



## Lest We Forget!

**A**ll too often, we can easily find ourselves forgetting that God is our sufficiency. We must never forget that God wants to care for us and is ALWAYS willing to do so.

How often do you find you worrying about this or that, wondering if things will work out, hoping against hope for something good to develop in your life? Lately, I've seen more and more folks seemingly forget that they don't have to worry, that they don't have to fret about their needs, and that they should always expect good to come into their lives.

(Deu 4:9) Only take heed



to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons;

You'll find the notion of God expecting us to remember His goodness peppered throughout His Word. ***If you are going to remember God's goodness, you are going to have to work at it A LOT!*** This

isn't something that comes easily, but it will come and you will get better and better at it with each passing day. But, you must work at it to make it happen.

The Old Testament God is still our God. The difference is that He made a new testament with us through Jesus Christ. But, He is still the same God with the same abilities and expectations for His people.

(Deu 4:31) (For the LORD thy God is a merciful God;) he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he sware unto them.

What does this mean to you?

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That He will never forget you. He will never forsake you. He will never destroy you. He will never forget his new testament through Christ for you.

People tend to forget things, even the things of God. Strange, isn't it? *How could we ever forget God's goodness? But we do.*

(Deu 6:12) Then beware lest thou forget the LORD, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.

God really worked with His Old Testament believers, coaxing them along with their believing so that they wouldn't forget Him. He even used the strong word "BEWARE!" If that doesn't make an impression on you, spend a few minutes re-reading verse 12 above. You can apply this to you too since you too

could forget God's goodness.

(Deu 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:

It's more than forgetting about God. Remembering God includes keeping His Word as you live your life. It includes remembering his righteous judgments and his statutes as they apply to New Testament believers. This means one thing – we all need to spend time in God's Word, learning and remembering it so that we won't forget about God.

What can cause you to forget God?

(Deu 8:14) Then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the LORD thy God, which brought thee forth

out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage;

If you let your heart be lifted up, you can forget God. God wants us to be humble to His Word, to Him. He doesn't want us to think of worldly things as things above His own. And worldly things can certainly lift you up! Have you ever gotten very excited about new found prosperity or abundance only to forget to remember God? All of us have. That's how easy it is to lift up your heart. Sometimes, it's not dangerous, but sometimes it is. *We must be ever-watchful so that we don't forget God.*

(Deu 9:7) Remember, and forget not, how thou provokedst the LORD thy God to wrath in the wilderness: from the day that thou didst depart out of the land of Egypt, until ye came unto this place, ye have been

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rebellious against the LORD.

Rebellion is an example of lifting up your heart against God. Rebellion happened when these people fought against God's deliverance from Egypt. They really were upset with God and didn't want to accept His way of doing things. They made God really mad.

(2 Ki 17:38-39) *And the covenant that I have made with you ye shall not forget; neither shall ye fear other gods. {39} But the LORD your God ye shall fear; and he shall deliver you out of the hand of all your enemies.*

There are many worldly things that we could serve, but God wants us only to serve Him. Once you start serving things other than God, you start to fear them too. Fear can sometimes mean respect. That's where the

trouble starts. *Once fear gets into your soul, you may just as well throw in the towel – give in to the power of that thing.* Well, the devil knows this and that's why he tries to get you to serve his world. He wants you to become fearful. DON'T give in to him or his ways. Only fear, or respect God. Then everything will be fine and you will experience His unending supply of goodness and abundance.

(Psa 103:2) *Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:*

It's a far better thing to forget not all God's benefits than to serve the things of the world. Which would you like to do? Do your best to forget not the wonderful things that God has already done for you and you'll easily remember how and what He will

continue to do for you too.

The following verses instruct us on the importance of remembering God and His Word – lest we forget!

(Prov 4:5) *Get wisdom, get understanding: forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth.*

(Psa 119:16) *I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.*

(Psa 119:83) *For I am become like a bottle in the smoke; yet do I not forget thy statutes.*

(Psa 119:93) *I will never forget thy precepts: for with them thou hast quickened me.*

(Psa 119:109) *My soul is continually in my hand: yet do I not forget thy law.*

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(Psa 119:141) I am small  
and despised: yet do not  
I forget thy precepts.

One of my favorite verses along  
these lines is the following:

(Phil 3:13) Brethren, I  
count not myself to have  
apprehended: but this one  
thing I do, forgetting those  
things which are behind, and  
reaching forth unto those  
things which are before,

There are things that you should  
forget so that you can reach  
forth unto those things God has  
prepared for you. God doesn't  
want us to spend time worrying,  
fretting, and forgetting about  
Him. *He wants us to  
trust in him so that  
He can provide us  
with His goodness.* He  
is completely willing and able.  
The rest is up to you. Take the  
time to put God's Word back into

your mind – lest we forget about  
all of His goodness! Then, reach  
forth for His goodness!

Much love in Christ,

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