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Lot's Wife Turned Into a Pillar of Salt (Genesis 19:26)

“But [Lot's] wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.

Abraham went up early the next morning to the place where he [only the day before] had stood before the Lord.

And he looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the valley, and saw, and behold, the smoke of the country went up like the smoke of a furnace.

When God ravaged and destroyed the cities of the plain [of Siddim], He [earnestly] remembered Abraham [imprinted and fixed him indelibly on His mind], and He sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow when He overthrew the cities where Lot lived.

And Lot went up out of Zoar and dwelt in the mountain, and his two daughters with him, for he feared to dwell in Zoar; and he lived in a cave, he and his two daughters.”

Genesis 19:26-30 AMPC

Lot's wife is a picture of failure to obey instructions:

Lot's wife, biblical character, a disobedient woman who was turned into a pillar of salt for looking back to see the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah as she and her family were fleeing. Her story is seen as an example of what happens to those who choose a worldly life over salvation. Lot ran, his daughters close behind. “But his wife, from behind him, looked back, and she became a pillar of salt” (Genesis 19:26).

- She lagged behind.
- She turned and
- watched the flaming sulfur fall from the sky,
- consuming everything she valued.
- Then it consumed her.

The Hebrew for “looked back” means more than to glance over one's shoulder.

- It means “to regard, to consider, to pay attention to.”

The Scriptures don't say whether her death was a punishment for valuing her old life so much that

- she hesitated in obeying,
- or if it was a simple consequence of her reluctance to leave her life quickly.

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— Either she identified too much with the city—and joined it—
— or she neglected to fully obey God’s warning, and she died.

We’re fortunate to receive similar warnings.

Ephesians 4:22-24 tells us to take off the old self that is ruled by sin and be renewed, putting on the new self that is in the likeness of God. Similarly, 1 John 5:16 says that willful, deliberate sin can lead to death. Lot’s wife wasn’t able to accept that.

What she chose to value in her heart led her to sin, which led to her death. You may not think you are like Lot’s wife... watch out we don’t turn into salt! Our hesitation to obey or to delay obedience will turn you into a pillar of salt! It may not look like Lot’s will, but disobedience and delayed obedience will turn heart into a hard rock!

A failure to obey simple instructions is disobeying... care you may already turned into a rock!
Think about hardness in your heart and mind and life!