**R901\_Rumination for May 1, 2022**

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

The **T**ext: ***Remember*** *the Lord God thy Creator.* Eccl. 12:1

The **T**hots:

1. **What God** **Remembers Psa. 105:8**
2. *He hath* ***remembered*** *His covenant for ever, the word which He commanded to a thousand generations.*
3. The **P**erson with whom God made the Covenant. **Psa. 105:9**
4. It was Person**al** *–* *Which covenant He made with Abraham* Cf. Gen. 15:18
5. It was Unilater**al** – ***the LORD*** *made a covenant with Abram…*
6. It was Uncondition**al** *– Unto thy seed have* ***I*** *given this land,*
7. It was Liter**al** and Physic**al** – *from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates…*
8. The **P**eople with whom God **C**onfirmed the **C**ovenant:**Psa. 105:9, 10**

*Covenant... with Abraham... His oath unto Isaac... confirmed the same unto Jacob...*

*and to Israel unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, the lot of your inheritance;* Psa. 105:11

1. The **P**erpetuity of the Covenant – *to Israel for an everlasting covenant.* **Psa. 105:10**
2. The **P**romise that God would Remember the Covenant – Psa. 105:8

*He hath remembered His covenant for ever, the word which He commanded to a thousand generations.*

1. *For He* ***remembered*** *His holy promise, and Abraham His servant.* Psa. 105:42

His Promise to Abraham was… Gen. 12:1-3

1. **U**nilateral – ***I*** *will make of thee a great nation, and* ***I*** *will bless thee, and make thy name great;*

*and thou shalt be a blessing: and* ***I*** *will bless them that bless thee* See #1a above.

1. **U**nconditional – ***I will…I will…I will****…* See above.
2. **U**niversal – *in thee shall* ***all families of the earth*** *be blessed.*
3. God also **Remembers** to Forget. Heb. 8:12
4. *I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I* ***remember no more****.*
5. *And their sins and iniquities will I* ***remember no more.*** Heb. 10:17

1. **What Man is to Remember Psa. 105:5**
2. ***Remember*** *His marvellous works that He hath done; His wonders,* cf. I Chr. 16:12

*and the judgments of His mouth;*

* 1. ***G****ive thanks unto the LORD; call upon His name: make known his deeds among the people.* Psa. 105:1-5
1. ***S****ing unto Him, sing psalms unto Him: talk ye of all His wondrous works.*
2. ***G****lory ye in His holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD.*
3. ***S****eek the LORD, and His strength: seek His face evermore.*
4. ***Remember*** *His marvellous works that he hath done; his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth;*
5. ***Remember*** *the Lord God thy Creator.*Eccl. 12:1
6. **Contrast what Israel failed to Remember: Psa. 106:6, 7ff**

 *We have sinned with our fathers, we have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly.*

1. The **F**ailures in the **P**arched Desert Land (*Wilderness*) 106:**7**-33
2. *Our fathers understood not Thy wonders in Egypt; they remembered not the multitude of Thy mercies;*

*They provoked Him at the sea, even at the Red sea* 106:7

1. (They) *lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tempted God in the desert.* 10614
2. *They made a calf in Horeb, and worshipped the molten image.* 106:19
3. *They angered Him also at the waters of strife, so that it went ill with Moses for their sakes:* 106:32
4. The **F**ailures in the **P**romised Land. Psa. 106:34-46
5. *They did not destroy the nations, concerning whom the LORD commanded them:* 106:**34**, 35
6. *And they served their idols: which were a snare unto them.* 106:**36**-39
7. *Many times did He deliver them; but they provoked Him with their counsel,*

*and were brought low for their iniquity.* 106:40-**43**

1. God’s **F**aithfulness to His **P**romises and His **P**eople Psa. 106:**44**-46

*Nevertheless He regarded their affliction, when He heard their cry:* 106:44

*He remembered for them His covenant* 106:45

*He made them also to be pitied of all those that carried them captives.* 106:46.

1. **What We Need to Remember today I Cor. 11:24-26**
2. *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. *After the same manner also He took the cup…saying, This cup is the new testament in My blood:*

*this do ye, as oft as ye drink it,* ***in remembrance of Me****.
For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till He come.*

*Yes, Christ’s command continues To all who serve His Name
To go and make disciples, That all would sing His fame.
And gathered at one table His holy church shall see*

 *Our Master is still calling: Do This;* ***Remember******Me****!* Keith H. McIlwain,

**REFLECTINS FOR THE WEEK R. 901**

1. **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.*

Wise King Solomon in his books of Wisdom wrote the above to remind all to remember God, their Creator, in their youth, while their faculties function at their peak.

As they age towards God’s limited age of seventy and beyond

**Psalm 90:10, NKJV –** *The days of our lives are seventy years;*

*And if by reason of strength they are eighty years,*

*Yet their boast is only labor and sorrow;*

*For it is soon cut off, and we fly away.*

their faculties will progressively deteriorate to function. As much as they want to remember Him and serve Him then, the infirmities related with aging will catch up with them and they will find it hard to remember their Creator and His marvellous works to be able to enumerate and describe them.

Is this not true with the average normal person as age catches up, his ability to remember things goes down? Or sometimes he can remember that they indeed existed in past time but cannot recall them to the present. This is with regard to his mind which in a way controls the way he lives and, hence, sustains the quality of life for him. But when the brainpower deteriorates, in most cases, so do his other physical faculties to the extent that even when his brain functions well and is still capable of thinking out great things, he is physically handicapped to perform that which he can plan out in his mind. Or it may work the other way round with his physical faculties still strong, but his mental abilities have degenerated. This is what Kong Solomon describes so beautifully in symbolic language of the aging process in **Ecclesiastes 12:1-7 (NKJV)**

1 *Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, Before the difficult days come, And the years draw near when you say, "I have no pleasure in them":*

2 *While the sun and the light, The moon and the stars, Are not darkened,*

 *And the clouds do not return after the rain;*

3 *In the day when the keepers of the house tremble, And the strong men bow down;*

 *When the grinders cease because they are few,*

 *And those that look through the windows grow dim;*

4 *When the doors are shut in the streets, And the sound of grinding is low;*

 *When one rises up at the sound of a bird,*

 *And all the daughters of music are brought low;*

5 *Also they are afraid of height, And of terrors in the way;*

 *When the almond tree blossoms, The grasshopper is a burden, And desire fails.*

 *For man goes to his eternal home, And the mourners go about the streets.*

6***Remember*** *your Creator before the silver cord is loosed, Or the golden bowl is broken,*

 *Or the pitcher shattered at the fountain, Or the wheel broken at the well.*

7 *Then the dust will return to the earth as it was,*

 *And the spirit will return to God who gave it.*

8 *"Vanity of vanities," says the Preacher, "All is vanity."*

Can you identify each stage of the aging process as described by Solomon above?

 **REFLECT**.

1. As one ages, the memory fades. Do you think this is a good process in life?

When is this good and when is this bad? Which do you prefer to happen to you as you age in life? When do you prefer to remember to forget, and when to forget to remember? **REFLECT**

**Points To Ponder:** *God* ***R****emembers to* ***F****orget* (Heb. 8:12; 10:17)

 *even as Man* ***F****orgets to* ***R****emember as he ages.*