

The Look of Unbelief

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Jesus told us to remember Lot's wife because her love for the things of this life is the besetting sin of multitudes of professing Christians today.

Lot did not look backward to Sodom. He had the forward faith-look and saw Zoar, the city of safety. When Jesus said, "*as* it was in the days of Lot... *even thus* shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed," the force of the analogy is in the fact that "one shall be taken, and the other shall be left"—as Lot was taken to safety and his wife left for judgment. One had the look of faith, the other had the look of unbelief. A few references will show the repeated emphasis given to this in the New Testament.

In Matthew 24:50, Jesus told about the neglectful and indulgent servant who will not be prepared for His coming, and the Lord "shall come in a day when he *looketh* not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of."

In Luke 9:62, Jesus illustrated the backward look: "No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the Kingdom of God." A plowman cannot look in opposite directions at the same time, He can plow a straight furrow only as he looks ahead. Jesus said we must have a *single eye* to be "fit" for the kingdom of God (Matt. 6:22). God will have no part with a divided heart.

(Christ's Coming and the World Church by Guy Duty, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Dimension Books, 1971, 99)