

until you arrive there

"hurry, escape there. for I cannot do anything until you arrive there." gen 19:22

that's what the ones sent to destroy sodom and gommorah said to lot before judgment was delivered. he was also instructed to bring to safety with him those of his family. "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!" gen 19:12

it was his wife that looked back with longing. so much to leave behind. so much of the familiar and knowing. so much of possessions and things. so many things that held her desire. that is what kept her from the trip to safety.

we too are destined for a trip and it is things of longing for this world that will keep many from making it. our Lord Jesus warned us, "sell what you have and give alms; provide yourselves money bags which do not grow old, a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches nor moth destroys. for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." luke 12:33-34

Jesus doesn't necessarily want us to relieve ourselves of all earthly possessions. He wants us to relieve ourselves of any holds it may have on us. anything that would keep our eyes off the that of true value. "when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it." matt 13:46 we

who have come into the light have discovered that pearl of great price. we must now sell all our earthly holds, though it will cost many dearly.

for "father will be divided against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law." luke 12:53 that may be a cost one has to pay. "he who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me." matt 10:37

yes, we are destined for a trip. a great and final trip to a new home. a home like we have never known before. one of true belonging and being wanted and loved. it's a fulfillment of all we can never really know in this world.

but our packing must be light. in fact, it must be non-existent. we must have stored out treasures there before us, knowing it will be in safe keeping. essentials lacking in our storage will be provided when we get there.

the point of all this is that a retrieval is coming for us believers. God did nothing before lot got to safety. God did nothing until noah shut the door to the ark. "for God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 thess 5:9

He is waiting for us. i believe Him to be as anxious as we are. but we must love Him above all and before

all. the cup of His wrath is about to be poured out on those who delight in deeds of darkness. but He can do nothing until we get there. Get there safe in His loving embrace. maranatha!