

Don't Forget! Remember!

By Joe Slater

This coming Monday is Memorial Day. I'm glad we have a national day to remember those who gave that "last full measure of devotion" for freedom. Let this day be more than staying home from work and grilling burgers. If you haven't attended ceremonies at a nearby cemetery lately, I urge you to do so Monday. We forget all too easily.

God's people have always struggled with forgetfulness. No less than eleven times in Deuteronomy the Lord warned Israel not to forget. Don't forget your deliverance from Egypt. Don't forget the covenant. Don't forget the Lord's commands. Don't forget the consequences of disobedience and rebellion. In short, don't forget God!

At least thirteen times in that same book, He charged Israel to remember. They were to remember the very things He told them elsewhere not to forget. No surprise, right?

We think of the Passover feast as a memorial of their deliverance from Egyptian bondage, but the other feast days also promoted remembrance. The Sabbath was, among other things, a remembrance (Deut. 5:15). The piles of stones set up when Israel crossed Jordan memorialized that great event.

Today the Lord's Supper prompts us to remember what Jesus did for us at the cross. And yes, even in the first century some forgot how Jesus had cleansed them from sin (2 Peter 1:9). However, the Lord's Supper isn't all we should remember. Jesus urged His disciples to remember His words (John 15:20; 16:4). Peter wrote so that his readers would remember (2 Peter 1:12-15); and Jude exhorted his readers to "remember the words which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ" (v. 17).

We confront the same dangers Israel faced. Don't forget! Remember!

- Justin Church of Christ, Justin, TX (via *Bulletin Gold*) -

Memories
are
timeless treasures
of the
Heart

Remembering the past gives power to the present.

News & Notes

CONVERT'S CLASS: Each Thursday at 11:00 a.m. Open to all.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Next Saturday, June 1st, 8:00 a.m. at Family Kitchen & Smokehouse (formerly EJ's).

GRADUATION PARTY: For Maysun Reardon, Next Saturday, June 1st, Noon to 2:00 p.m. at the Fellowship Bldg.

COVERED DISH DINNER: Next Sunday, June 2nd, about noon at the Fellowship Bldg., followed by our early afternoon service at 2:00 p.m. at the church building.

OUR VBS: June 10-14, 10:00 a.m. to Noon. For ALL ages.

PANTRY: Instant potatoes.

REMEMBER THESE SICK & SHUT-IN: At Home: Becky McKittrick, Zachary Giddy (Tim Martin's grandson), Dean Spencer, Peggy Linger, Claudette Miller, Nancy Cox, Barbara DeLong, David Strum, Cheryl Renfro Walker, David Michaels (Ed's brother), Todd Grimes (Cindy Miskimen's nephew), Lori Stocks (Karen Strum's niece), Eric Martin (friend of Joe Brubaker), Rich Shilling (relative of Iris Durbin). **Fox - Chester:** Audrey Geer (Linda Hall's mother), Janice Hutchins, Mary Johnson. **Elsewhere:** Carol Williams (Sharon Sprout's mother), 104 N. Clayton, Carlsbad, NM 88220. **Herman McHan**, 7401 Elmwood Dr., Lisbon, OH 44432.

The Anatomy of Proverbs

Recently, as I was reading in the book of Proverbs, I noticed several references to parts of the body. Here are just a few:

Hair. Gray hair is a crown of glory; it is gained in a righteous life (Proverbs 16:31).

Head. Blessings are on the head of the righteous, but the mouth of the wicked conceals violence (Proverbs 10:6).

Ears. An intelligent heart acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge. For a man's ways are before the eyes of the Lord, and he ponders all his paths (Proverbs 5:21).

Nose. For pressing milk produces curds, pressing the nose produces blood, and pressing anger produces strife (Proverbs 30:33).

Mouth. The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life, but the mouth of the wicked conceals violence (Proverbs 10:11).

Neck. Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart (Proverbs 3:3).

Chest. Can a man carry fire next to his chest and his clothes not be burned? (Proverbs 6:27).

Arms. She (the excellent wife), dresses herself with strength and makes her arms strong. (Proverbs 31:17).

Of course tis isn't an exhaustive list of references. Hopefully we take note of the wisdom of these great writings.

- Troy Albers, Rosenberg, TX (*Bulletin Digest*) -