

Remember These Things

Throughout the scriptures the term “remembrance” is used some forty-eight times (ASV), to describe a number of circumstances: some good, some not-so-good.

In a negative sense the term is used to describe the fading from memory the wicked: “The face of Jehovah is against them that do evil, To cut off the remembrance of them from the earth” (Psa. 34:16), and when the enemies of Israel sought to destroy them, the Psalmist said, “They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; That the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance” (Psa. 83:4).

Mankind often attempts to raise up a memorial, so as to not be forgotten: “Now Absalom (a son of King David, said) in his lifetime had taken and reared up for himself the pillar, which is in the king's dale; for he said, I have no son to keep my name in remembrance: and he called the pillar after his own name; and it is called Absalom's monument, unto this day.” (2 Sam. 18:18).

There are certain things in life that require some sort of record, lest they be forgotten: Concerning the Amalek, who made war with Israel before they ever arrived at mount Sinai (Numb. 33:15), “Jehovah said unto Moses, Write this for a memorial in a book, and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua: that I will utterly blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven. (15) And Moses built an altar, and called the name of it Jehovah-nissi; (16) And he said, Jehovah hath sworn: Jehovah will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.” (Exod. 17:14-16). It was approximately four-hundred years before God's judgment came upon Amalek (1 Sam. 15:1-2).

The greatest remembrance will be, as stated by prophet Malachi, saying, “Then they that feared Jehovah spake one with another; and Jehovah hearkened, and heard, and a book of remembrance was written before him, for them that feared Jehovah, and that thought upon his name. And they shall be mine, saith Jehovah of hosts, even mine own possession, in the day that I make; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him” (Mal. 3:16-17).

Whether the apostle Paul, to the Romans, “I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren, that ye yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another. (15) But I write the more boldly unto you in some measure, as putting you again in remembrance, because of the grace that was given me of God, (16) that I should be a minister of Christ Jesus unto the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be made acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit (Rom. 15:14-16), or the apostle Peter, saying, “Wherefore I shall be ready always to put you in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and are established in the truth which is with you. (13) And I think it right, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance; (14) knowing that the putting off of my tabernacle cometh swiftly, even as our Lord Jesus Christ signified unto me.” (2 Pet. 1:12-14 cf. 3:1), it is good to be brought to into remembrance from whence we came, and to whom we have been brought: “Take heed, brethren, lest haply there shall be in any one of you an evil heart of unbelief, in falling away from the living God: (13) but exhort one another day by day, so long as it is called To-day; lest any one of you be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin” (Heb. 3:12-13). ret