

**SOME THINGS GOD WANTS US TO CONSIDER
PART 1—CONSIDER THE LORD!
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Introduction

These two Scriptures accuse the nation of Judah of failing to “*consider*” the LORD and His dealings with them! (i.e. “...*the operation of His hands*”)

Their failure to “*consider*” caused them to backslide and then remain in their backslidden condition and eventually led to their being carried away into captivity!

So, what does it mean to “*consider*”?

Webster’s American Dictionary of the English Language defines it as:
“*To view attentively; to view or examine with attention; to fix the mind on, with a view to careful examination; to think on with care.*”

So to “*consider*” is to engage ourselves in the proper analysis of something! When we get into trouble is when we don’t engage ourselves in proper analysis, when we don’t view things attentively, when we don’t examine them with attention and when we don’t think on them with care!

Had Judah considered the LORD and His dealings with them, it **should have** and **would have** made a difference in how they lived their lives!

I want to share with you some things today that Scripture says that we are to consider! Today I want us to see that we are **TO CONSIDER THE LORD!**

Romans 15:4—“For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.”

Just as it was important for Judah to consider the LORD and His dealings with them, it is important for us to do the same!

These things were written for **OUR LEARNING!** That means that the areas of shortcoming that we see in Judah are also possible in us!

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Just as they failed to consider, so also sometimes we fail to consider! And just as their failure to consider brought tragic circumstances in their lives, so also our failure to consider will bring tragic circumstances to our lives!

I. WE NEED TO CONSIDER THAT OUR LORD IS GOD ALONE!

Deuteronomy 4:39—“Know therefore this day, and consider it in thine heart, that the LORD he is God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: there is none else.”

Deuteronomy 4:35—“Unto thee it was shewed, that thou mightest know that the LORD he is God; there is none else beside him.”

The LORD showed Himself mighty on behalf of Israel so that they would know that all the gods of the heathen Egyptians were no gods at all!

i.e. The LORD God had a history with His people Israel that proved to them Who He is!

II. WE NEED TO CONSIDER THE GREAT THINGS THAT THE LORD HAS DONE FOR US!

1 Samuel 12:24—“Only fear the LORD, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great things he hath done for you.”

Isaiah 5:12—“...but they regard not the work of the LORD, neither consider the operation of his hands.”

As the song we sing says: “*Count your blessings—name them one by one! Count your blessings—see what God hath done!*”

Oh how prone we are to forgetting the work and blessings of God on our behalf! We get just like Israel and Judah sometimes!

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God has been so good to us and how do we repay Him?
Many times it is with stubborn, rebellious, and ungrateful hearts!
Living our lives in disobedience!

A. The Lord Knew Us, Yet He Loves Us!

Romans 5:8—“But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”

1. The LORD Sought Us!

Luke 19:10—“For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

2. The LORD Bought Us!

1 Peter 1:18-19—“Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; 19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:”

B. We May Forsake Him, But He Never Forsakes Us!

The song “Come, Thou Fount” puts it this way:

*“Oh to grace how great a debtor,
Daily I’m constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here’s my heart, O take and seal it;
Seal it for Thy courts above.”*

*Hebrews 13:5-6—“Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, **I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.** 6 So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.”*

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C. The LORD Daily Loads Us With His Blessings!

*Psalm 68:19—“Blessed be the Lord, who **daily loadeth us with benefits**, even the God of our salvation. Selah.”*

Lamentations 3:21-22—“This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope. 22 It is of the LORD’S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. 23 They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.”

Psalm 103:1-22

*Ephesians 1:3—“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, **who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:**”*

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III. WE NEED TO CONSIDER WHOSE WE ARE!

*Deuteronomy 32:6-7—“Do ye thus requite the LORD, O foolish people and unwise? **is not he thy father that hath bought thee? hath he not made thee, and established thee?** 7 Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations: ask thy father, and he will shew thee; thy elders, and they will tell thee.”*

Just as one of the songs we sing says:

*“Now I belong to Jesus, Jesus belongs to me.
Not for the years of time alone, But for eternity!”*

Israel was the LORD’s precious possession! So are we who are His Children!

1 Corinthians 6:19-20—“What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? 20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.”

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IV. WE NEED TO CONSIDER HOW THE LORD DEALS WITH US!

Deuteronomy 8:5—“Thou shalt also consider in thine heart, that, as a man chasteneth his son, so the LORD thy God chasteneth thee.”

Proverbs 3:11-12—“My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction: 12 For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.

Hebrews 12:5-11

Conclusion

Oh my friend, are you considering the LORD like you should?

If you are here without Christ, all I can think to say is, why is that?

If you properly consider who the LORD is and what He’s done for you, tell me how can you continue to reject His mercy, pardon, and grace that He has provided for you?

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