

God CAN Remember

Psa.77:9

- **DID** In the **Past**
- **WILL** In the **Future**
- **CAN Forget** In the **Present**

Good Morning!

The lesson is entitled, "God Can Remember".

Idols are in-animate; but Jehovah God is alive, and real

- "...an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is **NONE** other God but **ONE**.
⁵ For though there Be, that are Called gods, whether in heaven or in earth,
(as there Be gods **MANY**, and lords **MANY**,)
⁶ but to us there is but **ONE** God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we **IN** Him;
and **ONE** Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we **BY** Him." ([1Cor.8:4b-6](#))

This means that God can Think, Act, and REMEMBER

- "Hath God **FORGOTTEN** to be Gracious?
hath He in anger, shut up His tender Mercies?" ([Psa.77:9](#))

I. God DID Remember -- in the Past

A. For Example,

- "God **REMEMBERED** Noah, and **EVERY** living thing,
and **ALL** the cattle that was **WITH** him **IN** the ark:" ([Gen.8:1a](#))

B. Also He Remembered Abraham

- "when God destroyed the cities of the plain,
God **REMEMBERED** Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow,
when he overthrew the cities, in the which Lot dwelt." ([Gen.19:29](#))

C. And God Remembered Rachel

[Gen.30:22-23](#) reads

- "God **REMEMBERED** Rachel, and God hearkened to her, and opened her womb.
²³ And she conceived, and bare a son; and said, God hath taken away my reproach:"

D. He Remembered His covenant

- "God heard their groaning, and God **REMEMBERED** His covenant
with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob." ([Ex.2:24](#))

E. Then He remembered Israel's sin

- "They have deeply corrupted themselves, as in the days of Gibeah:
therefore He will **REMEMBER** their iniquity,
He will visit their sins." ([Hos.9:9](#))

We've noticed that God DID Remember in the Past,

But notice also that,

II. God WILL Remember -- in the Future

- "For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil." ([Ecc.12:14](#))

Notice some,

A. Things We May PREFER, that God Does NOT Remember

- "Remember **NOT** the sins of my youth, **NOR** my transgressions: according to Thy Mercy **REMEMBER** Thou me for Thy Goodness' sake, O Lord." ([Psa.25:7](#))

Things we may prefer, that God does not remember...

That we deceived ourselves on occasion, about pressing obligations and pleasures,
Rather than,

- "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come." ([1Cor.16:2](#))

Things we may prefer, that God does not remember...

That we don't have a personal rigid rule in regard to,

- "**NOT FORSAKING** the **ASSEMBLING** of ourselves **TOGETHER**, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." ([Heb.10:25](#))

Things we may prefer that God does not remember...

Family Visits, TV programs, Homework or Careers, are given priority, over God

- "**BLESSED** is the man that walketh **NOT** in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.
² But his **DELIGHT** is **IN** the law of the Lord; and **IN** His law, doth he **MEDITATE** day and night." ([Psa.1:1-2](#))

Things we may prefer that God does not remember...

Vacationing, with No plans for worship

- "Seek ye **FIRST** the kingdom of God, and His righteousness;" ([Matt.6:33](#))

Things we may prefer that God does not remember...

On occasion, we were flexible, moveable, and not fixed

- "my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." ([1Cor.15:58](#))

The psalmist said,

- "My **HEART** is fixed, O God, my heart is **FIXED**:" ([Psa.57:7](#))

Things we may prefer that God does not remember...

That our lives were not pure and shining, as He commanded

- “Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to **KEEP** himself **UNSPOTTED** from the world.” ([Jas.1:27](#))
- “**Love NOT** the world, **NEITHER** the things that are in the world. **IF** any man love the **WORLD**, the **LOVE** of the **FATHER** is **NOT IN** him. ¹⁶ For **ALL** that is in the world, the **LUST** of the flesh, and the **LUST** of the eyes, and the **PRIDE** of life, is **NOT OF** The Father, **BUT** is **OF** the **WORLD**. ¹⁷ And the world **PASSETH AWAY**, and the lust thereof: **BUT** he that **DOETH** the **WILL of GOD**, abideth for ever.” ([1Jn.2:15-17](#))
- “that ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye **SHINE** as lights in the world;” ([Phil.2:15](#))

Things we may prefer that God does not remember...

We were not always 100% for Him

- Paul said, “For to me to **Live IS Christ**, and to **Die IS Gain**.” ([Phil.1:21](#))

Someone has suggested that there are only two seeking our affections: the devil and GOD. And when we don't give God 100%, or don't place Him **FIRST**, We necessarily place God **LAST**. ...**what a sobering thought!**

Things we may prefer that God does not remember...

Evil for which, we were not penitent of

- “Now the **WORKS** of the **FLESH** are manifest, which are **THESE**; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, ²⁰ idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, ²¹ envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and **SUCH LIKE**: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which **DO** such things, shall NOT inherit the kingdom of God.” ([Gal.5:19-21](#))

God WILL Remember -- in the Future. Notice some,

B. Things We Will WANT Remembered

- “For God is **NOT** unrighteous to **FORGET** your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward His Name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.” ([Heb.6:10](#))
- “...Remember me, O my God, for good.” ([Neh.13:31b](#))

Things We Will Want Remembered...

That we loved Him supremely

- “Thou shalt **LOVE** the Lord thy God with **ALL** thy heart, and with **ALL** thy soul, and with **ALL** thy mind, and with **ALL** thy strength: this is the **FIRST** commandment.” ([Mk.12:30](#))

Things We Will Want Remembered...

That we spiritually prepared and worked (personal studies, handing out tracts, correspondence course, to help a struggling soul)

- “be ye **DOERS** of the Word, and **NOT** hearers **ONLY**, deceiving your own selves.” ([Jas.1:22](#))
- “Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that **DOETH** the Will of My Father which is in heaven.” ([Matt.7:21](#))
- “I must work the works of Him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.” ([Jn.9:4](#))
- “whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.” ([Jas.4:14](#))

Things We Will Want Remembered...

That We **GAVE** all we **ARE**, and **HOPE** to **BE**

- “And this they **DID**, not as we hoped, but **FIRST** gave their own selves **TO** the Lord, and unto us, **BY** the **WILL** of God.” ([2Cor.8:5](#))

Things We Will Want Remembered...

That we guarded against indifference to God

- The persecuted saints of the 1st century were told,
“**FEAR NONE** of those things which thou shalt **SUFFER**:
behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be **TRIED**;
and ye shall have **TRIBULATION** ten days:
be thou **FAITHFUL** unto death, and I will Give thee a Crown of Life.” ([Rev.2:10](#))
- “I **COUNSEL** thee to buy of me gold, **TRIED** in the **FIRE**, that thou mayest be **RICH**;
and white raiment, that thou mayest be **CLOTHED**,
and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear;
and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest **SEE**.” ([Rev.3:18](#))

God CAN Remember, but

III. He Can **CHOOSE** To Forget in the Present, IF we are Faithful

God can forget,

A. As Absolutely, as He Remembers

- “I, even I, am He that blotteth out thy transgressions for Mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.” ([Isa.43:25](#))
- “For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.” ([Heb.8:12](#))

B. What is sin, or iniquity?

- “Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.” ([1Jn.3:4](#))
Not the law of Moses, but the perfect law of liberty, the New Testament gospel of Christ Jesus.
- “Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.” ([Jas.4:17](#))

...To act apart from the law of God, aware or not aware, is what sin is.

C. Sin Does Not Dwell in His Presence

- “This then is the message which we have heard of Him, and declare unto you, that **God IS Light**, and **IN Him** is **NO darkness** at all.” ([1Jn.1:5](#))
- “The Lord is **NOT** slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; **BUT** is longsuffering to us-ward, **NOT willing** that any should perish, **BUT** that **ALL** should **COME** to **REPENTANCE**.” ([2Pet.3:9](#))

A Price must be paid, before we can have fellowship with Him

- “For the **WAGES** of **SIN**, is **DEATH**;
but the **GIFT** of God is Eternal **LIFE**,
THROUGH Jesus Christ our Lord.” ([Rom.6:23](#))
- “Neither is there salvation in any other:
for there is **NONE** other Name under heaven given among men,
whereby we must be saved.” ([Acts 4:12](#))

D. It is Common to feel guilty: and some have thoughts of "God cannot forgive ME."

Upon conversion, **GOD WILL FORGIVE ANY SIN**.

"How can we know?" **By His Word**: If He will not do what He says, we have nothing to rely on.

- “by two immutable things, in which it was **IMPOSSIBLE** for God to lie,
we might have a strong **CONSOLATION**, who have fled for **REFUGE**
to **LAY HOLD** upon the **HOPE** set before us:
¹⁹ which hope we **HAVE**, as an **ANCHOR** of the soul,
both **SURE** and **STEDFAST**, and which **ENTERETH** into that, **WITHIN** the veil;” ([Heb.6:18-19](#))

It is Common to feel guilty, and think "God cannot forgive ME."

"Oh, but I've done such terrible things!"

Did you, or I Murder Christ?

- “**Him**, being **DELIVERED** by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God,
ye have **TAKEN**, and by **WICKED hands**, have **CRUCIFIED** and **SLAIN**.” ([Acts 2:23](#))
- “Therefore let all the **house of Israel** know assuredly,
that God hath made that same **Jesus**,
whom ye have **CRUCIFIED**, both Lord and Christ.
³⁷ Now when they **HEARD** this, they were **PRICKED** in their **HEART**,
and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, **WHAT shall we DO?**
³⁸ Then Peter said unto them, **Repent, and be baptized** every one of you
IN the name of Jesus Christ **FOR** the remission of sins,
and ye shall **RECEIVE** the **GIFT** of the Holy Spirit.” ([Acts 2:36-38](#))

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Have you persecuted Christians?

- The Apostle Paul said, "that beyond measure, I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it:" ([Gal.1:13](#))

It is Common to feel guilty, and think "God cannot forgive ME."

God will forgive and forget, even though we WERE Guilty of a whole catalog of sins.

- "Know ye not that the **UN**righteous shall **NOT** inherit the kingdom of God? Be **NOT** deceived: **NEITHER** fornicators, **NOR** idolaters, **NOR** adulterers, **NOR** effeminate, **NOR** abusers of themselves with mankind, ¹⁰ **NOR** thieves, **NOR** covetous, **NOR** drunkards, **NOR** revilers, **NOR** extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹ **And such WERE** some of you: **BUT** ye are **WASHED**, but ye are **SANCTIFIED**, but ye are **JUSTIFIED** **IN** the Name of the Lord Jesus, and **BY** the Spirit of our God." ([1Cor.6:9-11](#))

"What IF We Slip Later?"

- **IF** "...thy heart is not right in the sight of God. ²² **REPENT** therefore of this thy wickedness, and **PRAY** God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee." ([Acts 8:21-22](#))
- "**IF** we **SAY** that we have **NO** sin, we **DECEIVE** ourselves, and the Truth is **NOT** in us. ⁹ **IF** we **CONFESS** our sins, **HE** is faithful and just to **FORGIVE** us Our sins, and to **CLEANSE** us from all unrighteousness." ([1Jn.1:8-9](#))

We Will be Tempted; therefore,

- "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it, in the lusts thereof." ([Rom.6:12](#))
- "For **IF** we **SIN WILFULLY** after that we have **RECEIVED** the knowledge of the **TRUTH**, there remaineth **NO** more **SACRIFICE** for sins, ²⁷ but a certain fearful **LOOKING** for, **OF** judgment and **FIERY** indignation, which shall **DEVOUR** the adversaries." ([Heb.10:26-27](#))

IV. IN-CONCLUSION

Are we really concerned about souls (ours, and others)?

Most are afraid of losing everything ELSE

- “For **WHAT** is a man profited, **IF** he shall **GAIN** the whole world, and **LOSE** his own soul? or **WHAT** shall a man give in **EXCHANGE** for his soul?” ([Matt.16:26](#))

Let us never forget that **God REMEMBERS**;

And we should be sure to remember,

that He **CAN** forget, **IF** we are willing to **TRUST**

- “(For He saith, I have heard thee in a **TIME** accepted, and in the **DAY** of salvation, have I succoured thee:

behold, **NOW** is the **Accepted Time**;

behold, **NOW** is the **Day of Salvation**.)” ([2Cor.6:2](#))

His Omniscience/Love, and our need, should **MOVE** us.

See the need – Don’t Argue –

- “He that **BELIEVETH** and is **BAPTIZED** shall be **SAVED**; but he that believeth **NOT** shall be **DAMNED**.” ([Mk.16:16](#))
- “For ye are all the children of God, **BY** faith **IN** Christ Jesus.
²⁷ For as many of you, as have been baptized **INTO** Christ, have **PUT ON** Christ.” ([Gal.3:26-27](#))

If you have need,

Please come, as together we stand and sing.

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