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LESSONS LEARNED FROM LOT'S WIFE

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(Read Gen. 18:16-33; Gen. 19:23-28.) " Remember Lot's Wife. " Luke 17:32.

I. REMEMBER HER PRIVILEGES.

1. She had been faithfully instructed in the knowledge of Clod and how to worship him.
2. She was related by one of the closest earthly ties to a child of God. She must have often seen the tears running down the face of her husband when his soul was vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked.
3. She was faithfully warned of the impending danger. Angels sent of God urged her to escape for her life — not to tarry in the plain.

II. REMEMBER HER SIN.

1. It was a sin of presumption.

Her heart was still in Sodom. The angel had said, " Escape for thy life; look not behind thee." She disregarded the heaven-sent warning; she looked back.

2. It was a sin of unbelief.

She did not believe the angels' warning. Doubtless there was nothing to indicate the approaching calamity—" Where in that golden sky was the storm-blast that had been threatened? "

3. It was a sin in act.

Faith leads to works; unbelief leads to rebellion. The murderer first hated, then killed. "O Lord, keep back thy servant from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me."

III. REMEMBER HER FATE.

1. It was merited.

She had been warned, entreated, etc.

2. It was sudden — wholly unexpected.

She turned to look back, and in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, the storm and tempest swept past. Her eyes grew dark, her blood congealed in her veins, and she stood forth a monument of the wrath of an offended God. <' He that being often reproveth stiffeneth his neck, shall be suddenly cut down, and that without remedy." Thus suddenly Pharaoh perished, and Herod, and Ananias, and Sapphira his wife. Sin kills people.

3. It was final. It closed the day of grace, and ushered in the day of doom.

PRACTICAL REFLECTIONS.

1. Beware of worldly entanglements.

2. Beware of questioning God's commands.

3. Beware of delays; "To-day is the day of Salvation."

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