

Remember to Remember:
A Biblical survey of the concept of memory

God remembers

1. He remembers good (Hebrews 6:10)
2. He remembers evil (Hosea 7:2; 8:13; 9:9)
3. He remembers His promises (Gen. 8:1; 9:15-16; Isaiah 49:15-16)

What we are to remember

1. God's Salvation (Exodus 13:3)
2. God's Day for Remembering Salvation (Exodus 20:8)
3. God's Benefits--every last one of them (Psalm 103:2)
4. Any suggestions....?

How we are to remember

1. How do people remember people or events today? Give some examples.
2. With physical objects like rocks. (Exodus 28:12; Joshua 4:4-24)
3. With sounds--Trumpet Blasts (Numbers 10:9-10)
4. With feasts--Passover and Lord's Supper (Exodus 12:14; 1 Cor. 11:24-26)
5. With brain cells--a.k.a., MEMORIZE (Psalm 119:11,16)
6. With sensitivity to where God is at work in us and around us (Deut. 6:6-9, 12, 20-25)
7. With prayer (Philippians 1:3-4)
8. REVIEW and forget. REVIEW and forget. REVIEW and forget. REVIEW and REMEMBER!
 - a. Hardheads need repetition! Don't get offended by God's method. He remembers our frame, He knows that we are dust, frail, and easily forget what matters.
 - b. 2 Peter 1:12-13, in context of verses 5-11; 3:1-2

Why we are to remember

1. We will perish if we forget (Job 8:13; Psalm 9:11)
2. We can enjoy God (Psalm 1:2; 19:7-8)
3. We can share the good news with others (Psalm 78:4-8)
4. We can obey ONLY what we remember (Exodus 20:8; 2 Peter 1:9)
5. We can avoid sin, and find healing for the messiest circumstance (Ps. 119:9,11,105)
6. Facts remembered lead to Faith applied (Galatians 2:10; 2 Corinthians 8:7-9)

WE REMEMBER

1. What hath God wrought in your life this past year?
2. What hath God wrought in your congregation this past year?
3. What hath God wrought in the world at large this past year?

A reflection on memorizing Bible truth: Memorizing is not a worthless activity. For centuries Christians have been obeying the Scripture's call to hide God's Words in our heart. Christians of all ages and all intellectual abilities have done so. Every field of study has things to memorize--math, science, economics, banking, and so on. And as important as each of those areas is, memorizing what true faith is and how one gets right before God is a whole lot more important than memorizing what 5x5 is or the names of the parts of the brain, or the combinations to a safe.