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Remember Lot's Wife – Luke 17:32



In 1978 the band Boston, released their second album named "Don't Look Back." The title track had the same name. The album reached number one in the U.S. and the song Don't Look Back reached number 4 on Billboard's Top 100. Here are the opening lyrics: Don't look back, ooh, a new day is breakin', It's been too long since I felt this way, I don't mind, ooh, where I get taken, The road is callin', today is the day. The album and the song are unimportant, but the concept is very important. If it helps you remember this right down to your soul, that would be a good thing.

Gen. 18:1 And the LORD appeared unto him (Abraham) in the plains of Mamre: and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day; 2 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. The "LORD" in Gen. 18:1 means Jehovah – the existing *One, the proper name of the one true God.* God Almighty, in the form of the LORD Jesus Christ, appeared unto Abraham in the flesh. With the Lord Jesus Christ were two angels. Abraham invites them to a meal (Heb. 13:2 Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unaware.). Rom. 12:13 [G]iven to hospitality. Haldane says the primary application is entertaining strangers, not hospitality like we use the word – I think it means both – because preceding this it says *Distributing to the* necessity of the saints. Let's do both, and then we have it covered. The LORD Jesus Christ tells Abraham that Sarah will bear a son in her old age. She laughs. The LORD Jesus Christ reprovers her and confirms the promise. Gen 18:16 And the men rose up from thence, and looked toward Sodom ("burning"): and Abraham went with them to bring them on the way. 17 And the LORD said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do; 20 And the LORD Page 1 of 12

said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous; 21 I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know. 22 And the men [the two angels] turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sodom: but Abraham stood yet before the LORD. Abraham then says to the LORD Jesus Christ, will you destroy the righteous in Sodom (for 50's sake, 45's sake, 40's sake, 30's sake, 20's sake, and 10's sake)? Gen. 18:32 And he (Abraham) said, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak yet but this once: Peradventure ten shall be found there. And He (the LORD Jesus Christ) said, I will not destroy it for ten's sake. 33 <u>And the LORD went his way (TO SODOM), as soon as he had left</u> communing with Abraham: and Abraham returned unto his place. I think there was some real consternation for Abraham regarding exactly how many righteous people might dwell with Lot. His hope was that there would be at least 10 righteous people in Sodom and there was in fact not.

Gen. 19:1 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. The angels say they will abide in the streets. After all, they want to know what is going on in Sodom. What better way is there, than to mingle with the people of Sodom in the streets. But, Lot presses them hard and convinces them to stay with him in his house. With Lot (who is Abraham's nephew) is his wife (the Jewish writers say her name was Adith or Edith), and two of his daughters that lived with him. Then Lot and probably Adith, made them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread, and they did eat. You may recall that the text says that the angels went ahead of the LORD Jesus Christ, but it does not appear they were much ahead. I would say maybe 20 minutes at the most because the verse says: And the LORD went his way (TO SODOM), as soon as he had left communing with Abraham.

Gen 19:4 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: 5 And they called unto Lot (a howling, flash mob), 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. This wasn't simply inhospitality – like some of the faux Christians say – like you didn't offer them food and lodging. That is not what happened here. And let's be clear it is "inhospitable" to gang rape someone – let alone the LORD Jesus Christ and 2 angels. This trio DOES NOT WANT ANY TEA! There is a video training on Youtube for college students, that talks about consent for sexual relations – but they use the word tea in place of sexual relations. (This rather slick video was produced, because there are so many rapes on college campuses in the U.S. It is an epidemic). The narrative goes somethings like this: "Hey would you like a cup of tea?" The other person says "oh, my goodness I would love a cup of tea, thank you." Page 2 of 12 You now know they want a cup of tea. But, if you say "Hey, would you like a cup of tea?" and they say "uhhhhh, I am not really sure," you can make them the tea, or not make the tea, but the important part is, and you have to pay attention here, is that you DON'T MAKE THEM DRINK THE TEA BY FORCE. And, if they say "No thank you" then do not make them tea - at all. Just, don't make them tea. Don't make them drink tea. Don't get annoyed that they don't want tea. They just don't want tea, okay?. ... And if they are unconscious, don't make them tea, and here is the important part again, DON'T MAKE THEM DRINK TEA BY FORCE. Unconscious people do not want tea. THE ANGELS AND THE LORD JESUS CHRIST DON'T WANT TEA.

It is crystal clear what the men of Sodom wanted from Gen. 19:8 (Lot speaking) 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. 9 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 [they threaten to rape this old man, Lot]. And they pressed sore upon the man, even Lot, and came near to break the door. 10 But the men [The LORD Jesus Christ and the 2 angels] put forth their hand, and pulled Lot into the house to them, and shut to the door. 11 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.

The LORD Jesus Christ is in the house of Lot and Adith. Adith personally participated in and witnessed the horror of the men of Sodom assaulting their house. And she saw the LORD and the 2 angels perform a miracle and save her husband and smite the men of Sodom with blindness so they could not find the house. This happened right in front of her eyes.

12 And the men (the LORD Jesus Christ and the angels) 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: 13 For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the LORD. The mission was: (Gen 18:21) I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know. Well now, beyond a shadow of a doubt, the LORD Jesus Christ and the two angels know the men of Sodom had rape on their minds - because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the face of the LORD. I believe it is clear that the LORD Jesus Christ personally witnessed this horrific event. It happened right before His face, or better put, it happened in his face. Calvin says that men of Sodom provoked Him and that it was impossible for Him to bear with them any longer. You do not get to attempt to rape

the LORD Jesus Christ and get a pass. This provoking of God to this degree was an assault on the Godhead. Jonah 4:2 says: for I (Jonah) knew that thou art a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil. Jonah was mad because God didn't destroy Ninevah. These acts of the men of Sodom created a great urgency to remedy the situation. It was a provocation. Something like this, never happened before, and has never happened since. Ex. 23:20 Behold, I send an Angel (before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared. 21 Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not; for he will not pardon your transgressions: for my name is in him. Gill says this was an uncreated Angel – the Lord Jesus Christ). And, why is this a trio that came to Sodom? Why does it take the LORD Jesus Christ and two angels to go on this mission? Deut. 19:15 One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneth: at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established. A whole lot of people could die here, so we will establish the matter before three witnesses.

Gen 19:12 And the men (LORD and angels) said unto Lot, **Hast thou here** <u>any</u> besides? son in law, and thy sons, and thy daughters, and <u>whatsoever</u> thou hast in the city, <u>bring them</u> <u>out of this place</u>.

Gill: **son in law, and thy sons, and thy daughters**; *it should be rendered either "son-in-law, or thy sons, or thy daughters"; if thou hast any son-in-law that has married a daughter of thine, or any sons of thine own that live from thee; or grandsons, [or granddaughters] the sons of thy married daughters, as Jarchi interprets it; or any other daughters besides those two we here see.* 

Gen 19:14 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.

How many relatives did Lot and his wife have in Sodom? We don't know for sure, but we know that Lot was a man of substance because Gen. 13:7 says *there was strife between the herdmen of Abraham and the herdmen of Lot.* 

Jarchi says Lot had two other daughters married in the city. Josephus says the two sons-in law were espoused to his two daughters and because of that espousal he says they are his sons in law. I am more inclined to believe the former, that he had at least two other daughters who were married and in the city. **But he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons in law** – Calvin says: **the pious old man** was despised and derided and that what he said was accounted a fable; because his sons in law supposed him to be seized with delirium, *and to be vainly framing imaginary dangers.* They thought he was a crazy old man. He was not. Strong's said the word "mocked" means to "laugh, play, jest." They did not take him seriously and there was nothing Lot could do to convince them otherwise.

Peter says that Lot was a righteous man. Pet 2:7 And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: 8 (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds.

The sons-in-law (and presumably his other daughters) had no fear of God. 1Th 5:7 For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. They are drunk with the sin of Sodom and cannot escape even though they were warned. What do you think that looked like? Can you imagine the frantic nature that Lot (and probably Adith) would have used to try and get their loved ones out of Sodom? Several of the expositors make reference to the daughters, sons-in-law and probably their grandchildren. How would you approach a burning house with people in it? That is probably the way they approached their daughters and sons-in-law. The more Lot talked, the more they became entrenched in their position. They would not listen to any kind of reason. You can imagine that Lot spun the whole tale of the LORD Jesus Christ and the two angels coming to him, the assault upon their house, showing the heart and intentions of the people, and the promise of the three visitors to destroy the city. They are a lot like this people that we live amongst. They reject all forms of reason and cannot perceive that destruction is imminent. Their pride will not allow them to see the obvious. Gill says: They thought, perhaps, that the assault which the Sodomites had just now made upon his house had disturbed his head, and put him into such a fright that he knew not what he said. They thought he was crazy.

Gen 19:15 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.

Matthew Henry: Early in the morning his own guests, in kindness to him, turned him out of doors, and his family with him, #Ge 19:15. His daughters that were married perished with their unbelieving husbands; but those that continued with him were preserved with him. Once there was the first form of light (the break of day), the angels urge Lot and his house to get out of Sodom. Time is of the essence. God's wrath cannot wait any longer – it waxes hot. It is time. They are saying that if you do not get out now, you will be consumed in the sin of the city. Their warnings are full of emotion and power.

Gen 19:16 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. Why did Lot, and Adith and his children linger? It makes absolutely no sense. This is a "burning house" or a house that in a few minutes will be burning. When you know the house is on fire, do you linger in the house? No! You run as fast as you can to save your life. No amount of words were going to get them to move out of Sodom. It makes no sense that they would not immediately flee the city - unless they were hoping, pleading, waiting and praying for their other daughters, and sons in law and grandchildren to go with them. They were waiting as long as possible for them. Clark says probably...to prevail on the remaining parts of his family to escape. Lot knows it is a matter of life and death and they are giving them (these family members they could not convince the night before) every opportunity to get out. Lot and Adith are stalling. Finally, the angels and the LORD Jesus Christ physically take them by the hands and physically force them and drag them out of the Sodom. They are not waiting any more – the time for pleasantries is over! Lot, his wife and his two daughters would have been, consumed but for the acts of the LORD and the angels to save them. The text said they (the LORD and the 2 angels) 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. That is the definition of mercy. Gill says the clear implication is that when they had left them without the city, the LORD and two angels returned to the city. They have business to attend to. The wrath of God calls. This is not a "everyone remain calm and quietly exit the theater." This is nothing short of HIGH DRAMA. We are talking about a nuclear explosion that is about to take place. And what does this tell you in no uncertain terms about the state of Sodom? It tells you that there were not 10 righteous souls in all of Sodom and the five cities? The LORD Jesus Christ's word for it! Shut up about God loving everyone and that Jesus loves all His children, and we are all spokes in the wheel and all connected, and everyone's religion is counted as the same to God, and the redemptive power is the only thing that matters. No, it is not.

Gen 19:17 And it came to pass, when they had brought them forth abroad, that he (probably the LORD Jesus Christ – since he is the leader of the trio) said, Escape for thy life; **look not behind thee**. The warning is clear here, you cannot hesitate or halt any longer or you risk being destroyed. Look not behind thee. We are delivered from the sins of the past and we must be focused on heaven and the world to come. Phil. 3:13 ...forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, 14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. And why would you

look behind when your soul is vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: and dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds. Heb. 13:14 For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come. 2 Cor. 6:14 ...for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness and what communion hath light with darkness. 15 And, what concord hath Christ with Belial.

Clarke: Every word here is emphatic, Escape for thy LIFE; thou art in the most imminent danger of perishing; thy life and thy soul are both at stake. Look not behind thee - thou hast but barely time enough to escape from the judgment that is now descending; no lingering, or thou art lost! One look back may prove fatal to thee, and God commands thee to avoid it.

Gill: Look not behind thee; as showing any concern for his goods and substance he had left behind him, or for his sons-in-law, who refused to come with him, and much less for the wicked inhabitants of the city; and this command was not given to Lot only, but to his wife and daughters...

Gen. 19:17b, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed. 18 And Lot said unto them, Oh, not so, my Lord: 19 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: 20 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. 21 And he [the LORD Jesus Christ] 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. 22 Haste thee, escape thither; for I cannot do anything *till thou become thither.* [Think of the fiery furnace Nebuchadnezzar made for the three Hebrew children, that he heated 7 times over that killed the men that tended to it and then take that times 1,000]. Therefore, the name of the city was called Zoar. 23 The sun was risen upon the earth when Lot entered into Zoar. Lot makes the case that he cannot make the journey to the mountain – it is too far for him. He is most likely old and frail. Matthew Poole says it is because of his infirmity of age and the fainting of his spirit. We are probably dealing with an old man and an old woman here. Even if he didn't get much sleep the night before, it's hard to believe that absent a disability of some kind, you could not get clear of the city to save the life of you and your family. And, amazingly, God grants Lot's wish in this matter also. The LORD Jesus Christ is amazingly kind and merciful to Lot – exceedingly SO.

Gen 19:24 Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven; 25 And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground.

This is unique and amazing language. The LORD Jesus Christ on the ground rained upon Sodom and Gomorrah brimstone and fire from God the Father out of heaven. Gill: *This destruction was brought upon them by Jehovah the Son of God, who had appeared to Abraham in a human form, and gave him notice of it, and heard all he had to plead for those cities, and then departed from him to Sodom, and was the author of this sad catastrophe; this amazing shower of fire and brimstone was rained by Him from Jehovah his Father, out of heaven.* 

Calvin: I confess, indeed, that God always acts by the hand of his Son and have no doubt that the Son presided over an example of vengeance so memorable.

Matthew Henry: God was the immediate author of it. It was destruction from the Almighty: The Lord rained — from the Lord (#Ge 19:24), that is, God from himself, by his own immediate power, and not in the common course of nature. Or, God the Son from God the Father; for the Father has committed all judgment to the Son. Note, He that is the Saviour will be the destroyer of those that reject the salvation.

Poole - To note the plurality of persons in the Godhead, God the Son, who now appeared upon the earth, rained from God his Father in heaven, both concurring in this act, as indeed all outward actions are common to all the persons of the Trinity.



Who destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah? God the Son (the LORD Jesus Christ) and God the Father. Gen 19:26 But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.

The \$64,000 question is: **Why did Lot's wife look back?** Why? This is important. Some of the Jews say she looked back because she was from Sodom and she yearned for her city and that possibly her

father's house was there. There is nothing in the Bible to establish this. This seems a little speculative and weak since Lot already had great substance when he and Abraham parted company in Genesis 13 and then he looked toward Sodom. There is some reason to think he was already married before he got to Sodom. Some say that she yearned for the sins of Sodom. This also seems a little weak to me – since most likely – the facts suggest Lot and his wife were old. That is why they can't make it to the mountain. They have a number of grown children which would suggest they were older. Assuming this is an old woman, it is a little hard to believe that this old woman is yearning for the sins of Sodom. Maybe, but it seems a little weak. She is dwelling with a righteous man, one of God's Elect in Sodom whose soul was vexed by their filthy words and deeds. Some say she looked back because she yearned for her goods and substance – but again, assuming she is of old age, that seems a little weak. So, why does she look back? She very likely looked back because her bowels yearned to see if her daughters, and her grandchildren and her sons-in law have escaped. She wants to know if they escaped and she wants to know their fate, so she positions herself behind her husband, so he can't stop her. She looks back - in spite of the direct warning of the LORD Jesus Christ. This is open rebellion. She disobeyed the word of God and she received the just reward. Her family was likely the draw, or at least a major piece of the draw. Mat. 10:36 ... and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. It is a great danger for us to yearn for these people and family that have drawn back to perdition. Don't look back for them.

Mat 10:34 Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. 35 For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. 36 And a man's foes shall be they of his own household. 37 He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. 38 And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. 39 He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.

Heb 6:4 For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, 5 And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, 6 If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.

Barnes: Lot's wife lingering behind her husband, and looking back, contrary to the express command of the Lord, is caught in the sweeping tempest, and becomes a pillar of salt: so narrow was the escape of Lot. The dashing spray of the salt sulfurous rain seems to have suffocated her, and then encrusted her whole body. She may have burned to a cinder in the furious conflagration. She is a memorable example of the indignation and wrath that overtakes the halting and the backsliding.



Luke 17:32 Remember Lot's wife. Why does the LORD remind us of this in the Gospels? Why? Because, the lesson is important. And He was there. He was on the ground firsthand. Beware of this pitfall! Lot's wife is an example to all. Do not look back towards friends or family or past sins or deliverances! Look forward. It is Exodus 12:11 time. When

the children of Israel were leaving Egypt, here was the command from God. And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded [your clothes are on and they are girded up for walking] your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the LORD'S passover.

The passages before Remember Lots wife is: Luke 17: 29 But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. 30 Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed. 31 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.

Beloved, do not allow anyone to take your crown (Rev. 3:11) *Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. Barnes: We need to be on our constant guard, that, in a world of temptation, where the enemies of truth abound, we may not be robbed of the crown that we might have worn forever.* 

Isa 33:14 The sinners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrites. Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings?

1 Pet. 4:17 For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? 18 And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?

Heb. 11:16 But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city. Looking back and yearning for family that is departed and drawing back to perdition is a trap of Satan. Do not give it one quarter. There is pure death in that pot, 2 Kings 4:40. You would do better to just get a big 64 oz Slurpee of Satanic poison and drink it down, than to indulge in that for one second. Let that sleeping dog lie.

Here are some more thoughts on *Remember Lot's wife* (Luke 17:32). Why was Lot living in Sodom to begin with? He could have been living with righteous Abraham. Why live in Sodom at all? Once Abraham rescued him when he was taken captive, why did he go back to Sodom? Why did Lot's wife look back? Did she love worldly things? Of course, she did. 1 John 2:15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the word. If any man love the world, the love of the father is not in him. I believe Lot's wife loved the world and those heathen children more than God. She was warned, and all she had to do is move forward and look forward-but it was too much for her - because her soul was set to defy God. She was rebellious. She first departed from Christ within her heart and then, she physically looked back. Once you depart in your heart from Christ, it's over. I have often said that family relation does not matter. This once again proves that you do not get to heaven by association. She was married to Lot and that was not enough. No earthly relationship can save us if we do not have grace or if we are destitute of the spirit. She had suffered with Lot, endured hardships with Lot and it was not enough. She even departed with Lot and got down the road with him only to find defeat when victory was so close. One glance back is all it took for her total, sad, utter destruction. Her destruction was sudden and swift.

Why was Lot's wife turned into a pillar of salt? Mark 9:47 says: And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire: 48 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not



quenched. 49 For every one shall be salted with fire, and every sacrifice shall be salted with salt.

Gill: For every one shall be salted with fire -That is every one of those that transgress the law of God, offend any that, believe in Christ, retain their sins, and sinful companions; every one of them that are cast into hell, where the

worm of conscience is always gnawing, and the fire of divine wrath is always burning, with that fire every one of them shall be salted: that fire shall be to them, what salt is to flesh; as that keeps flesh from putrefaction and corruption, so the fire of hell, as it will burn, torture, and distress rebellious sinners, it will preserve them in their beings; they shall not be consumed by it, but continued in it: so that these words are a reason of the former, showing and proving, that the soul in torment shall never die, or lose any of its powers and faculties; and particularly, not its gnawing, torturing conscience; and that the fire of hell is inextinguishable; for though sinners will be inexpressibly tormented in it, they will not be consumed by it; but the smoke of their torments shall ascend for ever and ever; and that they will be so far from being annihilated by the fire of hell, that they shall be preserved in their beings in it, as flesh is preserved by salt.

Lot's wife's physical body has been preserved by the salt for many years, just as her soul is preserved in hell.

Remember Lot's wife. Do not for an instant believe that Christ is only about his redemptive power. It is a lie.

Heb 10:38 Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. 39 But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.

I love you all. Amen.