
“REMEMBER LOT’S WIFE”

MOST OF US remember hearing, perhaps from early in our church days, of the awful judgment God poured out on the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah and the rest of the cities of the plain. Fire from Heaven incinerated thousands of men, women and children. One may wonder how a loving God could be so capricious; however Ezekiel 16:49–50 gives at least some justification for the holocaust. We are told, “Behold the iniquity of your sister Sodom: she and her daughter had pride, fullness of food and abundance of idleness: neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy. And they were haughty and committed abomination before Me.” This is the environment in which Lot raised his family.

The words of Jesus in Luke 17:32, “Remember Lot’s wife,” are loaded with warning. Her name is never mentioned, yet she is memorialized for all time. We never knew what “righteous Lot” called his wife, yet her

folly cost her dearly. As fire and brimstone from Heaven destroyed the cities of the plain, Genesis 19:26 tells us, “But his wife looked back behind him and she became a pillar of salt.”

There is a very sobering lesson to be learned from this. Lot’s wife escaped one judgment of God; however, she acted presumptuously by thinking that she could escape judgment a second time. Others have said that her heart was in Sodom because Sodom was in her heart. The look told it all.

The irony is that Demas and By-ends and his companions were so involved in the Hill Lucre that they never did see the pillar of salt standing so close at hand. Likewise the greater irony is that men will madly continue to seek after the things of this world with judgment hanging over their heads, completely oblivious to it all. “But he who does not believe is condemned already because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God” (John 3:18).
