

Always, when God desires to save someone, His grace is abundant—so immense that externally, it can appear as though someone is being forced or moved by an external power. This was clearly seen in the story of Lot, his wife, and his children.

When the two angels arrived and Lot delayed leaving the city, they held his hand, the hand of his wife, and the hands of his two daughters, and physically pulled them out of the city. This was not by human strength but by God's mercy:

*Genesis 19:15-16 - "When the morning dawned, the angels urged Lot, saying, 'Hurry! Take your wife and your two daughters who are here, or you will be swept away in the punishment of the city.' When he hesitated, the men seized his hand and the hands of his wife and of his two daughters, the LORD being merciful to him, and they brought him out and set him outside the city."*

Yet, this act of divine pulling did not continue forever. Once they were safely outside the city, Lot and his family were instructed to take the next step themselves: to flee without looking back. Tragically, Lot's wife disobeyed.

*Genesis 19:17 - "As they brought them out, one said, 'Escape for your life! Do not look back or stop anywhere in the plain! Escape to the mountains, or you will be swept away.'"*

This narrative illustrates a profound spiritual truth: salvation is an act of immense grace. No one can save themselves by their own strength. God saw that angelic intervention alone was not enough, so He ultimately sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to rescue us from the ultimate judgment and the lake of fire (Revelation 20:14-15). Christ holds our hand spiritually, pulling us away from the path of destruction and into safety.

But once God has placed us in a position of safety, it becomes our responsibility to appreciate and protect that salvation by fleeing sin, just as Lot and his children were instructed. If we witness God's hand delivering us from sin and continue to return to disobedience, we risk spiritual stagnation and ruin.

Lot's wife serves as a cautionary example. Though she had been saved, her heart remained attached to the world. When she looked back, she became a pillar of salt. Why salt? Unlike wood or

stone, salt is preserved indefinitely—it retains its essence forever. The Bible often uses salt to signify enduring covenants:

*2 Chronicles 13:5 - "Did he not have a covenant with David, and with his descendants forever, concerning the kingdom of Israel? The LORD, God of Israel, gave him a perpetual covenant of salt."*

(Also see Numbers 18:19 - the covenant of salt as an enduring promise.)

Lot's wife's "salt pillar" shows the peril of failing to honor God's grace. Today, if we neglect salvation or treat it lightly, we may appear outwardly alive but spiritually dead, akin to her. True salvation is not temporary; God's drawing power must be met with obedience. Failure to respond can result in eternal separation from Him, despite prior experiences of grace, visions, or miraculous deliverance.

*Philippians 2:12-13 - "Continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to His good purpose."*

If anyone reading this still feels a small flame of conviction within, do not allow it to be extinguished. Confess your sins wholeheartedly to God, renounce all evil, and follow Christ. The Holy Spirit is already calling you to turn and take steps forward. The fear you feel now is precious—it is the Spirit prompting repentance.

### Practical Steps for Repentance and Salvation:

1. Stop indulgence in sin: avoid drunkenness, immorality, theft, bribery, and any disobedience to God.
2. Turn away from past sins like Lot's wife—do not “look back.”
3. Confess your sins sincerely, acknowledging Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

### A sample prayer for salvation:

“O God, Father, I come before You, acknowledging that I am a sinner and have committed many sins. Though I deserve judgment, You are merciful and loving. Today I seek Your forgiveness and help. I repent with all my heart and acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord and the Savior of the world. By the power of His holy blood, cleanse me and make me a new creation starting today and forever. Thank You, Lord Jesus, for receiving and forgiving me. Amen.”

After praying, confirm your repentance through action. Leave sinful habits behind. Seek fellowship with a spiritual church community, study the Bible, and pursue baptism in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. These steps solidify salvation and invite God's abiding presence in your life.

Remember, only Jesus Christ can deliver you to safety. Human religion, denominations, or cultural affiliations alone cannot secure eternal life. Salvation is found in Him alone.

If you are ready today, this decision is wise and will never bring regret. Take a moment, pray sincerely, and embrace new life in Christ. God will be with you always.

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