



## WEEKLY DEVOTIONALS FROM PASTOR LYLE WAHL

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It is important, even vital to remember some things. It goes without saying that we need to remember to drive on the correct side of the road and stop when the traffic light is red.

God remembers, always. He does not have a problem with or even the possibility of forgetting. This is based on His perfect knowledge of everything.

- Job proclaimed that God “is perfect in knowledge” (37:16).
- The apostle John declared that “God knows all things” (1 John 3:20).



Perhaps the most beautiful picture of God remembering is found in Isaiah chapter 49.

“But Zion said, ‘The LORD has abandoned me, and the LORD has forgotten me.’ ‘Can a woman forget her nursing child and have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, but I will not forget you. Behold, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands; your walls are continually before Me’” (14-16).

Yes, God by His nature and in His actions remembers. He always remembers, takes note of you. He never takes His eyes off of You. As the Psalm writer tells us, “God will remember His covenant forever” (111:5). He remembers and keeps His promises to you, always.

God tells us to remember Him and what He has done for us. In both the Old and New Testament God repeatedly tells us to remember His commandments, His word. His word is truth. His word is critical to know and live in a way that pleases God. Recall the words from Psalm 119, “How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Your [God’s] word” (9).

God also tells us to “Remember His wonders which He has done, His marvels and the judgments spoken by His mouth” (1 Chronicles 16:12).

- God repeatedly told Israel to remember His work of delivering them from slavery in Egypt, as in Deuteronomy chapter 5, “you shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out of there by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm” (15).

- God told them to remember what He did for them in the wilderness, even though they were wandering there because of their rebellion. Deuteronomy chapter 8,

“you shall remember all the way which the LORD your God has led you in the wilderness these forty years, in order to humble you, putting you to the test, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. And He humbled you and let you go hungry, and fed you with the manna which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, in order to make you understand that man shall not live on bread alone, but man shall live on everything that comes out of the mouth of the LORD” (2-3).

We don’t have the time to unpack all the truth in these two verses, but note that they were to not only remember God’s provision for their physical needs, but also that God humbled them to test them so they would learn to trust and obey Him.

When we turn to the New Testament gospels and letters we are repeatedly told to remember what Jesus said, taught, commanded. We are also told to remember what we were before we knew Christ and what we now are since we came to Him. As Paul wrote in Ephesians chapter 2,

“remember that previously you, the Gentiles in the flesh, who are called ‘Uncircumcision’ by the so-called ‘Circumcision’ which is performed in the flesh by human hands — remember that you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the people of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of the promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who previously were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ” (11-13).

Jesus told the church at Ephesus, “remember from where you have fallen, and repent, and do the deeds you did at first”, and the church at Sardis, “remember what you have received and heard; and keep it, and repent” (2:5; 3:3).

This is just the tip of the iceberg in what God tells us about *remembering*.

God remembers us always. As we rejoice and take comfort in this, a question is “Do we remember Him, His word, His grace, always?”

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