**R972 Rumination for Sept. 10, 2023**

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

The **T**ext: *This do in* ***remembrance*** *of Me.* I Cor. 11:24

The **T**hots:

1. **Joseph said, *Remember Me*. Gen. 40:14, 23**
2. When Joseph’s interpretation of the chief baker’s dream came true,

Joseph **R**equested the chief baker to **R**emember him when he was **R**eleased: Gen. 40:14, NKJV

1. ***Remember******me*** *when it is well with you, and please show kindness to me;*

***M****ake* ***M****ention of me to Pharaoh, and get me out of this house.*

1. *Yet the chief butler did not* ***Remember*** *Joseph, but forgot him.* Gen. 40:23, NKJV
2. Consequently, Joseph **R**emained in prison for another two years! Gen. 41:1

*It came to pass at the end of two full years, that Pharaoh dreamed….*

1. *Then spake the chief butler unto Pharaoh, saying,* ***I do remember my faults*** *this day:* Gen. 41:9
* The Butler did not **R**emember Joseph, but **R**ecollected his faults;
* When we come before the Lord at the Lord’s Supper to **remember** Him as He commanded us to,

 do we remember our **S**aviour Who has **F**orgiven our **S**ins or remember our **F**aults and **F**orget our **S**aviour?

1. **Samson said, *Remember Me.*** **Jud. 16:28**
2. Samson **P**leaded to God to help him take **R**evenge on his enemies when he knew he was about to die.

*Samson called unto the LORD, and said, O Lord GOD,* ***Remember me****, I pray thee, and strengthen me,*

*I pray thee, only this once, O God, that I may be at once avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes.*

1. His last **P**ostural act **P**ictured Jesus with His arms outstretched hanging on the cross. Jud. 16:29

*And Samson took hold of the two middle pillars upon which the house stood, and on which it was borne up, of the one with his right hand, and of the other with his left.*

* Do we remember our God only when we are about to leave this earth while we leave Him out of our life when we are alive?
* Samsom indulged his self-driven life for his own **P**leasure until he landed his own self

 in his own self-made snares – he had lived a life full of self-pleasure without God!

* Yet **G**od was **G**racious to answer him and **P**ointed him out in the **G**allery of Faith – Heb. 11:32!

*What shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson…*

1. Samson **P**lotted the death of more enemies in his death than He ever killed in his life time: Jud. 16:30

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

* Jesus saved and continues to save more people after His death then ever in His life time! Jn. 20:29

*Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen Me, thou hast believed:*

*blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.*

1. **The Thief on the Cross said, *Remember Me.* Lk. 23:42, 43**
2. The Thief *said unto Jesus, Lord,* ***Remember me*** *when Thou comest into Thy kingdom.*
3. The Lord’s **R**esponse: *And Jesus said…Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with Me in paradise.*
4. Jesus then was **R**eady to **R**eturn to His Father: Lk. 23:44-46*,* NKJV

*Then the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was torn in two. And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, "Father, 'into Your hands I commit My spirit.' Having said this, He breathed His last*

1. The Lord **R**eturned to His Father; later He would **R**eturn for His Children who have trusted in Him: Jn. 14:3

*And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and* ***R****eceive you unto Myself;*

*that where I am, there ye may be also*.

1. **Paul said, *Remember ME.*** **I Cor. 11:2**

 *Now I praise you, brethren, that ye* ***remember Me*** *in all things, and keep the ordinances,*

 *as I delivered them to you.* What were these ordinances?

1. Jesus delivered unto Paul the **O**rdinance of the Divine **O**rder of the Godhead: I Cor. 11:3

*But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.*

1. Hence, the man must not cover his head – I Cor. 11:4

 *Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonoureth his head.*

1. Hence, the woman must cover her head – I Cor. 11:5

 *But every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with her head uncovered dishonoureth her head:*

* Because Christ is the Head of the Church! Col. 1:18

*And He is the Head of the body, the church…that in all things He might have the preeminence.*

1. Jesus delivered unto Paul the Ordinance of the Lord’s Supper. I **Cor. 11:23**
2. *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:* I Cor. 11:24-25

1. *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****… 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***.

*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

**Reflections for the Week R. 972**

1. It is indeed a wonderful and an amazing thought that the Infinite God Who created the universe can ever be Mindful of Minute Man on earth and can be called upon to think of this finite Minuscule Microscopic Man so Insignificant and so Infinitesimal that he can just utter, “O God, Remember me!”

From the Rumination texts above and from their further consideration next week it is just incomprehensible, yea Mind-boggling to the human mind that this minute man can ever call upon the Majestic God of creation to be Mindful of and to remember him – and He will hear!

Indeed, like the writer to Hebrews, we can only join him to be amazed, astounded and astonished at this wonderful relationship between God and Man just to cry out in awesome wonder –

*But one has somewhere testified:* ***What is man that You remember him****, or the son of man that You care for him? You made him lower than the angels for a short time; You crowned him with glory and honor and subjected everything under his feet. For in subjecting everything to him, He left nothing that is not subject to him. As it is, we do not yet see everything subjected to him.* (Heb. 2:6-8). This is the glory of earthly man that God has bestowed on him, with the rest yet to come. If Man is to look into himself today, he will also find himself to be a Miracle of Creation taking into consideration all that he is bodily, organically, mentally, and personally. There is no other creation equivalent to him. He is indeed precious to God. Thus, it is not surprising to know that when man calls out to God to remember him, He can and does remember him.

­Are you amazed and awed by this relationship – your relationship, with God? Have you ever called on God to “*Remember me*” for some reason or other? **REFLECT**.

1. It is understandable when man calls on the Lord to Remember him, for he is ever weak and *without strength* (Rom. 5:6). But for the Lord to call on His own to Remember Him, it is not a call for us to go to His aid, but rather a Call to Commemorate His Death, Burial, Resurrection and coming Return for us – a call to Remember Him! For this Reason, He instituted the Lord’s Supper thus: I Corinthians 11:24-25 –

*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****.*

It is therefore of great importance that when we take of the bread and drink of the cup, we do so, discerning the loaf to be a symbol of His body bruised and broken for us, and the cup of wine, a symbol of the blood that our Lord shed to redeem us from our sins, for *without shedding of blood is no remission*. (Heb. 9:22)

Let us not make the mistake the chief butler did to Joseph when instead of remembering him to Pharoah as one who was able to interpret his dreams, he remembered his faults before Pharoah, leaving him to remain in prison for another two full years consequently.

In our modern generation, instead of remembering our Lord and His redemptive work for us, we may be indulging in being entertained by contemporary music for us to enjoy and spared no thoughts for Him Who was…*despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed*. (Isa. 53:3-5)

The Lord commissioned us ***this do in remembrance of Me. Are we doing it?* REFLECT**

**POINTS TO PONDER**: Every good deed you do for Him, God **Remembers**. Therefore,

***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".* Eccl. 12:1, NKJV