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*My* ***F****aithful prayer partner/s in the* ***F****aith and in the defence of the Gospel* (Phil. 1:5, 7)

***The Seventeenth Anniversary of Ruminations***

Dear Prayer Partners,

Thank you for your fellowship with me all these years through ***Ruminations*.**

I am not sure how many of you were with me when I first wrote Ruminations for the Remembrance of the Lord, and since then, have been Receiving it continuously until today!

For the Recollection of all you faithful saints, the first Rumination was posted out on **27th February, 2005** – 17 years ago! Since that time until now, every single Lord’s Day, the Ruminations have gone out without fail to Remind the saints of God to Remember His Precious Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in accordance to His commandment as passed down to all of us as Recorded below:

**1 Corinthians 11:24**
*And when He had given thanks, He brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is My body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of Me.*

**1 Corinthians 11:25**
*After the same manner also He took the cup, when He had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in My blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me.*

**1 Corinthians 11:26**
*For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till He come.*

Yesterday’s Rumination was **No. 892**. Since the first one which was just a very simple rumination it has developed to what it is today. In the Will, Permission and Enablement of the Lord, I intend to carry on this weekly rumination to its 1000th edition., that will be just over two years from now. Then I will stop. If not, I trust the Lord will continue in His own way to go on Reminding us to continue faithfully to Remember Him until He comes.

I have attached herewith Rumination No. 1 for those who were with me from the beginning to Refresh themselves of this memory and for those who join us later of how it all started.

Once again, thank you all for your prayers and fellowship all these years.

To God be the Glory and to the Remembrance of the Lord, not only every Lord’s Day but every day too.

Yours in His Name and to His Glory,

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**Ruminations for the Remembrance of the Lord**

        The ruminations are to prepare you for the Remembrance Feast. Each one will take the form of a short Biblical link or outline to lead you to meditate and ruminate on thoughts that will focus on the remembrance of the Lord as He commanded when He instituted the Lord's Supper - " *this do in remembrance of Me.* " (I Cor. 11:24, 25). Often believers find this difficult – either they allow their thoughts to stray because of “***empty minds***” resulting in “***empty hands***” that cannot **R**emember and **R**evere because of “***empty hearts***” which are not prepared, hence, the "***silence of emptiness***" at many a Remembrance Feast in many assemblies.

One condition in approaching the Lord is “*they shall not appear before the LORD empty, every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD thy God which he hath given thee.*” (Deut. 16:16, 17).

Note: 1. The **P**recondition - *they shall not appear before the LORD empty*

 2. The **P**rerequisite – every *man shall give as he is able*

 3. The **P**reparation - *according to the blessing of the LORD thy God which he hath given* *thee*

The Ruminations are Bible texts that will lead you to the Remembrance of the Lord. Few thoughts are given with the texts. It is expected that with further meditation on these texts, your spirit will be in tune with the Spirit Who will expand these thoughts further to lead you to Remember the Lord and Revere Him.

How to use these Ruminations:

Before attending the Lord’s Supper, prepare your mind, heart and spirit. Spend a time of self-examination before the Lord (I Cor. 11:28). Then refer to the outlined rumination and further meditate on it seeking the Spirit’s help to expand the outline further with thoughts that are focused on the Lord.

Then go to the Lord’s Supper.

During the service, pay attention to the words of the hymns sung, listen carefully to the sentiments expressed in the prayer and praise of each participant, and refer to any Bible passage reading when called upon to do so. Should any of the thoughts so expressed be in line with what you have been meditating seek to connect these thoughts with what you have been ruminating and recall your ruminations to further express or join the others to lead them into a further expansion of what the whole congregation is meditating upon, keeping in mind all the time the purpose of the gathering to remember the Lord.

On the other hand, if the thoughts of the congregation do not seem to link up with your ruminations, do not insist on using them, but follow what the Spirit is leading the congregation to focus their thoughts upon, and *think on these things* (Phil 4:8) as the Spirit leads you to do so.

Your ruminations are still good because they have benefited you personally in your preparation. You can keep them to yourself and *edify yourself*. This is not the time to *edify the church*. (I Cor.14:4). Do not insist on using them publicly.

To help you in your preparation, these Ruminations will be posted every Thursday (to also help those who observe the Lord’s Supper on Friday in the Malay States in Malaysia) so that you can prepare yourself for the Lord's Supper on the Lord's Day. May this weekly feature make the Lord’s Supper a time of meaningful remembrance of the Lord for you.

As a side benefit, these ruminations can also be basic outline studies to help you prepare any sermonettes that you are called upon to deliver or share from time to time.

**1. Rumination for February 27, 2005**

The **T**heme: ***Remember ME***

The **T**ext: *this do in remembrance of Me.* **I Cor. 11:24, 25**

The **T**hots:

A. The Lord commanded I Cor. 11:24, 25

1. *Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in* ***remembrance of Me****.*

*2. This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in* ***remembrance of Me****.*

B. Joseph, a picture of the Lord, requested the chief butler:

 ***Think on me*** *when it shall be well with thee.* Gen. 40:14

C. Sadly that was not to be.

 *Yet did not the chief butler* ***remember*** *Joseph, but* ***forgot*** *him*. Gen. 40:23

App. Is it possible that while I am at this Remembrance Feast instituted by the Lord Himself to remember Him, that I forget Him and think of other things else?

*King of my life I crown Thee now – Thine shall the glory be;*

*Lest I forget Thine thorn-crowned brow, Lead me to Calvary.*

*Lest I forget Gethsemane, Lest I forget Thine agony.*

*Lest I forget Thy love for me, Lead me to Calvary.*

 *– Jennie Evelyn Hussey*