

THOU SHALT REMEMBER

DEUTERONOMY 8

Text: Deuteronomy 8:2, 11

(Deuteronomy 8:2) "And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no."

(Deuteronomy 8:11) "Beware that thou forget not the LORD thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day:"

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Memorial day is a day that is set aside to remember those fallen in battle. We also remember all loved ones who have died.

However, the practice of remembering is not a new practice but has been practiced since Old Testament Days and has continued until today.

Joshua set up stones to remember the crossing of Jordan.

(Joshua 4:9) "And Joshua set up twelve stones in the midst of Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests which bare the ark of the covenant stood: and they are there unto this day."

Jesus told His disciples to remember His words.

(John 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."

When we partake at the Lord's Supper we are to remember the Lord's death.

(1 Corinthians 11:23-26) "For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: {24} And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. {25} After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. {26} For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come."

In our text God's people were commanded to remember.

Notice what they were to remember

1. REMEMBER THE LEADING OF THE LORD. (v. 1-2)

(Deuteronomy 8:1-2) "All the commandments which I command thee this day shall ye observe to do, that ye may live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers. {2} And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no."

A. Israel had stood here before and doubted.

1. This led to forty years of wandering in the wilderness.
2. Forty years of humbling.
3. Forty years of learning Gods leads His people.
4. Forty years of learning God's Word is true.

B. America has come through some difficult times.

1. Times when freedoms future has been unsure.
2. Times when basic freedoms have been under attack.
3. Times when foreign enemies have threatened.
4. Times when domestic problems seemed to serious to solve.

C. God has led the nation through dark times.

1. We have triumphed over our enemies
2. Times of refreshing have come from the Lord.
3. We need a spiritual refreshing (revival) again.

2. REMEMBER THE CHASTENING OF THE LORD (V. 5-6)

(Deuteronomy 8:5-6) "Thou shalt also consider in thine heart, that, as a man chasteneth his son, so the LORD

thy God chasteneth thee. {6} Therefore thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to fear him."

A. God chasten Israel

1. Their doubts cost them forty years of wandering in the wilderness

2. A generation missed out on the promise land

B. God still chastens those that He loves.

(Hebrews 12:6) "For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth."

1. It is important that a Christian remember this?

2. It is important that America remember this.

C. Many things are going on in America that could bring God's chastening.

1. Abortion

2. Legalized drinking, gambling, immorality.

3. Sodomite marriages.

4. The removal of God from the class room.

D. America needs to remember and repent before chastening comes.

3. REMEMBER THE FAITHFULNESS OF THE LORD (V. 7-20)

(Deuteronomy 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."

A. The Lord was faithful to Israel

1. Manna for food

2. Clothing and health

B. God has been faithful to America

1. Abundance of food

2. Protection in battles

3. The blessing of freedom

C. God is good in providing the world a Saviour