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And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed. In that day, he which shall be upon the housetop, and his stuff in the house, let him not come down to take it away: and he that is in the field, let him likewise not return back. **Remember Lot's wife.** (Luke 17:26-32)

This is a short study from a sermon preached concerning Lot's wife. Nothing much is said about Lot's wife in the Old Testament and yet there is a commandment from the Lord to remember this woman. The reason for believers to remember Lot's wife is connected with last day's events. It concerns those living during perilous times just prior to the second coming of Christ. Though the commandment issued by the Lord to remember Lot's wife has to do with things to come concerning the last days just like those of Noah and Lot, remembering Lot's wife is always applicable throughout the Church Age for Christians. Remembering Lot's wife should not be regarded as a commandment meant only for those living during the times of Jacob's trouble or for saints living just prior to the rapture of the Church. For Christians are told to be watchful for we know not when the Lord might come. So remembering Lot's wife has many practical applications for Christians seeking to live a life of vigilance ever looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith. This matter concerns the practical sanctification of the child of God during his earthly pilgrimage like Abraham. With the help of God and by the grace of the Lord, may Christians live a life that is pleasing in the sight of the Lord Jesus Christ!

There are many things that Christians are supposed to remember. However, the important things to remember are not actually the love ones' birthdays or wedding anniversaries. While there is absolutely nothing wrong with remembering such dates where much sentimentalism is attached, there are more important things for Christians to remember. Unfortunately, Christians often remember things that are not actually that important but fail to remember things that are really critical. Here the Lord gave a commandment for Christians to remember a woman. This woman is not even your mother or your wife! It is to remember somebody's wife. This person is Lot's wife.

What are we to remember about Lot's wife? Was she a woman of virtue? Was she a woman of unsurpassed beauty? Was she a woman of great influence? Was she an important character in the Bible? Why must we remember her, especially commanded by the Lord Jesus Christ? Should we erect a memorial for her to remember her? Should we in honour of her, name her after an Institute of Christian study and biblical research? But we do not even know her name. She was just Lot's wife or Mrs. Lot. In order to know why we must remember Mrs. Lot, we have to go back to the book of Genesis to find out about Lot's family. This will eliminate hearsay or speculation about this woman.

Now these are the generations of Terah: Terah begat Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran begat Lot. And Abram and Nahor took them wives: the name of Abram's wife was Sarai; and the name of Nahor's wife, Milcah, the daughter of Haran, the father of Milcah, and the father of Iscah. But Sarai was barren; she had no child. And Terah took Abram his son, and Lot the son of Haran his son's son, and Sarai his daughter in law, his son Abram's wife; and they went forth with them from Ur of the Chaldees, to go into the land of Canaan; and they came unto Haran, and dwelt there. (Genesis 11:27-31)

Abraham was the uncle of Lot. Lot's father died while they were still in Ur. It seemed like Abraham was taking care of his nephew, Lot, after the death of Lot's father much like Mordecai taking care of Esther his niece. Abraham was already married when he was still in Ur and his wife's name was Sarai. There was no mention of Lot having a wife. This is significant since we have to remember Lot's wife. We have to trace further and try to find out when Lot got married.

So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran. And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Haran; and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan they came. (Genesis 12:4&5)

Eventually after the death of Terah, Abraham's father, the whole family migrated from Ur to Canaan in search for a city. Lot was with this company. Abraham had a calling from God to look for a better country and a city which had foundations whose builder and maker is God according to Hebrews 11:10: For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God. But Lot was not part of this direct calling. Anyway, Abraham was a righteous man who was ever generous. He took care of Lot who later turned out to be a grief to him. But Abraham made a bad mistake by going down to Egypt. He lied and lost his testimony. Abraham lacked faith and he lied about his wife. Lot was with him and this probably had also affected him as well. Till here, Lot was still not recorded to have a wife.

And Abram went up out of Egypt, he, and his wife, and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the south. And Lot also, which went with Abram, had flocks, and herds, and tents. (Genesis 13:1&5)

Having been rebuked, Abraham left Egypt. Lot was there and witnessed his uncle's folly and lack of faith in God. It is recorded here that Abraham had much riches and so was Lot. This was the first time Lot was mentioned to have something. Still no mentioned that he had a wife yet. The investigation must go on and the family of Lot must be scrutinized closely as we have a commandment to remember his wife.

And there was a strife between the herdmen of Abram's cattle and the herdmen of Lot's cattle: and the Canaanite and the Perizzite dwelled then in the land. And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we be brethren. (Genesis 13:7&8)

Back in Canaan, there was a quarrel between the herdsmen of Abraham and the herdsmen of Lot. There was no quarrel when they were not as prosperous. Riches are not always good thing as fallen men are prone to fight over whatever little they have. Abraham being a gentleman while Lot being a covetous man settled their dispute by separating themselves from each other. It was no good to quarrel as brethren before the pagan Canaanites. Abraham had spiritual insight and he allowed Lot to choose the land before him first so that there would be no more quarrels between them.

And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered every where, before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, even as the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, as thou comest unto Zoar. Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other. Abram dwelled in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain, and pitched his tent toward Sodom. (Genesis 13:7&8)

So Lot made his first move and chose to live in Sodom, a place where sinners had no fear of God. His decision was based on what his fleshly eyes could see and what his fallen mind could perceive. There was no counsel from God sought and Lot just took the naturalistic approach on earthly matters. The lifestyles of the inhabitants in Sodom were pugnacious as well as pernicious and judgment from God was just waiting on the horizon. But Lot apparently did not mind mixing with these people. What is wrong with sex perverts? They need the gospel too, you know? But was Lot's primary motive to win these sinners over to the God of Abraham? His primary motives were gain and to accumulate wealth. Though not a womanizer, Lot was a compromiser. Initially he only pitched his tent toward Sodom. But he moved into the city later. Eventually, his prosperity was interrupted when war broke up and Lot was captured.

And they took Lot, Abram's brother's son, who dwelt in Sodom, and his goods, and departed. (Genesis 14:12) However, Abraham risked his life to rescue Lot and recovered everything for him. Lot's adventure turned out to be a misadventure. Had not his godly uncle rescued him, he would end up as a slave to his captors. Did he learn his lesson? But he did not move back to Canaan to live with his uncle. He still continued his stay in Sodom when the war was over. Why miss the opportunity to rebuild when the war was over? The economy would be booming again! So Lot continued to live with the wicked sinners in Sodom.

And he brought back all the goods, and also brought again his brother Lot, and his goods, and the women also, and the people. (Genesis 14:16) Finally, Lot is mentioned to have goods and women. The women here could be his wife and daughters as well as maids. Where did Lot get his wife from? Certainly not back in Haran and Ur. Probably either in Egypt where Abraham also had an Egyptian maid that caused much trouble to his own home. It was also possible that Lot got his wife from Sodom. But then the judgment of God was lingering near. The storm clouds of judgment were about to burst. Before judgment came, God revealed this to His servant Abraham. This is consistent with God's dealing with fallen men. Before the flood came, God raised up Noah to warn the world but no one took heed. Before the destruction of Jerusalem, God sent them prophets, in particular, Jeremiah to warn Israel. But they could not be bothered. Before the rapture of the saints, God sent us Christians to warn the lost. How many really believe our report? How many care? God always send warnings to sinners as well as saints before judgment descends. So God sent His angels to visit Abraham with heavy tidings.

And the LORD appeared unto him in the plains of Mamre: and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day; And he lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him: and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground, And said, My Lord, if now I have found favour in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant: Let a little water, I pray you, be fetched, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree: And I will fetch a morsel of bread, and comfort ye your hearts; after that ye shall pass on: for therefore are ve come to your servant. And they said, So do, as thou hast said. And Abraham hastened into the tent unto Sarah, and said, Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead it, and make cakes upon the hearth. And Abraham ran unto the herd, and fetcht a calf tender and good, and gave it unto a young man; and he hasted to dress it. And he took butter, and milk, and the calf which he had dressed, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree, and they did eat. And they said unto him, Where is Sarah thy wife? And he said, Behold, in the tent. (Genesis 18:1-9)

We see Abraham and his wife were very close. They were together most of the time. We see them together during this divine visit with angels as well. Abraham entertained strangers and they turned out to be angels. This was how generous Abraham was. We see Abraham in charged and gave instruction to his wife Sarai to work in the kitchen. We see Abraham's wife obeying her husband. In fact, in the New Testament, it was revealed that Sarah called Abraham lord. **Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement. (1 Peter 3:6)** A godly woman is not afraid to be obedient to the Scriptures by being submissive to her own husband. This is important, as we are to remember Lot's wife. Looking at the two families between Abraham and Lot, many lessons can be learnt.

And the LORD said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do; Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him. (Genesis 18:17-19) Abraham would command his children and his household after him. Abraham could command respect but the same cannot be said about Lot. Demanding respect, especially in the spiritual realm will not work. One must live a life of faith if he wants to be respected. Sinners might not like a man of faith but at least they respect such a man. A compromiser can be easily bought because his faith is dependent on his circumstances. Sinners will not respect such a man. Later Abraham interceded on behalf of Lot hoping that God would spare the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah for a few righteous sake. Abraham overestimated the influence of Lot to have won some to the most holy faith. But Lot did not meet the target expected from Abraham and the cities were destroyed. Lot was sleeping on his job. He was not busy about the Father's business but he was busy building his little kingdom in a sinful city. And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground; And he said, Behold now, my lords, turn in, I pray you, into your servant's house, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early, and go on your ways. And they said, Nay; but we will abide in the street all night. And he pressed upon them greatly; and they turned in unto him, and entered into his house; and he made them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread, and they did eat. (Genesis 19:1-3)

Abraham met the angels at the tents' door while Lot met the angels at the gate of the city. He was no longer pitching his tent towards Sodom. He had moved in and became part of that community. Abraham was a pilgrim and a stranger and he lived in a tent while Lot sank roots on earth and lived in a house. Abraham was called to look for a city and Lot thought he had found the city. There was almost no fellowship between Abraham and Lot and their separation was for the purpose of preventing quarrels between them. This did not bide well for a covetous man and a compromiser. During this angelic visit, Lot's wife was not mentioned to be with Lot. These were the same angels who visited Abraham earlier and had enjoyed his hospitality. Though Lot did show hospitality to these angels but Lot's wife was nowhere to be found. Perhaps she was a career woman. Perhaps she was living the high life with the sinners in the world enjoying high tea and tea party. Why stay at home when you can go for dinner and dance and have a good time? Strong women can try to break the glass ceiling too! That night, all hell broke loose.

But before they lay down, the men of the city, even the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter: And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where are the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them. And Lot went out at the door unto them, and shut the door after him, And said, I pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly. Behold now, I have two daughters which have not known man; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as is good in your eyes: only unto these men do nothing; for therefore came they under the shadow of my roof. And they said, Stand back. And they said again, This one fellow came in to sojourn, and he will needs be a judge: now will we deal worse with thee, than with them. And they pressed sore upon the man, even Lot, and came near to break the door. But the men put forth their hand, and pulled Lot into the house to them, and shut to the door. And they smote the men that were at the door of the house with blindness, both small and great: so that they wearied themselves to find the door. (Genesis 19:4-11)

The angels were sent to investigate the crimes of these sinners that had reached unto heaven. The Sodomites were getting bolder. They were no longer closeted sex perverts. Their evil disease was contagious. Young and old were involved. They cannot reproduce and so they recruit. Now the evidence was so obvious that judgment could no longer be averted no matter how hard Abraham interceded for them. So the angels gave Lot one last chance to salvage whatever he had. And the men said unto Lot, Hast thou here any besides? son in law, and thy sons, and thy daughters, and whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring them out of this place: For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the LORD; and the LORD hath sent us to destroy it. And Lot went out, and spake unto his sons in law, which married his daughters, and said, Up, get you out of this place; for the LORD will destroy this city. But he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons in law. (Genesis 19:12-14)

The sky was about to fall and Lot could not get anyone of his family members to listen to him. He had married daughters. Their husbands thought Lot was mocking at them. They thought Lot was kidding. Lot had not been serious with his faith in the true and living God. Why should they believe him? Lot was a poor testimony. None of them believed his report. None of them took his warning seriously. After all, who would listen to this man, though he was their father, who lived a life that was inconsistent with his own profession of faith? He was a compromiser and a covetous man. He wanted the best for himself and his family. It turned out that he hurt his family by his own human understanding and fallen logic. Self-preservation turned into self-destruction. None of them wanted to leave the city. What can Lot do now? Had he been serious with his faith and live a life of faith, he would have greater credibility and speak with authority. Sadly, Lot was not that kind of a man.

And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which are here; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city. And while he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; the LORD being merciful unto him: and they brought him forth, and set him without the city. (Genesis 19:15&16)

But the Lord was merciful to him. The Lord expelled them from the city by force. Amazingly, even Lot was lingering and could not make up his mind to flee. This speaks much of this man and his influence on his family. How is he to blame his daughters and sons-in-law for not taking his warning seriously? Only Lot and his wife and his two unmarried daughters left the city empty handed. They were forced to leave all their wealth behind. All those years he spent his life accumulating would be burnt up in a ball of fire. All those effort he put in to build his house and it turned out that he built his

house upon the sand. He came naked into this world and alas he must leave all his possession behind. But the most tragic consequence was his poor testimony and his bad influence on his family.

Perhaps it was also his wife who was the source of the trouble. It might be because of her that he broke company with his uncle Abraham. How many quarrels were not started because of covetous and jealous wives to get gain? Women are naturally protective of their own status. How many horror stories have we not heard that the wife forced the husband to include her name in their property and removed the names of the man's parents from the property? How many elderly parents were cast out of their homes because of wicked women controlling their good for nothing husbands?

But Lot was not a man with spiritual backbone. He could not control his family like his uncle Abraham. He thought it was alright for his daughters to marry the sinners in Sodom. Perhaps it was to his gain when his daughters married these sinners. Perhaps he was using his daughters' marriages to these sinners to advance his cause, his popularity and his wealth. But now, he had to leave this city he chose to live in. Years ago, he might have thought that it was the most livable city. He could do his business to get gain and he was advancing in his career. The sinners there testified that Lot might one day become a judge there. So his involvement with the world, all those board meetings and manipulation got him quite high up in the social circle. But this time, it is game over for him. He had been playing this game of worldly gain for too long.

But his faith was kept under the carpet. No one believed he was a believer in the true and living God. He had no such testimony before the unsaved. At best, he was a secret believer. He had no courage to testify for the God of creation. He had no morals to stand up to these sinners. When they besieged his house, he offered them his unmarried daughters instead. He was a sick man. His wife might be his accomplice. There was no record of his wife protesting. His wife was not from the same background with him back in Mesopotamia. Her morals and upbringing were different. With a spiritually spineless man as her husband, she could not escape judgment from heaven.

And it came to pass, when they had brought them forth abroad, that he said, Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed. And Lot said unto them, Oh, not so, my Lord: Behold now, thy servant hath found grace in thy sight, and thou hast magnified thy mercy, which thou hast shewed unto me in saving my life; and I cannot escape to the mountain, lest some evil take me, and I die: Behold now, this city is near to flee unto, and it is a little one: Oh, let me escape thither, (is it not a little one?) and my soul shall live. And he said unto him, See, I have accepted thee concerning this thing also, that I will not overthrow this city, for the which thou hast spoken. Haste thee, escape thither; for I cannot do any thing till thou be come thither. Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar. The sun was risen upon the earth when Lot entered into Zoar. Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven; And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground. But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt. (Genesis 19:17-26)

When they finally were forced to leave the city, one last warning was given. They were not supposed to look back lest they also would be consumed. Such a simple commandment and yet Lot's wife could fail to obey. It was not something that required a lot of effort or money to keep such a commandment. It was just a command to move on and forget about the past. They could have a new beginning. But Lot was still begging to go to a smaller city to live in perhaps hoping to do business again to recover his lost. After all, he had experience in rebuilding after the postwar era and he prospered! His penchant for cities on earth was his downfall.

So they fled and fire from heaven fell that day to consume the two cities of these wicked sinners. All the babies in these cities died as well. None was spared except Lot and his handful of family members. Unfortunately, Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt. When Lot arrived in safety, he found his wife was not with him. His wife did not make it. He must be distraught. His state of mind was indescribable. Perhaps, he was inconsolable! To say that he was depressed would be an understatement. He lost all in a day. He lost his wealth, his married daughters and sons-in-laws and perhaps even grandchildren. Finally, he lost his wife as well. Now he was losing his mind. How to describe the pain of this man who did not live for the God of Abraham? Christians should take heed how they live this life lest they end up like Lot who vexed his righteous soul day after day with the unlawful deeds of those sinners. But the saddest thing was that it seemed as though his wife would have escaped judgment from above but she did not make it. It will be very sad indeed when Christ comes again, and some of you did not make it. All the while we thought you were a Christian but you were faking it like Lot's wife.

Did not she hear what the angels warned them before they left? Why did she look back? There are several possible reasons. She might be in a state of unbelief. She might not have regarded these angels' warnings to be true. She together with Lot were so used to their lifestyles in the city that she did not believe God would burn up the whole place. There were babies in the cities; how could a loving God kill everyone? She had never heard of a such thing before. So she rationalized. Like they say, "seeing is believing."

So she turned back and saw what happened and she believed. Unfortunately, such belief would end her life and eternal torment began. How many sinners in this world would not believe our report that heaven and hell are real? They want evidence and they want to see signs and wonders. When the wonders began, their terror and misery in hell fire also commence. How sad!

Another reason why she turned back might be due to her unwillingness to let go of her wealth that they left behind. Her heart was still in the world. She was of the world and she lived for the world and by the world. She might have been helping her husband in their scheme to advance their social standing and financial well being. Self-preservation and prosperity were foremost in their earthly pursuit. How could she so easily let go? Imagine the wasted effort and money to build up their little kingdom going up in ashes!

There goes her designer kitchen. There goes the plasma TV. There goes her collection of Prada handbags. There go her jewellery and diamond rings. There go her favourite VCDs and DVDs. There go the Ferrari and Lamborghini still parked in front of the house now up in smoke. There go all the pictures of her favourite idols whether they are J-pop of Canto-pop and they are all now popping under the intense heat of the wrath of Almighty God. Of course, this is the modern version of Lot's wife! Christians better

take heed we have no continuing city in this world. We had better learn from Abraham, the friend of God, to look for a city, which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. Lot looked for the wrong city and he lost it all. Does your shadow that is following you all this while resemble that of Lot?

One more reason why Lot's wife looked back was because she could not bear to leave her other daughters behind. How could a mother see her own children perish and not turn back for a last look? There is no room for sentimentalism in the day of wrath of Almighty God. Brethren, the day may come, you might loose your children to hell fire by your own loose immoral living. You may loose them because of your poor testimony. You may loose them because of your indifference and inconsistency. They may not believe your report on the coming day of the Lord's judgment if you are not living in anticipation of the coming of the Lord. When that day of judgment comes, you are not even supposed to turn back and look at them for one last time lest you also perish.

Remember Lot's wife. How sad and how frightening! Are you taking your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ seriously? Are you living like Lot and even your wife abhors your faith in Christ. You will loose it all including your love ones. Sinners and saints alike are so used to taking a last look at the body of the deceased in the coffin before burial. What lesson can you draw from there? The day is coming that one such last look might not even be possible. You might loose your own life for one final look. Take a good look at them now, which may be your last look. And Lot went up out of Zoar, and dwelt in the mountain, and his two daughters with him; for he feared to dwell in Zoar: and he dwelt in a cave, he and his two daughters. And the firstborn said unto the younger, Our father is old, and there is not a man in the earth to come in unto us after the manner of all the earth: Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father. (Genesis 19:30-32)

Brethren, is your heart not moved with the sad and tragic affairs from the family of Lot? After this episode, Lot no longer wanted to live in a city anymore though permission was given to him to live in a small city Zoar. Lot not only lost it all, he ended up a drunk in a cave and fathered children through his own unmarried daughters that became the enemies of the children of Israel. He was looking for earthly cities all his life but he ended up in a cave. Caves are meant to bury dead bodies. Abraham did not go to the cave until he had to leave this world where he left his dead body in a cave. But Lot was living in a cave while he was still alive. Unlike persecuted Christians living in caves, Lot had a choice. But cave happened to be his choice in the last leg of his earthly life. He was dead while he was still alive! This is a picture of those who are alive and live in pleasure but they are dead. **But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth. (1 Timothy 5:6)** Can you imagine the horrible decline for unrighteous living? Can you fathom the consequences of living for the world and by the world?

Yet Lot was recorded to be a just man. Do not just give thanks because all is well with your soul. Please consider the souls of those around you. Pease take a good look at them. It might be your last look. If they perish in hell fire because you are the real stumbling block, there will be much grieves and tears in the future. Remember, all tears will not be wiped away until the last chapter of the Holy Bible in eternity. There will still be a lot of tears and weeping in the future during the judgment seat of Christ and the Great White throne judgment. Especially so if you have caused some to fall. The Lord Jesus Christ described the coming day of judgment and He issued this admonition.

Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed. (Luke 17:28-30) Remember Lot's wife. This is not a casual reminder. This is serious business. Will you take heed? Will you remember Lot's wife? You do not have to erect an altar to remember her. Visiting her spiritual grave often in the Holy Bible is a good idea. You have to remember how Lot lost it all including his wife and tell yourself that you have a great responsibility not to live your life like Lot. You have better live your life like his uncle Abraham, the father of our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. The ball is in your court.

Lot's wife did not make it and King Agrippa did not make it either after Paul preached to him. King Agrippa, believest thou the prophets? I know that thou believest. Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian. (Acts 26:27&28)

For those of you who are almost persuaded to be a Christian like king Agrippa, remember Lot's wife. You are those borderline seekers almost persuaded to be a Christian. You have one foot in the world and one foot in the church door and you do not even know if you are really a Christian. Remember Lot's wife. On judgment day, instead of fleeing from the wrath to come, you will look back and cannot bear to leave this sinful world behind you. You will turn into a pillar of spiritual salt like Lot's wife. Instead of looking to the prospect of meeting your beloved Saviour who loves you and had died for you, you meet your doom. Instead of looking forward to the blessed hope, you look for that hopeless blast from heaven. We will then know that you have never been a Christian to begin with. So remember Lot's wife. The day of Christ is drawing nigh. Are you prepared to meet Him? Are you willing to leave this world behind you? Remember Lot's wife lest you perish in the wrath of Almighty God.

The Lord Jesus Christ indicated the conditions of His coming like the days of Noah and Lot. The conditions will be similar but the results of Noah and Lot are different. Noah was a preacher of righteousness but Lot was not. And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly; And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly; And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: (2 Peter 2:5-7) Lot was a just man but he chose to live with sinners and allowed himself to be vexed by those sinners. Had only Lot been a preacher of righteousness like Noah, his whole family could be delivered. Though Lot was delivered, he lost everything

including his wife in the most crucial moment just before judgment fell from heaven. Lot was delivered in the nick of time. He was saved yet so as by fire: If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire. (1 Corinthians 3:15) Since Lot's wife turned into a pillar of salt, and she did not have a proper and dignified burial, maybe Lot should erect a tombstone for her. Perhaps, the most fitting epitaph Lot should engrave on her tombstone should read:

In remembrance of my worldly wife, having had her heart in the world and having been delivered from judgment to come, turned back and embraced the very fire meant for wicked sinners who knew not God. She almost made it.

Such are those who are almost persuaded to be a Christian. Such are those whose walk before God is not perfect. Remember Lot's wife, lest it be too late. Perhaps, Lot should also erect a tombstone for himself next to his wife's to warn others of his experience. He should engrave the following:

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever. (1 John 2:15-17)

Remember my wife! I lost her and I lost all! It was partly my fault. This is Lot speaking from the grave.

It is a good idea to hold a memorial service for Lot's wife, spiritually speaking, from time to time. Forgetting what happened to Lot's wife is detrimental to the spiritual well-being for a child of God. The family of Lot and their great loss should be an important lesson for Christian to remember. Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. (1 Corinthians 10:11) For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. (Romans 15:4)

So folks, remember Lot's wife if you do not want this family tragedy to happen to you and your family. There will be great loss for living a life that is not befitting that of the son of the living God. Lot's wife is a good example to drive Christians to live for Christ and not for the world. The Lord did not give a casual warning to Christians to remember Lot's wife. The threat of losing it all is very real. What are you going to do about your life? Remember Lot's wife and avoid living your life like that of Lot.

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