

Bring Back To Remembrance

Introduction

(II Pt 1:12-13)

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1. Good Morning,
 - a. Greeting...
2. New series of lessons starting today entitled “Bring Back To Remembrance.”
 - a. This week we will begin by looking into some of the introductory material.
 - i. **II Pt 1:12-13** “Therefore I intend always to remind you of these qualities, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. 13 I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder”¹
3. Memory is an interesting thing for God’s children.
 - a. On the one hand we don’t remember everything and that is by design.
 - i. **Ph 3:13** “Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead.”
 - b. On the other hand we are expected to remember many things.
 - i. **Lk 17:32** “Remember Lot’s wife.”
 - c. Sometimes we can forget the things we are supposed to remember thus we are in need of being reminded.
 - i. **Jd 5** “Now I want to remind you, although you once fully knew it...”
4. Throughout this series of lessons my goal is to strengthen your love for God by way of reminder of what God has done in the past.
 - a. Today we will be examining the relationship between our memory and God’s past actions.
5. With that in mind let us observe our text.
 - I. **Remembering God’s Past Actions Should Bring Honor To God**
 - A. By remembering His great power
 1. **Ex 14:29-31** “But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. 30 Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. 31 Israel saw the great power that the LORD used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the LORD, and they believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.”
 - B. By remembering His great justice
 1. **Gn 6:5-8** “The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. 6 And the LORD regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. 7 So the LORD said, “I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them.” 8 But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.”

¹ All Scriptures are taken from the ESV unless otherwise noted. If other translations are used this is not necessarily an endorsement of the translation.

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- C. By remembering His great mercy
1. **Jh 3:4-10** “Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown...6 The word reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. 7 And he issued a proclamation and published through Nineveh, “By the decree of the king and his nobles: Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything. Let them not feed or drink water, 8 but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and let them call out mightily to God. Let everyone turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands. 9 Who knows? God may turn and relent and turn from his fierce anger, so that we may not perish.” 10 When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.”
- D. By remembering His great love
1. **He 12:1-2** “Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.”
 - i. READ: **Ps 22:1-21**
- E. Thus...
1. Whenever we as children of God remember the power, justice, mercy, and love of God how can we not honor **our** God and Father?

II. Remembering God’s Past Actions Should Draw Us Closer To God

- A. The Hebrew writer makes clear drawing near to God is based on two things
1. First we must have faith that God exists.
 - i. **He 11:6** “And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists...”
 - ii. We cannot not have faith that God exists without looking back at what He has done.
 - a. God’s existence is founded in the creation.
 1. **Ro 1:18-20** “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness **suppress the truth**. 19 For what can be **known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them**. 20 For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, **ever since the creation of the world**, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.” (emphasis mine)
 - b. God’s existence is founded in the Bible.
 1. **Ro 10:17** “So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.”
 - iii. Thus if we want to draw closer to God we must remember God’s past actions proving Him as God.

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2. Second we must have faith that God rewards those whom seek Him.
 - i. **He 11:6** “And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.”
 - ii. We cannot have faith that God will reward those that seek Him if we do not look back at what He has done.
 - a. **Lk 16:22, 25** “The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried...25 But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish.’”
 - iii. Thus if want to draw closer to God we must remember God’s past actions toward His children.
- B. Thus...
1. Faithful children of God will look to the past substance and evidence to draw closer to God.
 - i. **He 11:1** “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” (NKJV)

CONCLUSION

1. Remembrance of God’s past actions should only bolster our dedication to God as He who is worthy of honor and praise.
 - a. Let us over the next several weeks be encouraged and reminded of God’s power, justice, mercy, and love.
2. Question: Are you actively thinking back and being reminded of God’s past actions to build your faith in Him and bring even more honor to Him?
 - a. If so continue therein and grow thereby.
 - b. If not why not?
3. Invitation
 - a. For those that are Christians but are not living for Christ repent by confessing your sins to God that He may forgive you and dedicate your life/time back to Him.
 - i. **I Jn 1:7, 9** "But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin...9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."
 - b. For those that are not Christians or for those that think they are Christians and want to know for sure notice what is required to become a child of God or Christian according to God and God only.
 - i. Hear/Study **Rom 10:17; II Tim 2:15**
 - ii. Have Faith In Jesus **Jn 3:16; 8:24**
 - iii. Repent/Turn To God **Ac 17:30; Lk 24:47**
 - iv. Confess Jesus As Lord **Mt 10:32; Rom 10:9**
 - v. Immersed For The Forgiveness of Sins **Ac 2:38; 22:16; I Pt 3:21**
 - vi. Live A Faithful Life **I Jn 1:7; Eph 5:8**