“Remember”

Scripture: Deuteronomy 8: 1-20

Biblical Context: God’s covenant people are about to enter the land of promise having spent 40 years in the wilderness and 430 years as slaves in Egypt.

- On Mount Sinai God gives the “10 Words” (Exodus 20)
- However, Israel’s new home will be surrounded by many gods and religions.
- Moses gives a series of cautions and warning speeches to God’s covenant people.

I. Do not forget God while enjoying newfound freedom and prosperity.

- How will God’s people navigate the seismic shift from slavery to freedom?
- Will they remember where they have come from?
- Will they hold to the covenant?

II. Likewise, believers may take God for granted and assume worldly values and practises.

- No. 1 enemy of godly gratitude is entitlement. (14)
- No. 2 enemy of godly gratitude is pride and self-reliance. (13)
- No. 3 enemy of godly gratitude is “I forgot.” (14)

III. Moses calls Israel to remember the covenant and believers to remember the gospel.

(See also Deuteronomy 4:32-35 and 6: 1-9)

IV. Moses’ powerful speech calls us to remember God (Deuteronomy 8)

1. Remember to follow God’s commands (Torah/Gospel) (1)
2. Remember God’s faithfulness these past 40 years (2)
3. Remember how God taught us humility and trust by providing manna (3)
4. Remember that God’s word feeds us better than bread (3b)
5. Remember that God as our Father, disciplines us to grow us (5)
6. God calls us to faithfully obey and revere (worship) him (6)
7. Remember God is our provider… you will lack nothing (9)
8. Remember to respond to God’s generous provision with praise: (10)
9. Remembering God means not taking him for granted: (10-11)
10. Remember that pride is the enemy of gratitude and praise: (14)
11. Remembering is more difficult amid prosperity: (12,13,17)
12. Remember that all our abilities come from the Lord: (18)
13. A final warning to avoid worshipping the gods of your neighbours: (19,20)

Big idea: The gospel teaches us though we may forget God, he never forgets us.

Questions for individual or small group reflections

OBSERVATION (WHAT DOES THE TEXT SAY?)

- How many times does the word “remember” appear in the chapter?
- How many times does “be careful” appear in the text?
- How many times is “do not forget” appear in the text?

What verse or phrase catches your attention the most?

INTERPRETATION (WHAT DOES IT MEAN?)

- What does this passage teach us about God?
- How is this passage understood from a NT perspective?
- What role does the 10 commandments play in the life of Israel?

APPLICATION (WHAT DO I DO ABOUT IT?)

- What is the role of gratitude and praise in our daily lives?
- How do you guard against forgetting God?
- Do you have any particular reminders to guard against forgetting God?
- What is your response to verse 3?

Worship is more than a song – it’s an attitude of gratitude rooted in remembrance.

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