**R973 Rumination for Sept. 17, 2023**

The **T**heme: **REmember me (2)** [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:

**C**ontinuing from last Lord’s Day Rumination, it is noteworthy that there are still more people in the Bible who

**C**ried to the Lord, “*Remember Me.”* For instance, …

1. **Hannah said, *Remember Me.* I Sam. 1:11**

*O LORD of hosts…****remember me,*** *and not forget Thine handmaid**…*

* Hannah’s **P**redicament – she was without a child.
* Hannah’s **P**rayer and **P**ledge – *give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life. She vowed a vow…*
* The Lord answered her **P**rayer and Hannah was **P**regnant: I Sam. 1:19-20

*…Elkanah knew Hannah his wife; and* ***the LORD remembered*** *her. Wherefore it came to pass,*

*…after Hannah had conceived, that she bare a son, and called his name Samuel, saying, Because I have asked him of the LORD.*

* Samuel would be a **L**evite, a **P**riest, belonging to the **L**ord’s **P**roperty.

But he would be **P**ledged to be a Nazarite with *no razor come upon his head.* Num. 6:5

* Hannah’s **P**romise kept: I Sam. 1:28, NKJV
*Therefore I also have lent him to the LORD; as long as he lives he shall be lent to the LORD.*
* God **R**emembered her and she **R**emembered her Promise to **G**od to **G**ive **G**od back

what He **G**ifted to her!

1. **Nehemiah said, *Remember Me.*** **Neh. 13:14**

***Remember me****, O my God, concerning this, and wipe not out my good deeds that I have done for the house of my God, and for the offices thereof.*

1. The House of the Lord was **F**orsaken – *Why is the house of God forsaken?* Neh. 13:11
2. Nehemiah’s Good Deeds Seemed to have been **F**orgotten. Neh. 13:14

***Remember me****, O my God…and wipe not out my good deeds that I have done for the house*

1. The Levites should know that transacting business on the Sabbath Day was **F**orbidden. 13:22

*I commanded the Levites that they should cleanse themselves, and…sanctify the sabbath day.*

1. Nehemiah asked that this transgression indeed be **F**orgiven. Neh.13:31

***Remember me****, O my God…and spare me according to the greatness of Thy mercy.*

1. They were to keep the Appointed **F**easts and Bring in the **F**irstfruits…

*the wood offering, at times appointed, and for the firstfruits.* ***Remember me, O my God*** *for good*

* The Lord’s Supper is His Appointed **F**east for the Church. It **R**eminds us that our Sins have been **F**orgiven and that we are to **R**emember our Lord as He commanded and not **F**orget Him to keep this **F**east of Love Divine.
* *Lest I Forget Gethsemane, Lead me to Calvary, O Lord,* to Remember Thee.
1. **The Psalmist said, *Remember Me.*** Psa. 106:4

***Remember me****, O LORD, with the favour that Thou bearest unto Thy people:*

*visit me with Thy salvation…*

1. His **C**all to God’s **P**eople to **P**raise God – Psa. 106:1

 *Praise ye the LORD. O give thanks unto the LORD;*

 *for He is good: for His mercy endureth for ever.*

 *Who can utter the mighty acts of the LORD? who can shew forth all his praise?*

1. The **C**haracter of the **P**eople to **P**raise God – Psa. 106:3

*Blessed are they that keep judgment, and he that doeth righteousness at all times.*

1. The **C**ry to include the **P**salmist when God blessed His **P**eople: Psa. 106:4, 5

***Remember me,*** *O LORD, with the favour that Thou bearest unto Thy people:*

 *visit me with Thy salvation…*

* The **R**equest for God’s **R**emembrance was that the Psalmist

***M****ay see the good of Thy chosen, That I* ***May*** *rejoice in the gladness of Thy nation,*

*That I* ***M****ay glory with Thine inheritance.*

* Are you with God in all His **P**urposes and **P**lans?
1. **Jeremiah Prayed, *Remember Me.*** Jer. 15:15

*LORD, Thou knowest:* ***Remember me****, and visit me, and* ***R****evenge me of my persecutors;*

1. Judgment was impending; and the **C**alamity was **C**oming and **C**ertain! Jer. 15:12-14
2. Jeremiah had Suffered long; he wanted **V**engeance and asked to be **V**indicated. Jer 15:15
3. Yes, the people would be **M**ulish; but Jeremiah would be God’s **M**outhpiece. Jer. 15:19-**21**

*I am with thee to save thee and to deliver thee, saith the LORD –* Continue in **REFLECTIONS:**

*I want no other hand, O Lord, But Thine my guide to be,*

 *For well I know through all my life Thou wilt remember me.* Fanny Crosby

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1. [Cont’d from Rumination above.)

(4) However, the day will come when God will keep His Promise to Israel as He promised Jeremiah, as follows: -

 Jer. 31:31– *Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make* ***a new covenant*** *with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:*

 Jer.31:33-34 – *this* *shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put My law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be My people. 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, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD:* ***for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.***

Indeed, God cannot forget for He is God, but with regard to Israel’s sins He chooses to Remember to Forget because of the New Covenant He will make with them in the future (see above).

Likewise, also God has made a New Covenant with us through His Son Who shed His blood for us all and instituted the Lord’s Supper for us to remember Him for what He did for us. That night when He instituted the Lord’s Supper for His disciples to remember Him, we read, *Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, "****This cup is the new covenant in My blood****, which is shed for you.* (Lk, 22:20, NKJV)

This promise was later applied to all who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ to be their Saviour and Redeemer as recalled by the writer to the Hebrews, thus:

To Israel as promised in His **C**ovenant with them: Heb. 8:12

*For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness,*

*and their sins and their iniquities* ***will I Remember no more****.*

To the **C**hurch, His **C**onfirmation:Heb. 10:17

*And their sins and iniquities* ***will I Remember no more****.*

And this will include your sins and mine, yes, ***God will Remember them no more!***

In turn, the Lord delivered to Paul His institution of the Lord’s Supper as follows:

I Cor. 11:23-25, *NKJV**–
For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me." In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "****This cup is the new covenant in My blood****. This do, as often as you drink it,* ***in******remembrance of Me****."*

Are you doing what the Lord tells you to? **REFLECT**

1. Thus, while we are called to **R**emember our Lord, we are also **R**eminded that God Himself **R**emembered us, His people – not that He could ever forget, but that He would always **R**ecall His Promises made to us and would fulfil them in the time appointed.

Thus, we see instances of God Remembering His people in times of need:

**Gen. 8:1 – *God Remembered Noah,*** *and every living thing…that was with him in the ark…*

**Gen. 19:29 –** *It came to pass, when God destroyed the cities of the plain, that*

 ***God remembered Abraham****, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow,*

He even keeps a Book of Remembrance – *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.* (Mal. 3:16)

God can never forget *for God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward His name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister*. Heb. 6:10

\*God can never Forget, but He chooses to Remember to Forget our sins.

Can you ever Forget to Remember the Lord as often as you can as He commanded? I Cor. 11:26 –

*For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till He come*

\*And the wrongs people do to you as the Lord **F**orgives you and **F**orgets your sins? **REFLECT**.

**POINTS TO PONDER**:

*God* ***R****emembers to* ***F****orget your* ***S****in; Do not* ***F****orget to* ***R****emember the Lord, your* ***S****aviour.*