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Romans 15:13 AMPC

Greetings to you all, our partners and friends!

Days of Lot

I would like to share with you two main points that I believe are beneficial for us and the days we live in.

Genesis 19:12-14 (NJKV)

¹² Then the men said to Lot, “Have you anyone else here? Son-in-law, your sons, your daughters, and whomever you have in the city—take them out of this place! ¹³ “For we will destroy this place, because the outcry against them has grown great

before the face of the LORD, and the LORD has sent us to destroy it.” ¹⁴ So Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law, who had married his daughters, and said, “Get up, get out of this place; for the LORD will destroy this city!” But to his sons-in-law he seemed to be joking.

The response from Lot’s sons-in-law reveals the way he had chosen to relate to his sons-in-law. They had a natural relationship that left God out of the conversation from the very beginning. This is why he could not reach them about something from a spiritual perspective regarding God bringing judgment upon Sodom and Gomorrah.

The question for us today is, if there was the sudden revelation of Jesus' return possibly coming at any time, how would the people we care about relate to us as the bearers of this spiritual information? I believe that our families and friends knowing that we are in Christ is an essential element in the value of our communication. Lot was much like today's carnal Christians: given their way of life, we might not even know that they are Christians.

It is also important for us to prepare our hearts by prayer and the truth of God's Word to be able to passionately communicate spiritual truth. Even if others harden their hearts toward us, they will still know that we are passionate about what we believe. The Holy Spirit could use what we say as a spiritual seed in bringing it back to their remembrance.

Genesis 19:15-17 and 24-26

(brackets added)

¹⁵ *When the morning dawned, the angels urged Lot to hurry, saying, "Arise, take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you be consumed in the punishment of the city."* ¹⁶ *And while he lingered, the men took hold of his hand, his wife's hand, and the hands of his two daughters, the LORD being merciful to him, and they brought him out and set him outside the city.* ¹⁷ *So it came to pass, when they had brought them outside, that he said, "Escape for your life! Do not look behind you nor stay anywhere in the plain. Escape to the mountains, lest you be destroyed." [...]* ²⁴ *Then the LORD rained brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah, from the LORD out of the heavens.*

²⁵ *So He overthrew those cities, all the plain, all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground.* ²⁶ *But his wife looked back behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.*

My second main point concerning the "days of Lot" is how Jesus said to remember Lot's wife!

Luke 17:28-30 (emphasis added)

²⁸ *Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built;* ²⁹ *but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all.* ³⁰ *Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.* ³¹ *In that day, he who is on the housetop, and his goods are in the house, let him not come down to take them away. And likewise the one who is in the field, let him not turn back.* ³² **Remember Lot's wife.** ³³ *Whoever seeks to save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it.*

Lot's wife looked back behind them even though she was told not to (Gen. 19:17). Jesus said that whoever seeks to save their life will lose it. At salvation, an exchange takes place where the old life dies and, in Christ, we become new creations with His born-again life within us. In this born-again experience, we become the bride of Christ, and our lives are no longer our own. We find our true identity in Christ as He becomes our source of life and we learn to live life with a dependence that source.

But if we hold on to the old way of thinking and believing, where we follow the judgments of our own hearts as our source of truth, then the danger is that we will place more value on the things of this world than on those of the unseen world.

Lot's wife looked back! Our hearts establish our way of relating to life; they are like a guidance system determining our choices, decisions, what we love and hate.

Is the thought of losing or leaving our homes, possessions, families, friends, and the things of

this world more of a dominating influence on our hearts than our relationship with Jesus?

What do we identify with? Jesus or our self-life?

One of the things revealed to me concerning the catching away, or the “rapture,” is that some Christians’ hearts will take them back to the earth as they are in the process of rising up to meet Jesus. Some will return out of love for family who they suddenly know are not with them in the rapture.

Dr. James Richards of Impact Ministries has said, “Christians need to prepare the hearts of their family for the rapture!” We need to resolve the issue within our hearts that would cause us to turn back by preparing our loved ones for the rapture. From there, we can expand out to help others who would be willing to listen.

Testimony: Lady with Lupus

I prayed for a lady during the time of prayer at the end of a church service. She told me several things: she had lupus, there was pain in her body, she was having a terrible time sleeping, the doctors were having difficulty helping her, and they really did not know what was causing the problem.

I told her that I was not just going to pray but that I would also release the life of Christ into her body with authority to kill the problem at the root. That would cause it to lose its ability to stay in her body.

I explained how when Jesus cursed the fig tree in Mark 11, it looked like His words had no effect. But in reality, the roots immediately died, and the tree lost its ability to live.

You see, when Jesus is healing you, the reason you are getting better is because you are healed! The physical problem is leaving because the life



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In last month’s newsletter, we spoke about CLPMI giving to the building fund of a church in Jerusalem. For those who have it in their hearts to give to this project, our ministry will continue to give each month until our pledge of \$10,000 is fulfilled. Presently, we have given \$7,480 and possibly more by February, as this letter is written in January.

To give toward the purchase of this church building, you can donate through our website, by phone, or by mail:

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I believe that in heaven, we will see all the fruit of the lives that were spiritually changed, with so many testimonies of the Lord’s goodness. Thank you!



of Christ being released through prayer has killed it at the root. You are first healed, and then the problem leaves when Jesus is healing you. But when a doctor is helping you to heal, you are not healed until the problem is completely gone. You need God's perspective when it comes to receiving in Christ.

Mark 11:21-24

²¹ *And Peter, remembering, said to Him, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree which You cursed has withered away."* ²² *So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God. ²³ "For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. ²⁴ "Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them."*

As I prayed, the pain began to leave her body, and as she realized she was getting better, she began to cry. With boldness, what flew out of me was **"Stop crying!"** I told her that this was a time to be happy and rejoice.

A person who has fear of their problem has allowed the physical problems to dominate their heart. The communication this lady received as the problem spoke to her through her five senses produced fear that manifested through tears as the problem was leaving her body.

I ministered to her Romans 15:13 from the Amplified Bible, Classic Edition:

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When there is an expectation of receiving good from God and you experience the manifestation from the spiritual realm into the natural realm, a proper response is joy.

I believe that at times, some Christians lose their healing because of fear that has produced unbelief within their hearts. Sometime after their healing, they are tempted to believe the problems again. If you respect your problems, then you will automatically put them in a place of prominence in your heart.

A person whose heart is prepared to receive from God has their focus on Jesus with joyful expectation while experiencing peace as the help of the Holy Spirit comes in the midst of life's issues.

Thank You!

Lisa and I are very grateful to you, our friends and partners of this ministry, as together we are seeing lives changed. We believe that you, our partners, are greatly prospering—spirit, soul, and body—as you experience increase in the seed you have sown multiplying and increase in the fruits of your righteousness. God's richest blessings in Christ are already yours. Believe and establish this truth in your hearts and have open hearts to receive all that God has given you in Christ Jesus.

Love and blessings,

Cecil + Lisa



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