



Remember to Remember

Deuteronomy 8:1-20

Thanksgiving Sunday

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Who to remember.

1. God.

(1:3; see also Genesis 1:1; Deuteronomy 32:3-4; Psalm 33:11; 86:15; 90:2; 99:3-5; 100:5; 115:3; Malachi 3:6; John 14:6; Romans 16:27; 2 Timothy 2:13; James 1:17; 1 Peter 5:10; 1 John 4:8; Revelation 1:8; 4:8)

2. Your God.

(2, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 14, 18, 19, 20)

What and how to remember.

1. Keep God's commandments.

(1, 2, 6; see also Genesis 2:15; 18:19; 20:6; Deuteronomy 4:40; 5:29; 6:2, 17; 26:16-17; John 8:55; 14:15, 23, 24; 15:10; 1 Timothy 6:13-14; 1 John 2:3-6; 3:22)

2. Remember God's way of leading you.

(1, 2-5, 7-9, 12-16, 18; see also 7:9, 12; Judges 2:1; 1 Kings 8:56; Nehemiah 9:21; Psalm 68:7-10; 77:20; 78:52-54; 132:13-15; Isaiah 40:11; Hosea 11:4; Galatians 3:29; Philippians 4:19; Titus 1:2; 1 John 2:25)

3. Bless God for the good He has given you.

(10, 16; see also Nehemiah 9:5-15; Psalm 30:4, 12; 34:1-3; 50:14; 69:30; 95:2; 100:4; 103:1-5, 20-22; 115:18; 118:29; 150:1-6; 2 Corinthians 9:15; Ephesians 5:20; Philippians 4:6; 1 Thessalonians 5:18)

Why to remember.

1. Some dangers of not remembering.

(14, 17, 19-20; cf. 4:23-27; 6:10-15; 28:15-68; 30:17-18; Psalm 78:1-72; 106:6-46; Isaiah 57:11-13)

2. Some blessings of remembering.

(1, 3-4, 7-9, 12-13, 16; see also 7:12-16; 15:1-11; 23:20; 24:19; 28:1-14; 30:15-20; Exodus 20:23-24; 23:25-26)

In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.

Monday. Thanksgiving Day. As you celebrate with family and friends, enjoy the food and (perhaps) football, remember God and His blessings. That is easy to say. It is also easy to pass over since we hear it every year. Take a time out from the festivities to remember and thank God.

Tuesday. Our thoughts on Sunday were on *Remember To Remember*. It takes a conscious, disciplined effort to be a thankful person. Why is it important to begin with remembering God Himself before our blessings? What significance do you see in the phrase “the LORD your God”, which occurs over 270 times in Deuteronomy?

Wednesday. We are to remember God’s commandments by not just knowing the, but by doing, keeping them. Is there anything in your thoughts, words and actions that breaks God’s commands? If so, think it through and deal with it now. Moses told Israel to remember the way God led them through the wilderness. Read Deuteronomy 8:2-5, 15-16. God led them in line with His promises and provided for them. Identify, remember and thank God for how He has led you. Moses also told Israel to bless God for the good He had given them. Don’t let thankfulness stop when the Thanksgiving leftovers run out.

Thursday. God told Israel through Moses that there were dangers from not remembering which they were to avoid and blessings from remembering which they were to enjoy. Review some of the Scripture references in the outline on this. While that was then and we are not Israel, the principle applies. *Remember to remember.*

Friday–Saturday. Sunday we plan to return to the series in the Gospel of John with *Living in the Real world* from 15:18-16:6. Read these verses as part of your preparation for our time together.