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I'd like for you to look tonight at the words of our Lord in [Luke 17:26-32](#), and my subject tonight is entitled:

"THE DAYS OF NOAH REVISITED."

Now these are the words of Jesus,
beginning with [verse 26 of Luke 17...](#) (**words in RED**)

**26. And as it was in the days of Noah,
so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.**

**27. They did eat, they drank,
they married wives, they were given in marriage,
until the day that Noah entered into the ark,
and the flood came, and destroyed them all.**

**28. Likewise also, as it was in the days of Lot;
they did eat, they drank,
they bought, they sold,
they planted, they builded;**

**29. But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom
it rained fire and brimstone from heaven,
and destroyed them all.**

**30. Even thus shall it be
in the day when the Son of man is revealed.**

**31. In that day,
he which shall be upon the housetop,
and his stuff in the house,
let him not come to take it away:
and he that is in the field,
let him likewise not return back.**

32. Remember Lot's wife.

The Bible says nobody knows the exact time when Jesus is going to come again.

Jesus himself said in [Mark 13:32](#):

But of that day and that hour
knoweth no man,
no, not the angels which are in heaven,
neither the Son, but the Father.

But the Bible does indicate to us
that there are certain indications
which will let us know that
the coming of the Lord is drawing near.

For instance Jesus, in [Matt. 24:32](#),
as He was talking about His second return,
says words like this:

Now learn a parable of the fig tree,
when his branch is yet tender
and putteth forth leaves
you know that the summer is nigh.
So likewise you,
when you shall see all these things,
know that it is near, even at the doors.

I personally believe
that we are very near to the return of the Lord Jesus.

Now Jesus said:
study the days of Noah,

because as it was in the days of Noah,
that's the way it'll be
in the days, when the Son of man comes.

NUMBER ONE:

when we study the days of Noah
we discover that they were:

DAYS OF SPIRITUAL DEPARTURE.

In Genesis chapter 6 God said to that day:

MY SPIRIT WILL NOT ALWAYS STRIVE WITH MAN.

Now what God was saying by that statement
was that He was disturbed
by the lack of faith on the earth,

God was disturbed by spiritual departure.

**The household of faith
had shrunk to a household of only 8 people**

because only Noah,
his wife,
his sons
and their wives

were spared when they went into the ark
and the flood came.

Let's think for a moment about our days now.

**Are our days characterized by:
SPIRITUAL DEPARTURE?**

**There are some basic things
that are clearly taught in the Bible
that constitute Christianity,**

**and if you do away with any one of them
then you do not have Christianity.**

ILLUSTRATION:

Some of you were at the L.B. annual conv. two yrs. in a row, when it was voted to not include a statement about the inerrancy of the Bible in our by-laws.

**WE ARE LIVING IN DAYS OF:
SPIRITUAL DEPARTURE**

WHEN PEOPLE ARE ABANDONING THE FAITH.

Revelation chapter 13 teaches that one day,
there's going to be a one-world church.

**The only way you can have a one-world church
is that people have to sacrifice denominations
which make them different from other denominations.**

**So they have to WATER DOWN DOCTRINE,
so that a person will have to believe very little
to affiliate with that particular religious system.**

**There are churches all over this land
where little handfuls of people are gathering together,

where the vast majority of the congregation
does not have time to go to church.**

**So we are in the days of Noah,
we are in the days
where faith is being abandoned
on the part of those who claim that faith.**

**When a society departs from the Word of God
it has no spiritual foundations.
we're living in a time
when it's all right to burn the flag

but it is not all right to put a nativity scene
in a government building.

It is illegal to tear off the tag of a mattress
and yet you can burn the flag.

Something's wrong with that,
that just doesn't make sense to me.**

**You see, what's happened to America is:
we've just lost our spiritual foundations,

we have abandoned the faith.**

**Now when a society abandons faith
it leaves a spiritual vacuum.**

**When a church doesn't have a clear message
and doesn't preach the truth of God:

then people begin to turn somewhere else
to find something
to fill the spiritual void in their souls.**

**When men depart from the true God
they seek out gods of their own making.**

**As it was in the days of Noah, said Jesus,
so shall it be in the coming of the Son of man.**

It will be days of spiritual departure.

**NUMBER TWO: when we study the days of Noah
we discover that they were:**

DAYS OF SOCIAL DISTRESS.

**For instance we are told in Genesis 6,
that the wickedness of men was great on the earth.**

**Well could I say to you tonight:
WE ARE LIVING IN THOSE SAME KINDS OF DAYS?**

**You see, what used to
slink on the back streets of American life;**

**now purposely parades
down the main streets of our cities,**

**it now loudly boasts its lifestyle
on television talk shows
and forms churches to magnify its lifestyle.**

We're living in days of social distress.

NUMBER THREE: when we study the days of Noah
we discover that they were:

DAYS OF PHYSICAL DISTURBANCES.

**Now in the days of Noah,
of course the physical disturbance was the flood.**

**Jesus said in Matthew 24 that in the days before His coming
there would also be physical disturbances:
there would be famines
there would be pestilences
there would be earthquakes.**

**As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be
in the days of the coming of the Son of man.**

NUMBER FOUR: when we study the days of Noah
we discover that they were also characterized by:

SPECIAL DELIVERANCE.

**Now when you study the end times
you will discover that:**

**there are FOUR PERSONALITIES
that play prominently**

in the end time comparisons:

1st. personality is NOAH,

**who really is an illustration of the nation of Israel,
because, you see, Noah went through the flood,
God delivered him through the flood.**

2nd. personality is a man named LOT.

Did you see Jesus mention him in this 17th chapter? He says: As it was in the days of Lot.

Lot was a backslidden believer,

**He was a child of God,
but, you couldn't have guessed it by his lifestyle;**

He was a backslidden believer.

**And verse 29 says:
the same day that Lot went out of Sodom
it rained fire and brimstone from heaven
and destroyed them all.**

But you know what?

The fire didn't fall until God got Lot out of Sodom.

He was saved, yet so as by fire.

**That's the way it's going to be
for some Christians,**

**I mean you're born again
but you're not living for Jesus,**

**you're saved,
you're going to heaven when you die**

but your lifestyle is a testimony not for Jesus

it's a testimony against the Lord Jesus Christ.

Don't be a Lot Christian.

3rd. personality is a man named ENOCH.

You know what happened to Enoch?

**Before the flood came,
the Bible says that Enoch walked with God**

and he was not, for God took him.

**In the midst of that world filled with:
social distress,
spiritual departure,
and physical disturbance,**

**when a man named Enoch,
by faith, began to walk with God,
and the Bible says he pleased God.**

**You say, Preacher, what do you need to do
to get ready for the coming of the Lord?**

Get saved.
Get born again.
Get Christ in your life.

And then just walk with Jesus every day.

And old Enoch just walked and walked and walked
and one day God said to Enoch,

Enoch, you come on up here into my big house.

And Enoch was not... for God took him.

He just got a rapture ahead of the Rapture.

I want to be an Enoch Christian.

I don't want to be a Lot Christian
going in saved but as by fire,

The Bible says old Enoch was taken
and he was not found.

Well if he wasn't found
that meant somebody was looking for him,
he was missed.

But I'll tell you what, folks,
what God did for one man, Enoch,

He's going to do for millions one of these days.

God's people are going to be caught up.

Yes, sir, as it was in the days of Noah...

**4th. personality is Lot's Wife
in verse 32. Jesus said, Remember Lot's wife.**

**You see, she figures prominently
in comparisons of end time scripture.**

She was the wife of a backslidden believer, Lot.

Sodom was in her.

And then you remember the angels came

**and said judgment is on the way,
the fire
and the brimstone
are getting ready to fall,**

**you better get out of this city,
and don't look back.**

**And then she starts thinking:
Well what about my jewels,
I've left them.**

And what about my house.

**And the Bible says she turned
and with a hankering look,
she looked back on Sodom.**

And the Bible says she became a pillar of salt.

And Jesus said, Remember Lot's wife.

You see, Jesus EMBALMED HER in the Bible

**as a PERPETUAL MEMORIAL:
to the deadly DANGER OF DELAY.**

**If you're in this building tonight
and you have never received the Lord Jesus Christ
as your personal Savior**

God's word to you is:

Remember Lot's wife.

Don't delay. Don't put it off.

STORY:

**Man's son died 20 yrs. ago
son came to him in dream
Daddy, Jesus said you would not be here with me
unless YOU ask Jesus to come into your heart.**

**Daddy, it's not just for me,
there are so many little boys like myself, here,
and many won't ever see their Daddy again.**

I thought you might be a Daddy to them too when you get here.

DAYS OF SPIRITUAL DEPARTURE.

DAYS OF SOCIAL DISTRESS.

DAYS OF PHYSICAL DISTURBANCES.

DAYS OF SPECIAL DELIVERANCE.