

INTRODUCTION

What does the Bible teach us about forgetting and remembering? The apostle Peter wrote to us, showing us a pattern:

- The unbelieving world purposely, intentionally forgets what the word of the Lord says, especially about things from very long ago, like creation and the flood.
- We, who fear the Lord, also are tempted to forget. But the Lord's minister reminds us what the word of the Lord says.
- We who believe the word of the Lord then remember, and live in holiness and in hope.

Last week, I set that pattern before you, because of how, in The Ten Commandments, the fourth commandment begins with the word, "Remember." So, an essential part of understanding and obeying that fourth commandment is remembering.

Today I put to you that:

In remembering the sabbath day, we remember other things, too, that the world is forgetting on purpose, and that we are tempted to forget, but that are very much worth remembering.

TEXT

Exodus 20:8-11

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

BODY

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The world intentionally forgets, but in remembering the sabbath day...

- I. We Remember How the Lord Created the World
 - A. He created the universe and everything in it
 - B. He did all of that not by a process of evolution lasting millions of years, but by the process described on the first page of the Bible, lasting exactly six days
 - C. He created us all of one blood, in one man, Adam
 1. not several different races, but one human race
 - D. He created us male and female, Adam and Eve
 1. not leaving us to choose male or female according to how we might feel
 2. but assigning each of us unchangeably to be either male or female by His design
 - E. He ordained us to work, to enjoy the good things He created as we worked on it
 - F. He ordained the sabbath day, to rest from our work; a holy day to devote ourselves to the Lord
 - G. He ordained marriage, between one man and one woman for life, with no other possible combinations
 - H. He ordained child bearing, blessing us in that, so that we could be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it
 - I. The world is engaged in a vicious campaign, warring on several fronts, to try to forget and be ignorant of these things of creation
 - J. But in remembering the sabbath day, we remember all these good things, and observe them

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II. We Remember How the Lord Brought Us Out of Slavery

A. How the Lord brought Israel out of slavery to Pharaoh in Egypt

1. Pharaoh, king of Egypt, had enslaved the children of Israel
2. in that slavery, Pharaoh even ordered their baby boys to be killed
3. God raised up a savior, Moses, and sent him to deliver the people from their bondage
4. by Moses, God did mighty deeds to destroy the power of Pharaoh, and set the children of Israel free from their slavery
5. these great events are the true history of what happened; but they also stand as a type of the even greater deliverance that God would bring to us

B. How the Lord brought us out of slavery to sin

1. sin enslaved us when we sinned in Adam; each of here was born into that slavery to sin
2. we had no power to deliver ourselves out of that bondage; we would die in it, and find that our death was to everlasting torment in the fire of hell
3. by Jesus Christ, God did mighty deeds to destroy the power of death, and set us free
 - a) Jesus Christ died for our sins on the cross
 - b) He was buried
 - c) but by the great power of God, He rose again from the dead, on the first day of the week

C. Now, when we remember the sabbath day, we remember how the Lord brought Israel out of slavery to Pharaoh in Egypt, and, much more, how our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ has brought us out of slavery to sin

CONCLUSION

The world is forgetting...

What are we to do?

I say to you, Remember the Sabbath day!

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Stephen - Call to Worship and Opening Prayer - Exodus 15:1-13

Roel - Scripture Reading - Acts 13:16-39

Jeremiah - Congregational Prayer

Prelude

Trinity 548 "More Love to Thee, O Christ" - Alex lead

Trinity 400 "Come, Thou Fount" - Andrew lead

Trinity 406 "I Hear Thy Welcome Voice"

Hebrew remember H2142 *zakar*

If unique command to “remember,” then unique tendency to forget.
moral-positive rather than moral-natural
regulating things not always wrong

Deu 5:15 remember how God delivered you

Trapp:

It being a figure of our redemption by Christ, and so a fit subject for Sabbath meditations.

Poole:

and therefore art highly obliged both to serve that God who redeemed thee, especially upon his own day, and not to grudge thy servants their rest upon that day.

Henry:

In Ex. 20 the reason annexed is taken from the creation of the world; here it is taken from their deliverance out of Egypt, because that was typical of our redemption by Jesus Christ, in remembrance of which the Christian sabbath was to be observed
see the rest of Henry’s excellent remarks here on Deu 5:15

Gill:

in commemoration of their rest from Egyptian bondage

Clarke:

We see therefore that God had three grand ends in view by appointing a Sabbath.

1. To commemorate the creation.
2. To give a due proportion of rest to man and beast. When in Egypt they had no rest; their cruel task-masters caused them to labor without intermission; now God had given rest, and as he had showed them mercy, he teaches them to show mercy to their servants: Remember that thou wast a servant.
3. To afford peculiar spiritual advantages to the soul, that it might be kept in remembrance of the rest which remains at the right hand of God.

The Sabbath now became a twofold memorial of the deliverance, as well as of the creation; and this accounts for the new reason assigned for its observance: “Therefore the Lord thy God commanded thee to keep the Sabbath day.”

Barnes:

The exhortation to observe the Sabbath and allow time of rest to servants (compare Exo_23:12) is pointed by reminding the people that they too were formerly servants themselves. The bondage in Egypt and the deliverance from it are not assigned as grounds for the institution of the Sabbath, which is of far older date (see Gen_2:3), but rather as suggesting motives for the religious observance of that institution.

“When I Can Read My Title Clear”

-Isaac Watts

-Andrew singing at home 2024-01-08

Trinity 53 “Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah” (Psalm 146)
-Andrew singing at home 2024-01-19

For Ava to learn:

xvi, 1 “Old Hundredth”

175 “Man of Sorrows”

705 “Grace Greater Than Our Sin”

596, 362 “Jesus Lives and So Shall I”