'S WIFE

Lk. 17: 28-33

### INTRODUCTION:

- A. Many thoughtless people say, "I believe in Jesus. but I don't believe those Old Testament miracles. such as the whale swallowing Jonah or Lot's wife turning to a pillar of salt..."
- B. This is very illogical reasoning. for Jesus believed both of them Matt 12:39,40; Lk 17:32
- C. One can't consistently accept the claims of Jesus and reject what He accepted
- D. In our lesson today we want to focus our attention on the tragic end of Lot's wife and learn some lessons from it.

### DISCUSSION:

#### I. SOME THINGS TO REMEMBER ABOUT LOT'S WIFE

- A. She was turned into a pillar of salt because she looked back upon Sodom – disobeying God's command
- B. She looked back because her heart was still in Sodom the most wicked place on earth 2Pet 2:7
- C. She looked back even though safety was ahead and ruin was behind her.
- D. She looked back in spite of God's warnings. In all this we see either the depth of her love for that wicked city or just plain curiosity - either of which she had the ability to control
- E. Those looking back are not "fit for the kingdom of God" Lk 9:62

#### II. AS SHE WAS TEMPORARILY SAVED FROM SODOM SO CONVERTED AND RESCUED PEOPLE ARE SAVED FROM THE CITY OF SIN

- A. Jesus gave himself that we might be delivered from the wicked city of sin Gal 1:4; 2Pet 1:4; Rom 5:9
- B. The city of sin is well described in Phil 2:14,15; Prov 30:11-13
  - 1. In it we become contaminated and polluted by sin
  - 2. We become as polluted in God's sight as the person we meet who is polluted in body - as a leper or one who has never had a bath.
  - 3. When we believe, repent, and are baptized we are delivered- bathed. cleansed. translated from the city of sin into the kingdom of Christ Rom 6:3,4; Col 1:13,14; Rom 6:17,18
  - 4. True repentance is a resolve to flee from the city of sin, to live in it no more. It is referred to as being "dead to sin." Rom 6:2
  - 5. All need to heed the admonition of Acts 2:40

#### III. CHURCH'S GREATEST PROBLEM IS THAT TOO MANY OF THESE THAT ARE RESCUED ARE LOOKING BACK.

- A. They are looking back with longing eyes. and are not only looking back but are doing many of the very same things that are done in the city of sin
- B. The Scriptures warn concerning the danger Jas 4:4; Rom 12:2; Col 3:1-3; 1Jhn 2:15-17
- C. Note some of the conduct of people in the city of sin that seems to be attractive to the people of God. -"
  - 1. The women and men wear scanty attire or attire that indicates sinful activity (Note the attire of a harlot scripture Prov 7:10)
  - 2. The people live for fun. pleasure and amusement. They spend their money for such. ("Revellings and such like" Gal 5:21)
  - 3. People love popularity, and will do whatever is necessary to be popular.
  - 4. Christians who allow daughters to enter beauty contests where the body is exposed to the gaze of onlookers is being accepted
  - 5. Mixed swimming is becoming accepted along with many other such things
  - 6. Social drinking. certain forms of dancing. going to the "prom" etc, etc.
- D. Part of the process of transferring from the city of sin to the kingdom of Christ is repentance. If you are still conformed or fashioned after those in the world you should be unhappy with yourself. Rom 12:2
- E. Paul serves as a wonderful example Phil 3:13,14

### CONCLUSION:

- A. The condition of one who looks back is well described in 2Pet 2:20-22
- B. In your past you resolved to enter the kingdom, and you did.
- C. But the person who looks back is not fit for the kingdom Lk 9:62