

Luke 17:32

²⁶Just as it was in the days of Noah, so also will it be in the days of the Son of Man: ²⁷People were eating and drinking, marrying and being given in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark. Then the flood came and destroyed them all.

²⁸It was the same in the days of Lot: People were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building. ²⁹But on the day Lot left Sodom, fire and sulfur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all.

³⁰It will be just like that on the day the Son of Man is revealed. ³¹On that day, let no one on the housetop come down to retrieve his possessions. Likewise, let no one in the field return for anything he has left behind. ³²Remember Lot's wife! ³³Whoever tries to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will preserve it.

³⁴I tell you, on that night two people will be in one bed: One will be taken and the other left.

³⁵Two women will be grinding grain together: One will be taken and the other left."

³⁷"Where, Lord?" they asked.

Jesus answered, "Wherever there is a carcass, there the vultures will gather."

Berean Study Bible (adjusted layout)

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You must remember this. Luke 17:32, Genesis 19:26

Remember, she was Lot's wife.

She shared the benefits of a godly man. 2 Peter 2:8 "righteous soul"

She shared the benefits of a good man. 1 Corinthians 7:14 "sanctified"

Remember, she was heading for salvation.

She was going in the best group. Genesis 19:16 "led them safely out of the city"

She was going to the best ground. Genesis 19:21 "will not demolish the town"

Remember, she disobeyed Heaven's warning.

She was divided. Genesis 19:26 "But Lot's wife looked back"

She defiant. Genesis 19:26 "But Lot's wife looked back"

Remember, she perished. 2 Thess.1:9

She perished on the edge of salvation. Genesis 19:23 "Lot had reached Zoar"

She perished in eternal damnation. Genesis 19:26 "and she became a pillar of salt"

Remember Lot.

His faith lacked credibility. Genesis 19:14 "they thought he was joking"

His faith lacked durability. Genesis 19:20 "nearby where I can flee"

Remember Abraham

He prayed for the city, not for souls. Genesis 18:20-33 “50, 40,30, 20, 10”

Music and songs

Songs admitting I turned back

Forgiven... I turned my back and walked away (Blankenship & Red), Ot 78
Prayer... Turn our wayward country back to You (Petra)

Songs about not turning back

I have decided to follow Jesus, no turning back, H 742
I'm gonna follow you... I'll never turn back, Ot 107
Live with abandon... I'm not looking back, I'm done with that (Newsboys), Ot 36
Praise (originally Shake) And I don't ever wanna go back (Mercy Me)
Touching Heaven, Changing Earth... Never looking back we'll run the race, Ot 21

Songs about sinners turning back to God

I cannot tell... To bring them back, they know not how or when, H 185
I have decided to live like a believer, Turn my back on the deceiver (Michael Card)
Jesus, Lord of creation... Back to the garden, Ot 1
That's when the angels rejoice... lost sinner comes back home (Larry Bryant)
True Friend... bringing me back to His side (Twila Paris)
Why me, Lord? ... On my way back to You

Thought starters for personal reflection or group discussion

1. List some advantages of a good memory. What are some disadvantages of a good memory?
 2. Lot chose Sodom for its financial and social benefits (Gen.13:10-13). Read 2 Peter 2:7-8. How do you determine when the hidden costs are not worth the benefits?
 3. When Lot and his family fled, they took their best wine with them v32-35). If you had to flee your home at a moment's notice, what would you take with you?
 4. Why do you think God makes rules? (eg. Don't look back) Why do you think God imposes rewards or punishments?
 5. Why do you think God wants us to remember Lot's wife?
 6. Read Genesis 19:29. Why was Lot and his family rescued? What did God remember about Abraham, and how can we also model that?
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