



Remembering Lot's Wife

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We are not told the name of Lot’s wife. She was married to a righteous man (*2 Pet. 2:7-8*). She enjoyed living in a luxurious city “well-watered everywhere...even as the garden of the LORD” (*Gen. 13:10*). She fled with her husband, but her heart was still in Sodom. She left but did not want to leave. Her attachment was to the world, not to the LORD. As she fled, she looked back to the city she desired and was immediately judged and pillarized. She became a statue of salt caught in the act of looking back.

Jesus said to remember her. He warned us not to be like her.

While we can’t be totally sure of this, there is testimony that this pillar existed for at least 2000 years. The historian Josephus said, “I have seen it, and it remains at this day.” Irenaeus and Clement of Rome record that they too had seen her pillar of salt, indicating it may have been some kind of tourist attraction. Perhaps, even our Lord had visited this monument. Whether or not this is so, Jesus wants us to burn this event into our memory.

Sodom was prosperous, yet it was a cesspool of iniquity. May we “love not the world” (*1 John 2:15-17*).

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