

God Says "Remember"/God Says "Forget"

From the Old Testament

From Genesis chapter 9:13-17

9:13 I do set my bow in the cloud, **and it shall be for a token of a covenant** between me and the earth.

9:14 And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud:

9:15 And **I will remember my covenant**, which [is] between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh.

9:16 And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that [is] upon the earth.

9:17 And God said unto Noah, This [is] the token of the covenant, which I have established between me and all flesh that [is] upon the earth.

From Genesis 13:1-5

13:1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

13:2 Sanctify unto me all the firstborn, whatsoever openeth the womb among the children of Israel, [both] of man and of beast: it [is] mine.

13:3 And Moses said unto the people, **Remember this day, in which ye came out from Egypt, out of the house of bondage; for by strength of hand the LORD brought you out from this [place]:** there shall no leavened bread be eaten.

13:4 This day came ye out in the month Abib.

13:5 And it shall be when the LORD shall bring thee into the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, which he sware unto thy fathers to give thee, a land flowing with milk and honey, that thou shalt keep this service in this month.

From Exodus 20:8-11

20:8 **Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.**

20:9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:

20:10 But the seventh day [is] the sabbath of the LORD thy God: [in it] thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that [is] within thy gates:

20:11 For [in] six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them [is], and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

From Numbers 15:37-41

15:37 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

15:38 Speak unto the children of Israel, and bid them that they make them fringes in the borders of their garments throughout their generations, and that they put upon the fringe of the borders a ribband of blue:

15:39 **And it shall be unto you for a fringe, that ye may look upon it, and remember all the commandments of the LORD, and do them; and that ye seek not after your own heart and your own eyes,** after which ye use to go a whoring:

15:40 **That ye may remember, and do all my commandments, and be holy unto your God.**

15:41 I [am] the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I [am] the LORD your God.

From Deuteronomy 5:12-15

5:12 Keep the sabbath day to sanctify it, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee.

5:13 Six days thou shalt labour, and do all thy work:

5:14 But the seventh day [is] the sabbath of the LORD thy God: [in it] thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thine ox, nor thine ass, nor any of thy cattle, nor thy stranger that [is] within thy gates; that thy manservant and thy maidservant may rest as well as thou.

5:15 **And remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt, and [that] the LORD thy God brought thee out thence through a mighty hand and by a stretched out arm: therefore the LORD thy God commanded thee to keep the sabbath day.**

Note: One of the things God tells us to remember on the Sabbath is how He brought us out of slavery to sin and how His strong arm has been stretched out to watch over us.

Deuteronomy 7:18-23

7:18 **Thou shalt not be afraid of them: [but] shalt well remember what the LORD thy God did unto Pharaoh, and unto all Egypt;**

7:19 The great temptations which thine eyes saw, and the signs, and the wonders, and the mighty hand, and the stretched out arm, whereby the LORD thy God brought thee out: so shall the LORD thy God do unto all the people of whom thou art afraid.

7:20 **Moreover the LORD thy God will send the hornet among them, until they that are left, and hide themselves from thee, be destroyed.**

7:21 Thou shalt not be affrighted at them: for the LORD thy God [is] among you, a mighty God and terrible.

7:22 And the LORD thy God will put out those nations before thee by little and little: thou mayest not consume them at once, lest the beasts of the field increase upon thee.

7:23 But the LORD thy God shall deliver them unto thee, and shall destroy them with a mighty destruction, until they be destroyed.

Deuteronomy 8:15-20

8:15 Who led thee through that great and terrible wilderness, [wherein were] fiery serpents, and scorpions, and drought, where [there was] no water; who brought thee forth water out of the rock of flint;

8:16 Who fed thee in the wilderness with manna, which thy fathers knew not, that he might humble thee, and that he might prove thee, to do thee good at thy latter end;

8:17 **And thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of [mine] hand hath gotten me this wealth.**

8:18 **But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for [it is] he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as [it is] this day.**

8:19 And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the LORD thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish.

8:20 As the nations which the LORD destroyeth before your face, so shall ye perish; because ye would not be obedient unto the voice of the LORD your God. –Deuteronomy 8: 15-20

From the New Testament

From Mark 8:13-21

And he left them, and entering into the ship again departed to the other side.

8:14 Now [the disciples] had forgotten to take bread, neither had they in the ship with them more than one loaf.

8:15 And he charged them, saying, Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, and [of] the leaven of Herod.

8:16 And they reasoned among themselves, saying, [It is] because we have no bread.

8:17 And when Jesus knew [it], he saith unto them, Why reason ye, because ye have no bread? perceive ye not yet, neither understand? have ye your heart yet hardened?

8:18 **Having eyes, see ye not? and having ears, hear ye not? and do ye not remember?**

8:19 **When I brake the five loaves among five thousand**, how many baskets full of fragments took ye up? They say unto him, Twelve.

8:20 And when the seven among four thousand, how many baskets full of fragments took ye up? And they said, Seven.

8:21 And he said unto them, How is it that ye do not understand?

***Note:** Shortly after Jesus had fed the 4,000 people with the boys fish and bread, the disciples, alone in the board, began to ask where they were going to get food from. Jesus said, "Don't you remember what I just did?" How quickly do I forget how God provided for my need and begin to wonder, "What am I going to do now?"*

From Luke 17:26-33

17:26 And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.

17:27 They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.

17:28 Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded;

17:29 But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed [them] all.

17:30 Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.

17:31 In that day, he which shall be upon the housetop, and his stuff in the house, let him not come down to take it away: and he that is in the field, let him likewise not return back.

17:32 **Remember Lot's wife.**

17:33 Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it.

***Note:** Lot's wife was so in love with the things of the world that she couldn't stand to give them up. She focused on her possessions rather than on Christ. Jesus makes it clear that for me to have eternal life I must lose my heart by giving it to Him. The text says, "I am crucified with*

Christ, nevertheless, I live ..." I can't be partially crucified. I am either dead to self and all for Christ, or, I am alive to self and my own selfish nature.

From Luke 23:42,43

23:42 **And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.**

23:43 And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.

Note: *Christ will answer every sincere plea to be with Him. He will not answer the sincere plea to avoid death so one can continue to live for self; but He will answer every plea for repentance that is based on a sincere desire to know Him as Lord and Savior.*

From Luke 24:1-11

24:1 Now upon the first [day] of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain [others] with them.

24:2 And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre.

24:3 And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus.

24:4 And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments:

24:5 And as they were afraid, and bowed down [their] faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead?

24:6 **He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee,**

24:7 **Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.**

24:8 **And they remembered his words,**

24:9 And returned from the sepulchre, and told all these things unto the eleven, and to all the rest.

24:10 It was Mary Magdalene, and Joanna, and Mary [the mother] of James, and other [women that were] with them, which told these things unto the apostles.

24:11 And their words seemed to them as idle tales, and they believed them not.

Note: *It wasn't until after Christ's death, when the angel told the ladies to remember what Jesus had told them concerning His death that the light finally went on in their minds. During the struggle of the cross, they had forgotten all about Christ's words concerning how He must die.*

Note: *It is interesting that when it came to the good news of His resurrection, Christ gave it to several women who had played a only a*

minor role in comparison to the 11 disciples. That is often the way Christ chooses to work – through the least of the least. The main character's in the movement had also heard Christ's words prior to His death; but they didn't believe them now.

From John 15:15-24

15:15 Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

15:16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and [that] your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

15:17 These things I command you, that ye love one another.

15:18 If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before [it hated] you.

15:19 If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

15:20 **Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.**

15:21 But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me.

15:22 If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloak for their sin.

15:23 He that hateth me hateth my Father also.

15:24 If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father.

Note: *The more I get close to Christ and stand up for Him, the more Satan will attack me to silence my witness. But when I am attacked, I must remember that Christ has told me, "Don't forget, if you stand up for me, Satan, through people, is going to come after you."*

From John 16:1-7

16:1 These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended.

16:2 They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service.

16:3 And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me.

16:4 **But these things have I told you, that when the time shall come, ye may remember that I told you of them. And these things I said not unto you at the beginning, because I was with you.**

16:5 But now I go my way to him that sent me; and none of you asketh me, Whither goest thou?

16:6 But because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart.

16:7 **Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.**

Note: Christ tells His disciples that they are going to be cruelly treated and even put to death. When they see these things happening they are to remember what He has told them would happen. But then Christ goes on to tell them the good news of the coming of the Holy Spirit as His representative to live in their hearts. The Holy Spirit will not only comfort them; but also He will give them peace while putting His words in their lips to testify.

From Hebrews 8:12

8:12 **For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.**

Note: God says to those who turn their lives completely over to Him that He will remember their sins and iniquities no more. It is interesting that God forgets the sins and iniquities that I repent of; but I keep on remembering them. True repentance is not for the purpose of easing my guilty conscience. True repentance is understanding how my sins hurt Christ afresh. Because He is my best friend, Lord and Savior, I don't want to do anything to cause Him pain.

From Hebrews 13:3, 7

13:3 **Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them;** [and] them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body.

Note: Christ says to remember those in prison like you would want to be treated if you were in their place. And He says to remember those struggling with being mistreated and put yourself in their place. In other words, ask yourself the question, "What would Jesus do?" and do it.

13:7 **Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God:** whose faith follow, considering the end of [their] conversation. –Hebrews 13:7

Note: I am to pray for the church leaders that they will remain strong in the Lord.

From Jude 1:17-21

1:17 **But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ;**

1:18 **How that they told you there should be mockers** in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts.

1:19 These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit.

1:20 **But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,**

1:21 **Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.** –Jude 1:17-21

Note: I am to remember not to be deceived by those preaching a “feel good” religion. I am to continually grow in my relationship with Christ and let Him be my teacher through the promptings of His Holy Spirit.

From Revelation 2:1-5

2:1 Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks;

2:2 I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars:

2:3 And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted.

2:4 Nevertheless I have [somewhat] against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.

2:5 **Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works;** or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

–Revelation 2:1-5

Note: I am to remember that when I realize I have fallen away from Christ and making Him the focus of my life, that I am to repent, and go back to my “first love” relationship with Him. That only happens as I give Him quality and quantity time in my life each day.

From Revelation 3:1-3

3:1 And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.

3:2 Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God.

3:3 Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.