

Remembering What Is Recorded.

Luke 24:8 And they remembered His Words.  
John 2:22. When therefore He was risen from the  
dead, his disciples remembered that He had said  
this unto them.

We have here twice recorded that those who walked  
with Jesus, had listened to his discourses, had for  
three years been in company with Jesus, enjoying  
His most intimate confidences, that these very  
ones during a crisis failed to remember what Je-  
sus had said unto them. They could not forget, but  
they did fail to understand for as yet they knew  
not the Scriptures that He must rise from the  
dead. John 20:9.

To understand the Scriptures presupposes a thor-  
ough knowledge of the Scriptures, for how can one un-  
derstand what he has not studied and mastered?  
If in this life we are to have that blessed fel-  
lowship and friendship of the Master that every  
Christian may have and is supposed to have, we

must be students of the Bible. Devour the words and appropriate the meaning of every verse. The Bible is very much like a wild horse. If you do not master it you will be dashed to pieces by that which might have been for your help. the only difference between mastering a wild horse and your Bible is at the end you find that you have mastered the animal ~~and~~ <sup>but</sup> the Bible has mastered you.

To remember a thing it is necessary to have known it in some way or other. There is only one way to know the Bible and that is by study and meditation as did the Psalmist, "O, how I love thy law! it is my meditation all the day." Ps. 119:97. It is when we do this that our needs become really blessings to us. Then it is that the Lord has a chance to show His special favor to us.

Your burdens are heavy. You are carrying a load of responsibility. Men cannot sleep under the load of

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responsibility. They are struggling with great things that concern the happiness and welfare of many. Every one in some day faces great issues. If he errs in his choice of the means - what a calamity! If parents err in the discipline and education of their children it means the wrecking of lives. Some assume obligations that grow and grow till ~~you~~<sup>they</sup> are completely overpowered.

We are all much like an engineer who rushes into a long dark tunnel trusting that others have been faithful in doing their work, and looking straight ahead with a firm hand on the throttle knowing that under regular conditions the engine will take him thru. At times when we cannot see the outcome but only know that we have to do our duty and go ahead, how sweet are these words to the soul, "Commit thy way unto the Lord; Trust also in Him and He will bring it to pass. Ps. 37:5

Or there is the burden of work. The more work we do the more there is to do. Work that must be done and we must try to do it. In the very shadow of overwork walks care—the cares and the anxieties of life. To him who possesses cares, to him who is striving to possess anxieties. And mixed in the untangled ends of life are ~~and~~ annoyances of every shade and color. And we are likely to cut ourselves off from the other people of the world and to grow sordid and self-righteous or to fling ourselves into the thick of the strife and become a busybody and fighter. To keep right thru these cares of life it is necessary to remember these words of the Master, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest" and coming to Him

"Casting all your care upon Him for He careth for you"

1 Peter 5:7.

Jesus looks after you much as a mother does her little child.

Or it may be you are in some great trial, being

chastened. Satan may be the principal one used in your afflictions. This was true in Job's case. Why may not that which seems to you to be only the work of the evil one, be the work of the Lord in refining you? You are being run thru the rollers of oppression and your very life is being squeezed out little by little. You have not the hundreth part of joy that you once had. May not this simply be because the Lord loves you and wants to perfect you. Perfection is never had in times when the soul is simply the recipient of delights and pleasures. No, not in that. It is when the soul has to struggle and strain under loads that it is made perfect. The Germans love their country and for that reason they require every youth to go thru years of severe military discipline to prepare them for an emergency. Your present trial is preparing you for something in

the future. God is dealing with you as with his own, which you are. His chastening is a proof of God's love to you. For whom the Lord loveth, He chasteneth. Remember what the Bible says and follow on to your perfection.

Death the greatest enemy of life comes suddenly  
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to all. Some day you will stand by the side of the lifeless form of him who defended you thru the heat of the day. Or it may be the husband who will stoop down and look at the face of the loveliest and best companion God can give man on earth. Or the mother and father bend in sorrow over the angelic face that came to brighten their home and then went on to brighten Heaven. It is coming to all. I beseech of you at this time to remember what Jesus thru His word says to you. Enter into the depths of it now, while you are strong, these blessed words, "And to you who are troubled, rest with us, when the Lord shall be revealed from Heaven with His mighty angels (2Thes. 1:7), then we which are alive

and remain, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words." 1Th. 4: 17-

While these personal trials are hard to bear, they are not the hardest. The Christian grows out of self and into Christ. And tho we are constantly in trials and troubles, we come to consider such only in relation to the kingdom of our Master.

Our souls suffer not from lacerations made against us personally but against the cause of which we are part. Thousands of God's servants cannot be injured personally without injuring the kingdom of God. It was the Master himself, who cried out in agony from heaven when ~~and~~ Saul was persecuting the early Christians, "I am Jesus whom thou persecutest. Acts 26:15.

When man tries to overthrow the Gospel, when they form associations denying the existance of

God, or when they, tho not debying God in words yet are careless and negligent and ignore the claims of Christ on their personal life, This is what afflicts the soul of him who loves the kingdom and the brethren too. It is well to remember "This know that in the last times perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, lovers of pleasures more than ~~th~~ lovers of God" (2Tim. 3:6) ,  
2Pet. 3:3  
scoffers saying, "Where is the promise of his coming?"

Again we come back to consider ourselves because it is true that while the kingdom and our King are most important yet it is only as the subject keeps himself in the right spirit that this kingdom advances. For the Christian and the kingdom are inseparable. We see then the value of remembering what is recorded for our profit, lest we come to trust in some strong man and find that he too sins and is weak at times and lest we then do as many decide that there is no truth in Christ&anit because of that strong man's failure. Remember, "There



is none righteous, no not one."Rom.3:10. If we consider anyone as perfect we shall be greatly disaapointed.We sometimes find a man faithfully for years and then suddenly he falls. Shall we call him a hypocrit and condemn him for having deceived us?By no means he is probably the greatest deceived of all.Now is the time to remember and to put into practice these words,"Brethren,altho a man be overtaken in a fault",that is conquered by some sin,"ye which are spiritual restore such a one in the spirit of meekness,considering thyself ,lest thou also be tempted." Gal.6:1.

You feel strong today.May you ever be that way. You may become wearried and off your guard tomorrow."Let us then today " run with pa//tience the race that is set before us ,looking unto Jesus,the beginner and the finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him ,endured the cross,despising the shame and is set down at

the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him that endured such contradictions of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. Heb. 12:2-3- Looking diligently lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled." Heb. 12:15. Looking unto Jesus, lest Esau like, you sell your birth right to glory for a few thousand dollars, for a selfish end, for a few days, of pleasure and delights of the flesh, for lack of patience and faith and hope and love; to find at the last no place for repentance.

It is only by remembering that we have the consciousness of His presence with us. I am with you always, the power of God thru you are kept by faith unto salvation." 1 Pet. 1:5, & Mat-28:20.

All things work together for good but maybe not to your own personal good but to good to those who love God. Let us remember that always.

The great thing to remember is,

"As my Father has sent me ~~into the world~~ even so send I you" John 20:21. The Kingdom of God is therefore our chief concern. Whether therefore you eat or drink or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." 1 Cor 10:31. The glory of God is our chief aim in life.

Whether I live or die, am poor or rich, in sorrow or joy, in sickness or health, every moment of my life is to have the strong undercurrent of God's love and peace. "My peace I give unto you," Let not your heart be troubled. There may be ripples on the surface of your life but the deep undercurrent should be taking us with all its might and speed towards the great boundless depths of God's love. Then we shall see that having loved his own He loved them to the end. JNO. 13:1. All is possible if we understand and remember what Jesus has said