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Joshua - Lesson 12A

Remembrance

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Joshua 5. Last lesson we covered the renewal of the circumcision; we are trying from the book of Joshua to gain the insight on how to enable ourselves to leave the wilderness, the carnal mind, and go into the Promised Land, the spiritual mind. We have seen the overwhelming evidence that we are by in large carnally minded. We are saved - born again - and have assurance of eternal life; but often there ends up being very little change in our day to day thought processes, our reactions to situations or circumstances, and our motivations.

Even though the large majority of us have given up the ways of the world – the alcohol, drugs, lust, lying, pornography and those sorts of things (Praise God), there are unsaved people in this world that also live in victory without the assistance of the Holy Spirit, without following the precepts of the word of God. The Bible calls on us to do more than just get rid of the “Top Ten sins”; the Bible calls on us to allow the Holy Spirit of God, by the word of God, to renew our thinking, while changing our heart to give us the victory over the very desire to commit them.

Our goal is to get to the place where our love for Jesus Christ is so much that we no longer have any desire or thought of sin. Why is it that we gravitate so quickly toward a longing to be in the flesh? It is understandable when Paul writes, Romans 7:18-19. Within that goal, our mindset is that we must battle our minds daily that we might please the Lord. That is far below what is available to us in Jesus Christ. The Lord intends for the very mind of Jesus Christ to be mine right now, so that my first instinctive move in my thought life would be spiritual, my first thought for others instead of myself, my first desire would be the benefit of others rather than my own benefit.

As we review the life of Jesus, when did He do anything to benefit His own life? Almost never, it was always for others. Only once in the garden He prayed and asked something for Himself Matthew 26:39 ***And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.*** Considering that Jesus was fully man and fully God, He could have at any time given attention to Himself, but instead it was always for others. And even at His moment of overwhelming challenge does He finish His request with ***"nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt."***

If we ever hope to cross over that Jordan into the Promise Land in this life, we must think of others better than our selves. (Philippians 2:3)

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When Joshua passed over that Jordan he had the twelve tribes make a monument, so for generations to come, they could tell the story of the Jordan, crossing. Why? For others. Why did Joshua pile the stones himself in the Jordan? For others not to forget they had walked in the river as God held the waters back. Joshua 4:6-7, *That this may be a sign among you, that when your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What mean ye by these stones? 7 Then ye shall answer them, That the waters of Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD; when it passed over Jordan, the waters of Jordan were cut off: and these stones shall be for a memorial unto the children of Israel for ever.* Why does God tell us to remember the death of Jesus Christ rather than His birth or resurrection? So that we will never forget what He suffered for us. (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

It is amazing that some two million people, who watched a river breach its banks and who saw the water piled hundreds of feet high with dry ground between, could forget something like that. Yet daily we forget how God left His throne in Heaven and came to live on earth as a man, how He died a shamefully horrific death for our sin, and how He then rose from the dead three days and three nights later, all for others. (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

The Bible says in Joshua 5:10-11. *And the children of Israel encamped in Gilgal, and kept the passover on the fourteenth day of the month at even in the plains of Jericho. 11 And they did eat of the old corn of the land on the morrow after the passover, unleavened cakes, and parched corn in the selfsame day.* The Passover is a feast commanded by God which the Israelites were to celebrate annually in their homes on the fourteenth day of the first month. The purpose for the feast was so that they would remember how God had spared their firstborn when He saw the blood on the doorposts as He passed over Egypt, how He had delivered them from bondage and slavery under Pharaoh, and how He had led them safety out of Egypt and through the Red Sea. How could anybody possibly forget?

Psalm 78:1 *Give ear, O my people, to my law: incline your ears to the words of my mouth.* Verse 3 *Which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us.* Verse 5 *For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children:* Verse 7. *That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments:* Verse 10. *They kept not the covenant of God, and refused to walk in his law; 11 And forgot his works, and his wonders that he had shewed them.* That was the Israelite nation - they forgot the deliverance through the blood of the lamb on Passover night. They forgot the sign of their covenant relationship with God. They would soon forget the crossing of the Jordan River and the entrance into the Promised Land.

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Psalm 106:8a *Nevertheless he saved them for his name's sake, Verse 10 And he saved them from the hand of him that hated them, and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.* Verse 12 *Then believed they his words; they sang his praise.* (Isn't that good?) Next verse. *They soon forgot his works; they waited not for his counsel:* Verse 14 *But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tempted God in the desert.* We think to ourselves, what a sorry bunch of people they were.

2 Peter 1:1-3 *Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious (works – No. These people have like precious...) faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.* Here is a group of people that have put their faith in the righteousness of Jesus Christ. I hope that is what you did. *2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, 3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:* That is exactly what Ephesians 1 says. Everything I need to live and be victorious, I have in Jesus Christ. John 10:10b *I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.*

Let us take a look at what the Bible says about these people. 2 Peter 1:8-9 *For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.* The children of Israel forgot that they were God's chosen people, they forgot to renew the sign of the covenant, and they forgot the wonders of God on Passover night; therefore, they had to have a memorial feast to remind them. The children of Israel could forget crossing the Jordan on dry ground, so God said to put some stones there to help them remember. Psalm 78 and Psalm 106 say they went from praising God and being thankful to God to forgetting all about Him, all too quickly.

Then the Bible says in 2 Peter 1 that the people who had put their faith in the righteousness of Jesus Christ, people who have been given all things that pertaineth to life and godliness were candidates to forget that God had purged them from their sins. You say "Not me. I'd never forget it..." Let's get serious. Somebody says something and you take it wrong and what happens? It doesn't take much for you to forget you are a Christian. It does not take much for a born again child of God to lose their cool. Why is it that we can thank God for His blessing and in a moment have a hissy-fit about someone who has rubbed us the wrong way? The Bible says I run the risk of forgetting the greatest works of God in my life. God is not in all our thoughts instead we are a reflection of the wicked. Psalms 10:4 *The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts.*

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2 Peter 1:3-4 *According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: 4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these...* The promises are a tool; they are not an end in themselves. God has given me His word, His life, His Holy Spirit. God has given me brothers and sisters in Christ. God has given me all these tools for the sole purpose of what? I am supposed to build something with them. ... *ye might be partakers (Look) of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.* I am saved, free, delivered, out of bondage, through the Red Sea, the devil cannot touch me. That is good, much better than being a slave, lost, on my way to Hell. But that is not the end of salvation. That is the enabling, the provision that God has made, so I can begin to partake of God's own nature, His character, His thought processes, His own heart, His desires. I have been saved, gifted, and equipped – not just to go to heaven, but to receive heaven now.

There are two different ways to make the trip. Verse 5 *And beside this giving all diligence...*

1. Float through life as an average nice Christian.
2. Build... *giving all diligence*

We live in a society where, when somebody does the bare minimum, they get an award. Being average is not praise worthy. Doing the bare minimum should not earn you a reward. You are not a great Christian because you pray, read your Bible, go to church and witness – that is what you are supposed to do. That is a "C"; that is average. Romans 12:1 *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.*

In order to make the honor roll, we must do more than expected. God said, "I want to see a little diligence here." 2 Peter 1:5 *And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;* God put virtue ahead of knowledge. Knowledge can become a hindrance in your walk with the Lord. In Ecclesiastes 1:18 *For in much wisdom is much grief: and he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow.* If you get knowledge ahead of virtue, it will cripple you.

Most of the men spoken to at the Rescue Mission can quote the scriptures yet have no understanding of virtue, the quality and benefit of that knowledge of scripture they have memorized.

Let us work hard at being virtuous, having good Christian character from the heart. Then we can add to our *virtue, knowledge.*

Notes

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Name _____

(*) if asterisk is shown in question, scripture is required along with answer in your own words.

1. What was the whole purpose of Joshua piling the stones in the middle of the Jordan River?
2. Explain Philippians 2:3.
3. What is your reasonable service?*
4. How can knowledge hurt you?*
5. What do we notice specifically about the life of Jesus as pertaining to this lesson?
6. What was the purpose of the Passover?
7. Why does the Bible tell us to remember the death of Jesus Christ rather than His birth or His resurrection?*

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8. Why are we so quick to lose our temper?*
9. Being a Christian, what have I escaped?*
10. Why did God save us?
11. Yes, we are Christians, but why are we still carnally minded?
12. Explain Romans 8:1.

True/false

- The devil can no longer lay a hand on us.*
- You're not a great Christian because you pray, read your Bible, go to church and witness.
- Good Christian character is more important than great knowledge of the Bible.



Scripture Memorization; (write these on the back on the sheet, Must be in KJV) Romans 12:1; 2 Timothy 2:14; 2 Peter 1:13

any questions?