


Like the Days of Noah and Lot


Luke 17:26 - 37

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Overview

- The days of Noah and Lot prefigure the situation of the day of the Son of Man
- We need to look up, not look back
- We must not allow the world's values to captivate us
- The righteous will be taken out of this world and preserved from God's wrath
- The wicked shall not escape judgment



A warning about the unexpected coming of the Son of Man

- **Luke 17:26**
And just as it happened in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man:



The activities of life were suddenly stopped by divine judgment

■ **Luke 17:27**

they were eating, they were drinking, they were marrying, they were being given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.



Because life seems normal, people see no need for salvation

■ **Luke 17:28**

It was the same as happened in the days of Lot: they were eating, they were drinking, they were buying, they were selling, they were planting, they were building;



The righteous will be saved and the rest judged

■ **Luke 17:29, 30**

but on the day that Lot went out from Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. It will be just the same on the day that the Son of Man is revealed.



Disciples must be looking up, not back

■ **Luke 17:31**

On that day, the one who is on the housetop and whose goods are in the house must not go down to take them out; and likewise the one who is in the field must not turn back.



Looking back means being oriented toward status and wealth

■ **Luke 17:32**

Remember Lot's wife.

■ **Ezekiel 16:49**

Behold, this was the guilt of your sister Sodom: she and her daughters had arrogance, abundant food and careless ease, but she did not help the poor and needy.



“Keep” means “to acquire assets” and “life” is “soul”

■ **Luke 17:33**

Whoever seeks to keep his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it.

The saved are taken and the lost are left behind

■ **Luke 17:34, 35**

I tell you, on that night there will be two in one bed; one will be taken and the other will be left. There will be two women grinding at the same place; one will be taken and the other will be left.

The stench of the dead who are judged attracts vultures

■ **Luke 17:37**

And answering they said to Him, "Where, Lord?" And He said to them, "Where the body is, there also the vultures will be gathered."

Birds and God's judgment

■ **Revelation 19:17, 18**

Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and he cried out with a loud voice, saying to all the birds which fly in midheaven, "Come, assemble for the great supper of God, so that you may eat the flesh of kings and the flesh of commanders and the flesh of mighty men and the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them and the flesh of all men, both free men and slaves, and small and great."

Implications and Applications

- 1) The combination of wickedness and prosperity blinds people to their need
- 2) As disciples we must not be motivated by the values of the world around us
- 3) We need to “remember” and learn from the lessons found in the Bible

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■ **Amos 6:4, 5**

Those who recline on beds of ivory And sprawl on their couches, And eat lambs from the flock And calves from the midst of the stall, Who improvise to the sound of the harp, And like David have composed songs for themselves,

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■ **Amos 6:6, 7**

Who drink wine from sacrificial bowls While they anoint themselves with the finest of oils, Yet they have not grieved over the ruin of Joseph. Therefore, they will now go into exile at the head of the exiles, And the sprawlers' banqueting will pass away.

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■ **Ezekiel 16:49, 50**

Behold, this was the guilt of your sister Sodom: she and her daughters had arrogance, abundant food and careless ease, but she did not help the poor and needy. Thus they were haughty and committed abominations before Me. Therefore I removed them when I saw it.

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■ **Revelation 18:9, 10**

And the kings of the earth, who committed acts of immorality and lived sensuously with her, will weep and lament over her when they see the smoke of her burning, standing at a distance because of the fear of her torment, saying, 'Woe, woe, the great city, Babylon, the strong city! For in one hour your judgment has come.'

2) As disciples we must not be motivated by the values of the world around us

■ **1John 2:15, 16**

Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves 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 boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.

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■ **Colossians 3:1, 2**

Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.

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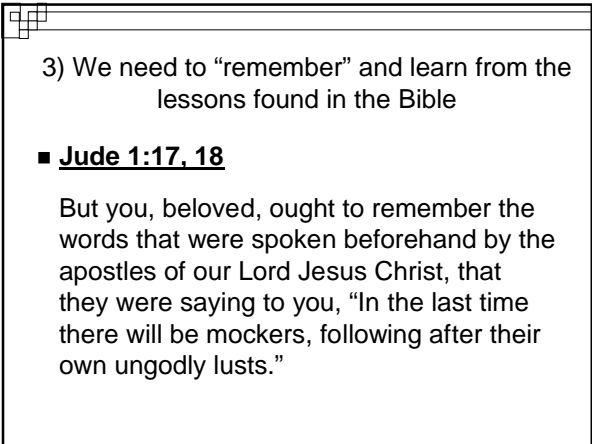
■ **2Peter 3:1, 2**

This is now, beloved, the second letter I am writing to you in which I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder, that you should remember the words spoken beforehand by the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior spoken by your apostles.

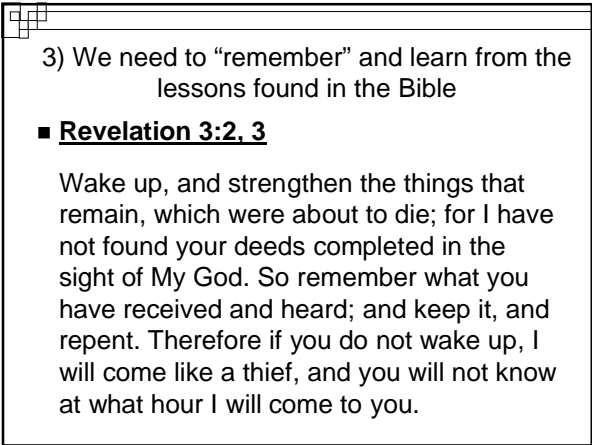
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■ **2Peter 3:3, 4**

Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts, and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation.”



- **Jude 1:17, 18**



- Revelation 3:2, 3

