

God's Plan of Salvation:

1. Hear - Romans 10:17
2. Believe - Mark 16:16
3. Repent - Acts 2:38
4. Confess - Romans 10:10
5. Be baptized - Acts 22:16
6. Live faithfully - Revelation 2:10

Announcements:

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Remember - Part 1

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All of us have probably experienced things in our lives we will remember for a very long time. Remembering some things may be a good thing while remembering other things may not be such a good thing to do. The Bible teaches us there are things we are to remember. Here are some things the Bible teaches about remembering:

- God wanted the Israelites to remember how He delivered them from Egyptian bondage (Exodus 13:3; Deuteronomy 16:3). Remembering this event should remind the Israelites of God's care for them, His power, and give them motivation to serve Him. Deuteronomy 7:18 points out how remembering what God did to the Egyptians would help the Israelites have the courage to go against the inhabitants of the land of Canaan realizing God could give them the victory.
- God commanded the Israelites to remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy by refraining from working on the Sabbath (Exodus 20:8; Deuteronomy 5:15). The Sabbath would serve as a reminder of God's word in creating the world in six days and then resting on the seventh day. The Sabbath would also remind them of how God had delivered them from bondage.

- The Israelites remember the food they enjoyed in Egypt and think it was better for them in Egypt than in the wilderness (Numbers 11:5). It is tempting to glorify the past and forget what it was really like. Egypt may have had certain kinds of food but it was also a place of bondage and slavery for the Israelites. Many people today might be tempted to look back on their life of sin as being better than it really was. Let's not remember a distorted version of history as these Israelites were.
- God commanded the children of Israel to make tassels on the corners of their garments with blue thread in the tassels to remind them of the commandments of the Lord (Numbers 15:37-41). God does not require us to have tassels with blue thread in them on our garments today. God does expect us to remember His commandments though as we hide God's word in our heart (Psalm 119:11).
- The Israelites were to remember how God had provided for them throughout their time in the wilderness (Deuteronomy 8:2). God was going to bring them into a land with tremendous blessings. The danger is they might forget God and think they were self-sufficient. Hence, they need to remember how they are reliant upon God (Deuteronomy 8:18).
- Israel was encouraged to remember how they had rebelled against God (Deuteronomy 9:7). Such should remind them they were not receiving the land because of how righteous they were. When we remember our past time in sin, it should cause us to loath ourselves and be more thankful for what God has done in saving us (Ezekiel 20:43; 36:31).
- Israel was to allow their time as slaves in Egypt motivate them to treat slaves, etc. in a proper manner (Deuteronomy 15:15; 24:18, 22). When we remember we have been where someone else is now, it helps us treat them in the way we would want to be treated.
- Nehemiah urges the people to remember God when they were being threatened by their enemies (Nehemiah 4:14). If we remember God's power and that He is on our side, it will help us to not fear man (Hebrews 13:5-6). The Psalmist places remembering the Lord in contrast to trusting in chariots for deliverance, etc. (Psalm 20:7).
- Young people are urged to remember their Creator in the days of their youth before life becomes more challenging (Ecclesiastes 12:1). How sad it is for people to waste the years of their youth in service to the devil instead of remembering the Lord while they are young! We all need to make sure we remember our Creator before we die (Ecclesiastes 12:6-7) no matter how old or young we are.
- God when He forgives us promises not to remember our sins against us any more (Isaiah 43:25; Jeremiah 31:34; Ezekiel 18:22; 33:16). What a wonderful promise this is! Just as God is willing to forgive our sins and not remember them against us any more. God will not remember our righteousness if we turn from righteousness unto sin (Ezekiel 3:20; 18:24; 33:13).