

“Remember Lot’s Wife”

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Luke 17:20-37

The Kingdom of God was the main theme of the teachings of Jesus.

- ❖ The kingdom is both here now and yet to come.

“... *the kingdom of God is in the midst of you...*” *Luke 17:21*

“*For as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one side to the other, so will the Son of Man be in His day.*” *Luke 17:24*

“This kingdom came with Jesus and is known wherever the lordship of Jesus is acknowledged. ... The kingdom is present in its beginnings but future in its fullness; in one sense it is here already, but in the richest sense still to come. ...”¹

“*But first He must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation.*” *Luke 17:25*

“The word ‘must’ is important; it indicates the sovereign purpose of God. (Acts 4:27,28)”¹

What will life on earth be like prior to the second coming of Christ and the fulfillment of His kingdom?

Luke 17:26 “Just as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the days of the Son of Man.”

📖 Genesis 6:5-12

📖 2 Peter 2:4-5

↳ Noah was a “herald of righteousness”!

Luke 17:27 “They were eating and drinking and marrying and being given in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.”

- ❖ Life was going on as usual, but the people did not take God’s Word seriously!
- ❖ Satan tempted Eve by diminishing the seriousness of God!

Luke 17:28 “Likewise, just as it was in the days of Lot—they were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building,”

📖 Genesis 18-19

📖 2 Peter 2:6-10

↳ Lot was greatly distressed and tormented over the immoral, homosexual behavior of the people.

📖 Genesis 19:15-17

- ❖ Lot’s own wife did not take God’s Word seriously and died in the judgment of God!
- ❖ Beware of the influence of the world which caused Lot’s wife to vacillate. *Genesis 19:26*

How are Christians to walk in His kingdom in the last days?

“*Remember Lot’s wife. Whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will keep it.*”
Luke 17:32-33

- ❖ We cannot hold on to things in this world – not possessions, image, popularity, friends, acceptance, position, comfort or convenience.

“*I tell you, in that night there will be two in one bed. One will be taken and the other left. There will be two women grinding together. One will be taken and the other left.*” *Luke 17:34-35*

- ❖ Warning! Close relationships with people who are saved and are a part of God’s kingdom will not help in the day Jesus comes! A personal relationship with Jesus is key!

Luke 18:1,8 “And He told... [His followers] that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. ... Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on earth?”

Endnotes:

¹ Sproul, R.C. *The Reformation Study Bible*. Orlando: Ligonier Ministries, 2005.

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