FEAR AND TREMBLING
PSALMS 9:12 / 7-12-20 / AM

I. FIRST, REMEMBER GOD.

A. The Apostle Paul encourages us to remember who God is in Colossians 1:16-17.
   1. Remember that He who created is in control.
   2. Remember that He who authored life also has authority over it.
   3. Remember that He who holds all things together also holds us together.

B. When we worry or are fearful, we are forgetting who God is.
   1. We’re acting like a spiritual orphan rather than one of God’s beloved.
   2. We’re acting like there is no God.
   3. We’re acting like God is powerless.
   4. Remember, though, what God said through the Prophet Isaiah in Isaiah 40:25--
      “Who is my equal?”

C. We often lose sight of God because our fears and worries cloud our perception of God.
   1. One bad news report and we immediately assume God has abandoned us—Psa. 13:1.

      Psalm 13:1 (King David’s Lament)
      How long, Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?

   2. Despite what we see or can’t see, God is the same “Yesterday, Today and Forever”.

II. SECOND, REMEMBER THE PAST.

A. A short memory is dangerous because it limits what we see now.
   1. This is why the Bible often urges us to remember the past—Psa. 77:11.

   2. Moses often reminded Israel not to forgot what God had done for them—Deut. 1:30.

      Deuteronomy 1:30
      The Lord your God, who is going before you, will fight for you, as he did for you in Egypt....
3. A failure to remember the past deprives us of confidence as we face the things that cause us extreme fear today—Psa. 106:7.

B. Have you noticed how everything these days is going “Retro”?

III. THIRD, REMEMBER THAT GOD REMEMBERS.

A. God has a unique memory.

1. He can forget our sins—Isa 43:25.


   Isaiah 49:15-16
   “Can a mother forget the … child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you!

B. Noah and the Flood is an illustration of God’s unique memory.

1. In Gen.8:1 we’re assured that God had not forgotten Noah—Gen. 8:1.

   Genesis 8:1
   But God remembered Noah...

2. Finally in Gen. 8:15 God broke His silence and spoke once again to Noah—Gen. 8:15-16.

   Genesis 8:15-16
   15 Then God said to Noah, 16 “Come out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and their wives.”

   Psalm 9:12b   Living Bible (TLB)
   …He (God) does not ignore the prayers of men in trouble when they call to him for help.