

MEMORIAL DAY ROOTED IN THE BIBLE

Memorial Day is set aside each year to remember those who gave their lives in the armed forces. We remember those who died on faraway battle fields to bring freedom and democracy to oppressed peoples. We commemorate their actions by honoring them in ceremonies across the land. We sometimes call it Decoration Day because we decorate the graves of fallen heroes with flags and flowers.

When Israel crossed the Jordan River to enter the promised land for the first time, God commanded Joshua to pile up a heap of stones at the place. "So these stones shall become a memorial to the sons of Israel forever." The stones memorialized God's great grace.

As a great statue of David memorializes the work of Michelangelo, the universe commemorates the genius of the living God. "The heavens are telling of the glory of God; and their expanse is declaring the work of His hands" (Psalms 19:1}). We see His might, power, glory and strength in the brightness of the distant stars, the glow of the blazing comet, and in the shadow of a lunar eclipse. "For since the creation of the world, His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made." (Romans 1:20)

The universe is God's Memorial. Every day is therefore God's Memorial Day.