

Remember Me!



Luke 23:39-43 NKJV

³⁹ Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, “If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us.”

⁴⁰ But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, “Do you

not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴² Then he said to Jesus, “Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.”

⁴³ And Jesus said to him, “Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.”

I. INTRODUCTION

What does it mean for God to remember you?

In every instance of God "remembering," we see that it always includes an action. God never forgets His promises or His people — He is the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, and the creator of the universe.

Why is remembering so important to God?

God wants us to live in remembrance, because there are so many things that can cause us to forget Him and distract us from focusing on Him and living for Him. There are three key things that God wants us to remember about Him: who He is, what He has done, and what He has promised.

II. PROBLEM OF A SELFISH PETITION (Vs. 39)

A. Pride Blinds You of God's Plan

- a. **Proverbs 11:2** “When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.”

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- b. **Proverbs 16:5** “The LORD detests all the proud of heart. Be sure of this: They will not go unpunished.”
- c. **Proverbs 16:18** “Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.”

B. God Does Not Respond When We Don't Take Responsibility

III. POWER OF SPIRITUAL PERSPECTIVE (Vss. 40-41)

- A. Before You Ask, Acknowledge Who He Is
 - a. **Psalm 16:11** says, “You make known to me the path of life.”
- B. He Is in It with You

IV. PERSONAL AND SINCERE PRAYER (Vs. 42)

A. The Prayer of Faith Declares I Have a Future

- a. This second criminal respected God (Do you not even fear God).
- b. He knew his own sin (under the same condemnation... we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds).
- c. He knew Jesus (this Man has done nothing wrong).
- d. He called out to Jesus (he said to Jesus).
- e. He called out to Jesus as Lord (he said to Jesus, “Lord”).
- f. He believed Jesus was who Jesus said He was (remember me when You come into Your kingdom).
- g. He believed the promise of everlasting life from Jesus.
- h. **“It is worthy of remark, that this man appears to have been the first who believed in the intercession of Christ.”**

B. Doesn't Matter Who Forgets Me, As Long as He Remembers Me

V. PRAISE THE SAVIOR'S PROMISE (Vs. 43)

A. Relationship Is Greater Than the Rules of Religion

B. God Will Give You A “Today” Testimony