

Remember: An Introduction

Series: Remember

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Memory is a system or process that stores what we learn for future use.

Our memory has three basic functions: encoding, storing, and retrieving information. Encoding is the act of getting information into our memory system through automatic or effortful processing. Storage is retention of the information, and retrieval is the act of getting information out of storage and into conscious awareness through recall, recognition, and relearning. (Lumen Learning)

Six normal memory problems:

- Absentmindedness (Like forgetting where you put your keys)
- Misattribution (Adding details to stories; embellishment)
- Suggestibility (When memory is weak, others can redirect it)
- Blocking (When a common fact, like SS #, can't be recalled)
- Bias (As views change we remember events differently)
- Transience (Memory fading over time, don't use the information)

(Active Beat by Emily Lockhart, Nov.1, 2017)

A critical component of our relationship with God is memory.

- God remembering us
- Us remembering God (and things pertaining to God)

God Remembering Examples:

Leviticus 26:40-45, 40 “ ‘But if they will confess their sins and the sins of their ancestors—their unfaithfulness and their hostility toward me, 41 which made me hostile toward them so that I sent them into the land of their enemies—then when their uncircumcised hearts are humbled and they pay for their sin, **42 I will remember** my covenant with Jacob and my covenant with Isaac and my covenant with Abraham, and I will remember the land. 43 For the land will be deserted by them and will enjoy its sabbaths while it lies desolate without them. They will pay for their sins because they rejected my laws and abhorred my decrees. 44 Yet in spite of this, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not reject them or abhor them so as to destroy them completely, breaking my covenant with them. I am the LORD their God. 45 But for their

sake **I will remember** the covenant with their ancestors whom I brought out of Egypt in the sight of the nations to be their God. I am the LORD.’ ”

Job 10:9, 9 **Remember** that you molded me like clay. Will you now turn me to dust again?

Psa.25:7 7 **Do not remember the sins** of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love **remember me**, for you, LORD, are good.

Psa.106:4 4 **Remember me**, LORD, when you show favor to your people, come to my aid when you save them,

Lamentations 5:1, 1 **Remember**, LORD, what has happened to us; look, and see our disgrace.

Luke 23:42, “Jesus, **remember me** when you come into your kingdom.” (Thief on cross)

Remembering Was a Big Part of the Old Testament:

Rainbow:

Gen.9:12-15, 12 And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: 13 I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. 14 Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, 15 I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life.

Altars:

Abraham’s four altars:Gen.12:7 at Shechem where the Lord appeared to him; 12:8, at Bethel where he called on the name of the Lord; 13:4, back to Bethel and the altar previously built; 13:18, at Hebron where he built an altar to the Lord.

Festivals and Days of Remembrance:

Leviticus 23 mentions Sabbaths (When God Rested), Passover (Deliverance from Egypt); Firstfruits (First harvest in the New Land), Weeks (Pentecost, celebrates the harvest), Trumpets (Rosh Hashanah of repentance, Jewish New Year, eight days leading up to) , Atonement (Yom Kippur, sins forgiven), Tabernacles (Sukkot, Feast of Booths, living in desert). Lev.25, Year of Jubilee. Esther 9. Purim(Deliverance from Persian holocaust), and . Hanukkah (Deliverance in 167BC from Antiochus’ attempt at Jewish Holocuast)

Tassels:

Numbers 15: 37 The LORD said to Moses, 38 “Speak to the Israelites and say to them: ‘Throughout the generations to come you are to make tassels on the corners of your garments, with a blue cord on each tassel. 39 You will have these tassels to look at and so you will remember all the commands of the LORD, that you may obey them and not prostitute yourselves by chasing after the lusts of your own hearts and eyes. 40 Then you will remember to obey all my commands and will be consecrated to your God. 41 I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt to be your God. I am the LORD your God.’ ”

The Danger of Not Remembering:

Judges 8: 32 Gideon son of Joash died at a good old age and was buried in the tomb of his father Joash in Ophrah of the Abiezrites. 33 No sooner had Gideon died than the Israelites again prostituted themselves to the Baals. They set up Baal-Berith as their god 34 and **did not remember the LORD their God**, who had rescued them from the hands of all their enemies on every side. 35 They also failed to show any loyalty to the family of Jerub-Baal (that is, Gideon) in spite of all the good things he had done for them.

Psa.106: 1 Praise the LORD. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. 2 Who can proclaim the mighty acts of the LORD or fully declare his praise? 3 Blessed are those who act justly, who always do what is right. 4 Remember me, LORD, when you show favor to your people, come to my aid when you save them, 5 that I may enjoy the prosperity of your chosen ones, that I may share in the joy of your nation and join your inheritance in giving praise. 6 We have sinned, even as our ancestors did; we have done wrong and acted wickedly. 7 When our ancestors were in Egypt, **they gave no thought** to your miracles; they **did not remember** your many kindnesses, and they rebelled by the sea, the Red Sea. 19 At Horeb they made a calf and worshiped an idol cast from metal. 20 They exchanged their glorious God for an image of a bull, which eats grass. 21 **They forgot the God** who saved them, who had done great things in Egypt, 22 miracles in the land of Ham and awesome deeds by the Red Sea.

How easily we Christians forget what God has done for us! How easily distracted we become. We need constant reminders of what is important. As Solomon wrote in Eccl.12: 1 **Remember your Creator** in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, “I find no pleasure in them”—6 **Remember him**—before the silver cord is severed, and the golden bowl is broken; before the pitcher is shattered at the spring, and the wheel broken at the well, 7 and the

dust returns to the ground it came from, and the spirit returns to God who gave it. 8
“Meaningless! Meaningless!” says the Teacher. “Everything is meaningless!”

In our series we will be looking at the four categories of Remembrance in the New Testament:

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January 17 Remember Your Provision

January 24 Remember Your Siblings

January 31 Remember Jesus

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