

# Entering the Promised Land: Called to Remember

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### Joshua 4:1-9

1 When the whole nation had finished crossing the Jordan, the Lord said to Joshua, 2 "Choose twelve men from among the people, one from each tribe, 3 and tell them to take up twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan from right where the priests stood and to carry them over with you and put them down at the place where you stay tonight." 4 So Joshua called together the twelve men he had appointed from the Israelites, one from each tribe, 5 and said to them, "Go over before the ark of the Lord your God into the middle of the Jordan. Each of you is to take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, 6 to serve as a sign among you. In the future, when your children ask you, 'What do these stones mean?' 7 tell them that the flow of the Jordan was cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord. When it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones are to be a memorial to the people of Israel forever." 8 So the Israelites did as Joshua commanded them. They took twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, as the Lord had told Joshua; and they carried them over with them to their camp, where they put them down. 9 Joshua set up the twelve stones that had been in the middle of the Jordan at the spot where the priests who carried the ark of the covenant had stood. And they are there to this day.

- **GOD REMEMBERS HIS COVENANT WITH NOAH**

#### Genesis 9:16

[God said to Noah] Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth."

- **GOD REMEMBERS HIS COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM & HIS DESCENDANTS**

#### Genesis 17:7

I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.

Leviticus 26:42 [God said] I will remember my covenant ... with Abraham...

- **GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO REMEMBER THEIR DELIVERANCE**

#### Exodus 12:13-14

[The Lord said to Moses] 13 The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt. 14 "This is a day you are to commemorate (memorial day) for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord — a lasting ordinance.

- **GOD'S CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO REMEMBER THE SABBATH**

Exodus 20:8 "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy."

- **GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO REMEMBER CHRIST'S SACRIFICIAL DEATH**

#### 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

23 ... The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, 24 and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." 25 In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." 26 For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

- **GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO REMEMBER CHRIST'S RESURRECTION**

#### Luke 24:5-8

5... "Why do you look for the living among the dead? 6 He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 7 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'" 8 Then they remembered his words.

- **GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO REMEMBER OUR SALVATION**

#### Revelation 2:1-5

1"To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: ... 2 I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. ... 4 Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken your first love. 5 Remember the height from which you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first..."

#### 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

9 Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders 10 nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.