

A black and white profile portrait of J.C. Ryle, an elderly man with a full white beard and mustache, looking towards the right. The background is a light, textured grey.

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HOLINESS



CHAPTER 10

A WOMAN TO BE REMEMBERED



“REMEMBER LOT’S WIFE”

~ Luke 17:32

A SOLEMN WARNING CONSIDERING THE SUBJECT

- ▶ The Second Coming is the context
 - ▶ Luke 17:28-30 *"Likewise, just as it was in the days of Lot—they were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building, but on the day when Lot went out from Sodom, fire and sulfur rained from heaven and destroyed them all— so will it be on the day when the Son of Man is revealed."*
- ▶ The last days are on the mind of Jesus
- ▶ The terrible state of unreadiness



A SOLEMN WARNING CONSIDERING THE AUTHOR

- ▶ Jesus who is full of love, mercy, compassion
- ▶ Jesus who will not break a bruised reed or snuff a smoldering wick
- ▶ Yet Jesus thinks it good to warn us of lost souls

A SOLEMN WARNING CONSIDERING THE AUDIENCE

- ▶ To disciples/followers, not to scribes and Pharisees
- ▶ To those who profess love & trust in Jesus, not to enemies, mockers, and despisers
- ▶ To Peter, James, John, Andrew, Matthew, Bartholomew, Thomas, et.al.

A SOLEMN WARNING CONSIDERING THE MANNER

- ▶ A solemn warning considering the word used
- ▶ Not simply: "beware" or "avoid" or "don't be like her"
- ▶ "Remember" – danger of forgetting the subject



REMEMBER LOT'S WIFE

THE PRIVILEGES ENJOYED

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- ▶ The *family* she lived in was a privilege
- ▶ The *husband* she was married to was a privilege
- ▶ The *experiences* she knew well were privileges
- ▶ Her family, husband, and experiences all testify to the privileges she enjoyed

THE PRIVILEGES ENJOYED

- ▶ She had many opportunities & means of grace
- ▶ She had special warnings & messages from heaven
- ▶ She had a wealth of privileges; yet, Lot's wife lived and died "graceless, godless, impenitent, and unbelieving."



**“THE WORLD WAS IN
HER HEART AND HER
HEART WAS IN THE
WORLD.”**

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THE PRIVILEGES ENJOYED

LESSON

**"THE MERE POSSESSION OF
RELIGIOUS PRIVILEGES WILL
SAVE NO ONE'S SOUL."**

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REMEMBER LOT'S WIFE

THE SIN COMMITTED

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- ▶ **Gen 19:26** *"But Lot's wife, behind him, looked back, & she became a pillar of salt."*
- ▶ The *"sum & substance of her transgression lies in these words: 'She looked back'"*
- ▶ The look was a little thing but revealed great things about Lot's wife...

THE SIN COMMITTED

- ▶ Her true character
- ▶ Her rebellious disobedience
- ▶ Her proud unbelief
- ▶ Her secret love



***"HER EYE TURNED
TO THE PLACE
WHERE HER
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THE SIN COMMITTED

LESSON

"FOR YOUR HAPPINESS' SAKE, FOR YOUR USEFULNESS' SAKE, FOR YOUR SAFETY'S SAKE, FOR YOUR SOUL'S SAKE, BEWARE OF THE SIN OF LOT'S WIFE"

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REMEMBER LOT'S WIFE

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- ▶ **Gen 19:26** *"But Lot's wife, behind him, looked back, & she became a pillar of salt."*
- ▶ "A miracle was wrought to execute God's judgement on this guilty woman."
- ▶ Why a pillar of salt?

THE JUDGEMENT RECEIVED

- ▶ Why a pillar of salt?
 - ▶ Because of her gaze/look she suffered the same fate as all the inhabitants of Sodom and Gomorrah.
 - ▶ The salt probably symbolizes desolation and lack of life (Judges 9:45; Zeph. 2:9)
 - ▶ The Sodomites (& Lot's wife) had become like the Dead Sea where they lived



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