**R860 Rumination for 18th July, 2021 by K.C. Ung**

The **T**heme: **Remember Me**  [berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com/)

The **T**ext:  *This do in* ***remembrance*** *of Me.* Lk. 22:20

The **T**hots:

1. **Samson’s Call to God to remember him Jud.16:28**
*And Samson called unto the LORD, and said, O Lord GOD,* ***remember me****.*
2. His **P**rayer *I pray thee, and strengthen me.*
3. His **P**lea: *I pray Thee, only this once, O God.*
4. His **P**etition: *that I may be at once avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes.*
5. His **P**ictured **P**osture resembling crucifixion: Jud.16:29-30
*Samson took hold of the two middle pillars…of the one with his right hand, and of the other with his left. And Samson said, Let me die with the Philistines…he bowed himself with all his might; and the house fell upon the lords, and upon all the people…therein.*
6. The **P**roduct:

*The dead which he slew at his death were more than they which he slew in his life.*

* When **C**hrist was **C**rucified and died on the **C**ross, His death made possible

for **M**yriads of **M**ultitudes to receive Life. Jn. 12:24

*Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die,*

*it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.*

*They sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy…for Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us*

*to God by Thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;* Rev. 5:9

1. **Hannah’s Cry to God to Remember Her. I Sam. 1:11**
2. Her **C**ondition…*Hannah had no children…the LORD had shut up her womb.* I Sam.1:2, 5

*She was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the LORD, and wept sore.* 1:10

1. The **C**riticism: *Her adversary…provoked her; therefore she wept, and did not eat.* 1:6, 7
2. Her **C**ry: ***remember me,*** *and* ***not forget*** *thine handmaid…give unto thine handmaid a man child*
3. Her **C**onsecration of her **C**hild: *She vowed a vow* (1:11)…*I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life.*
4. Her **C**onception: *Hannah… conceived, that she bare a son, and called his name Samuel…* 1:20
5. Her **C**hild: *I prayed for this boy, and since the LORD gave me what I asked Him for,*

*I now give the boy to the LORD. For as long as he lives, he is given to the LORD.* 1:27-28, HCSB

* God is never a Debtor to the One who “Lends” to Him! He returns with a five-fold interest!

*“The Lord visited Hannah, so that she conceived, and bare three sons and two daughters.*

*And the child Samuel grew before the Lord”* I Sam. 2:20-21

1. **The Crucified thief Craved for Christ to Remember Him. Lk. 23:42**

 *And he said unto Jesus, Lord,* ***remember me*** *when thou comest into Thy kingdom.*

1. His **C**rucified **C**ompatriot Riled at **C**hrist Lk. 23:39-42

*And one of the malefactors which were hanged Railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us*

1. His **C**riticism of his **C**ompanion: *Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation?* 23:40
2. His **C**onfession of being a **C**riminal: *We indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds:*

and **C**hrist’s innocence - *but this Man hath done nothing amiss.* 23:41

1. His **C**all: *He said unto Jesus, Lord,* ***remember me*** *when Thou* ***C****omest into Thy kingdom.* 23:42
2. **C**hrist’s **C**ommitment: *Jesus said…Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with Me in paradise*. 23:43
* Soon, he would *be absent from the body…to be present with the Lord.* II Cor. 5:8
1. **Jesus’ Command to His Church to Remember Him.** **I Cor. 11:23-25**
2. The **C**ommand of **C**hrist: I Cor. 11:23-25

*For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: 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.***

*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. The **C**ommitment of the **C**hurch: Acts 2:42

*They Continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in* ***breaking of bread****…*

1. The **C**oming together on the **C**ommencement (*First day*) of the week. Acts 20:7

*And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread…*

1. The **C**entre and **C**ommemoration of their gathering: Lk. 22:19-20

*And He took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying,*

*This is My body which is given for you:* ***this do in remembrance of Me****.*

*Likewise also the cup after supper…This cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you.*

* The Lord’s Supper is a time of **R**emembrance of and **R**everence for the Lord.
* He should be at the **C**entre and **C**ircumference of all our **R**eflections.

*Thanksgiving to the Father, An ancient feast made new.*

*Christ said, This is My body, My body giv’n for you.*

*The holy bread was broken And shared with Jesus’ plea*

 *That His words not be forgotten: Do This;* ***Remember Me****!* Keith H. McIlwain

**REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK R. 860**

1. Remembering and Forgetting are two mental processes which often shape the personality of a person. They can be dealt with separately as (a) *remembering* or (b) *forgetting,* or be coupled together as (c) *Remember to Forget* or (d) *Forget to Remember.*

In the case of (c) it is often a Purposed or Purposeful Act while (d) often refers to a trait in a person’s personality.

What he/she (a) *remembers* or (b) *forgets* makes the person who he/she is. It may be for good or it may be for bad.

God takes cognisance of this important fact and often reminds His people what to remember and what to forget even as He Himself determines what to remember and what to forget. In the latter sense, by right, the Lord being God can never forget, but there are occasions when He chooses to remember to forget for our good.

Consider these occasions when He does so, i.e., when ***He remembers to forget*** for our good:

**Isaiah 43:25 -** *I, even I, am He that blotteth out thy transgressions for Mine own sake,*

*and will not* ***remember*** *thy sins.*

**Hebrews 8:12 -** *For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins*

*and their iniquities will I* ***remember*** *no more.*

**Hebrews 10:17 -** *Their sins and iniquities will I* ***remember*** *no more.* Cf. Heb. 8:12; 10:17

**Jeremiah 31:34** *- And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man*

 *his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know Me…*

 *for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will* ***remember*** *their sin no more.*

There are also times when God keeps a record of those He wants to remember,

and not forget:

**Malachi 3:16 -** *Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another:*

*and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and* ***a book of remembrance*** *was written before Him for them that feared the LORD,*

*and that thought upon His name.*

 That God Can **Remember** to **Forget** what He Chooses, what Comfort does it bring to you? **REFLECT**.

1. Even as God can Remember to Forget, and not Forget to Remember because He is God, He also Reminds us there are times when we ourselves must ***Remember not to Forget***, as He reminded Israel:

**Deuteronomy 9:7** ***Remember, and forget******not****, how thou provokedst the LORD thy God to wrath in the wilderness: from the day that thou didst depart out of the land of Egypt, until ye came unto this place, ye have been rebellious against the LORD*.

* Why did He want Israel to **remember and not forget** this sad and tragic episode in their journey with Him?

**Ecclesiastes 12:1 – *Remember*** *now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them.*

* Why need we to remember our Creator-God in our youth? Many have the idea that they can always seek God in their golden years when they are freer and more relaxed having retired from their youthful pursuits to now have a rest? What is the risk of such a philosophy?
* Finally,whateverPosition we decide to take, it is good to consider Paul’s ambition for his life as he declared to his Philippian brethren, as follows:

**Philippians 3:13-14 –** *Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do,* ***forgetting*** *those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus*.

Do you have a maxim for your life? If you do, what is it? **REFLECT**

**POINTS TO PONDER:**

*A Great* ***P****art in* ***F****orgiving is to* ***F****orget the Offending* ***P****erson’s* ***F****aults.* [Ct. Gen. 41:9]