

**REMEMBER LOT'S WIFE**  
**October 13, 2019**  
**Luke 17:20-37**

The coming of God's Kingdom (20-26)

1. It is invisible (20-22)
2. False manifestations will be proclaimed (21, 23)
3. It will be visible and conspicuous, as is a flash of lightning (24)
4. Its visible manifestation will be after Christ has suffered many things (25)
5. Prior to its coming, life will continue in its normal flow, as in the days of Noah and Lot (26)

The days of Noah and of Lot (27-30)

1. People lived their normal lives: eating, drinking, marrying, etc., etc.
2. They were wholly consumed with earthly existence, heedless of judgment to come.
3. Warnings of judgment to come were ignored: Noah & the ark; Lot, a righteous soul.

Lot's wife (32, Genesis 19)

1. She loved the life of Sodom.
2. She had to be pulled out of Sodom by angels.
3. She was warned not to love the things of Sodom; not to look back
4. She loved Sodom so much that she could not take her eyes off the city, even in its doom.
5. She chose a glimpse of Sodom over the life offered to her.
6. She lost not only the life of Sodom, but life itself.
7. Her husband and daughters suffered:
  - a. The grief of her tragic death
  - b. The loss of her companionship and nurture
  - c. The perversion that ensued, which would not have been had she lived
  - d. The permanent marker—a pillar of salt
  - e. The age-long remembrance of her folly and death

With regard to Christ's kingdom: (30-37)

1. Don't look back, i.e., don't value earth's stuff to the peril of your soul (31).
2. Zeal to preserve this life will result in loss of eternal life; sacrifice of this life will mark those whose life is preserved eternally (33).
3. Those who've lived for God's kingdom will be snatched away, the rest will be left unto judgment (34-37).

QUESTIONS THAT DISTINGUISH CITIZENS OF GOD'S KINGDOM:

**“HOW CAN I FIT IN WITH THIS WORLD?”**

**OR**  
**“HOW CAN I MANIFEST GOD’S KINGDOM IN THIS WORLD?”**

“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.” Matthew 6:33

“And it came to pass, that, as they went in the way, a certain man said unto him, Lord, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest. And Jesus said unto him, Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head. And he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father. Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God. And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house. And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.” Luke 9:57- 62

“The Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be slain, and be raised the third day. And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it.” Luke 9:22-24

“Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.” Matthew 16:24-27

“But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, and be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 3:7-14

“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the

flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever." I John 2:15-17