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# THE FORGOTTEN

Forgotten is defined as being the past participle of forget. To forget implies (1) to be unable to recall (2) neglect. In life ALL of us forget things at one time or another. Though usually we don't forget those things of importance to us as an individual. Which explains why some are able to quote back recipes, website addresses, sports stats or such like, but are extremely forgetful about other things.

In our society (as we are becoming increasingly "gray") forgetfulness and memory is something that is taken seriously. So much so that television advertising forth the amazing benefits of Ginkgo Biloba and other over the counter supplements. While there may be some truth to Ginkgo working to improve memory (increased blood circulation), it can only do so much. The greatest thing you can do to not be forgetful, is really simple; make what you want to remember important to you.

Can you understand how someone could forget the birth of their spouse or child? Likewise it is hard to fathom how a husband or wife could forget an anniversary. Remember one does not usually forget what has been made of import. This is true with respect to physical relationships and equally true in spiritual relationships.

Sometimes I wonder if we have forgotten about our relationship with God. Keeping in mind that to forget can also carry with it the notion of neglect. It would seem that those to whom the author of Hebrews was writing were on the verge of, if not actually guilty of forgetting, neglecting their relationship with God. In order to jog their memory, the author reminded the, *"therefore, holy brethren, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider Jesus,*

*the Apostle and High Priest of our confession."* (Hebrews 3:1)

CONSIDER JESUS. Reacquaint yourself with WHO Jesus truly is. Bear in mind the preciousness of your relationship with Him. Make Him important in your daily life. In no way take Him for granted, or push Him into the back recess of your mind.



In the book of Ezekiel, the 23rd chapter, Oholibah (Jerusalem) had forgotten God. They took their relationship with Him for granted and is so doing disregarded Him and slid away from Him. *"Because you have forgotten Me and cast Me behind your back, bear now the punishment of your lewdness and harlotries."* (Ezekiel 23:35)

There is a substantial lesson that can be extracted from this example. That being the gradual drifting that takes place when we neglect the preciousness of the relationship. It becomes no longer important enough to keep in the forefront of our mind and is then relegated to an inferior position. Over time, it gets pushed further and further to the back.

*"For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it."* (Hebrews 2:1)

In no way should we be cavalier about our relationship with God. We need to take the time to cultivate it so it will grow and produce the necessary fruit (see John 15; Galatians 5:22ff). The onus falls upon each one of us to not allow God to slip from the fore-front of our mind. He will do His part to maintain the relationship. The question is are we willing to do our part and not have Him become FORGOTTEN. (wbe)

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