

# The Reluctant Refugee

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[ 0 : 00 ] The 13th of November, The Reluctant Refugee, Luke 17, 32, Remember Lot's Wife. We live in a time when there are, sadly, many thousands of refugees.

People are having to flee for their lives, leaving all their possessions behind them. The world can be a desperately cruel place when wicked men are in control. Yesterday, we read about Abraham pleading with the Lord to save his nephew Lot and his family when the wicked city of Sodom was to be destroyed.

In his mercy, the Lord agreed, and in Genesis 19, we read that the angels of God did save Lot, his wife, and his daughters. The angels told them to flee for their lives to a place of safety before the terrible destruction of Sodom took place.

But Lot's wife was obviously reluctant to leave her home and possessions. She still clung to the hope that she could go back, or at least save something.

She lingered behind the others, and we read, But Lot's wife behind him looked back, and she became a pillar of salt. Genesis 19, 26 Years later, Jesus used this as an example of neglecting to be right with God before his judgment day, which will come to all of us.

[ 1 : 27 ] Remember Lot's wife. This should come as a wake-up call to any of us who may not yet be Christians, who have not yet given their hearts to Jesus, and asked for his forgiveness and grace.

It is Jesus who warns us. Remember Lot's wife. A prayer. Dear Lord Jesus, help us to truly trust you for salvation.

Amen.