

MEMORIES

2 PETER 1:12-15; 3:1-2

REMEMBER

We are prone to forget.

- Israel of old was constantly reminded, “*Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes saw, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life; but make them known unto thy children and thy children’s children ...*” (Deuteronomy 4:9)
- Moses warned that when they came into the promised land and began to partake of its blessings, “... then *beware lest thou forget Jehovah, who brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage*” (Deuteronomy 6:10-12).

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- And again, “*Beware lest thou forget Jehovah thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his ordinances, and his statutes, which I command thee this day: lest, when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt therein; and when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied; then thy heart be lifted up, and thou forget Jehovah thy God, who brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage*” (Deuteronomy. 8:11-14).
- Oh, how soon and how often they had forgotten God. “*Can a virgin forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire? yet my people have forgotten me days without number*” (Jeremiah 2:32)

REMEMBER

- **Rainbow. Genesis 9:12ff**
- **The Passover. Exodus 12:14, 24; 13:8, 14**
- **Ark Of The Covenant: Hebrews 9:4**
Omer Of Manna Exodus 16:33
Aaron’s Rod. Exodus 7-8; Numbers 17:6-10
Tablets Of Stone. Deuteronomy 6:20
- **These Twelve Stones. Joshua 4:19-24**
- **The Lord’s Supper. 1 Corinthians 11:23ff**

MEMORIES THAT PREVENT ECCLESIASTES 12:1FF

- **Teach The Younger. Deuteronomy 6:10-12**
- **“Remember Thy Creator.”**
 - **How?** cf. Exodus 12; Joshua 4
 - **When?** Youth Onward. Psalms 90:12
 - **Why?** Proverbs 22:6

MEMORIES THAT PREVENT ECCLESIASTES 12:1FF

- **“REMEMBER LOT’S WIFE.”** Luke 17:32
- **EXAMPLES:**
 - **Joseph. Genesis 39:8-9**
 - **Moses. Hebrews 11:24-25**
 - **Daniel. Daniel 1:8**
 - **Timothy. 2 Timothy 1:5-6**
- **Forget God And We Are Doomed.**
Hosea 4:6; Jeremiah 2:32; 13:25

MEMORIES THAT CURE

- **Examples:**
 - **Peter's Memory Caused Him To Repent.** Luke 22:31ff, 61
 - **Prodigal Son Remembered Home.** Luke 15
- **Memory Needs To Be Stirred.** 2 Peter. 1:12ff; 3:1-2; Revelation 2:5
- **Lord's Supper Serves To Keep Afresh In Our Memory The Suffering And Saving Power Of Christ.** Luke 22:19

MEMORIES THAT TORMENT

- **Examples:**
 - **David.**
 - **Sorrow Of His Sin With Bathsheba.** Psalms 51
 - **Sorrow Over Absalom.** 2 Samuel 18:31-33
 - **Jews In Captivity.** Psalms 137
 - **Jews When Returning Saw The Destroyed Temple.** Ezra 3:12; Haggai 2:3
 - **"Son Remember."** Luke 16:25
 - **Death Has No Power Over Memory.** Matthew 25

CONCLUSION:

- **TO THE END THAT WE MAY ESCAPE A MEMORY THAT WILL TORMENT FOREVER, LET US HAVE A MEMORY THAT PREVENTS AND CURES.**