

## Overview

The sermon emphasizes the critical importance of spiritual remembrance, warning that forgetfulness about God leads to spiritual decline and vulnerability. Using biblical examples and personal anecdotes, the speaker urges listeners to actively “stack stones”—create tangible reminders of God’s faithfulness—to sustain conviction, gratitude, and courage in challenging times.

## The High Stakes of Forgetfulness

- Forgetting God and His works is a core human weakness with severe spiritual consequences.
- The Bible frequently commands remembrance to safeguard the heart against rebellion and despair.
- Forgetfulness can lead to pride, idolatry, and a loss of gratitude and accountability.
- Criticism of current ‘cherry pick’ preaching : The sermon includes several criticisms of current preachers and preaching. These criticisms highlight a concern that contemporary preaching often neglects the vital call to remember God’s holiness, justice, and the cost of sin, which is essential for spiritual health and perseverance.
- Facilitating Forgetfulness: Some preachers neglect the mention of God’s holiness, righteousness, judgment and power, leading believers to forget who God truly is. -
- Seeker-Friendly Churches: These churches are criticized for teaching doctrines that align with secular or even satanic ideas, such as “do whatever you want because God’s grace is sufficient,” which undermines the fear of the Lord and obedience. -
- Dilution of God’s Majesty: The preaching in some circles reduces the power and majesty of God, making Him seem less fearsome and more like a benign figure, which leads to complacency and self-centeredness. -
- Lack of Sound Doctrine: There is a warning that many will not tolerate sound doctrine, leading to a departure from the faith and acceptance of false teachings. -
- Encouragement of Self-Love and Pleasure: Some preaching promotes being “lovers of self” and “lovers of pleasure,” which is contrary to biblical teaching and leads to spiritual decline. -
- Failure to Call for Repentance: The message implies that some preachers fail to call people to remember their sinfulness and need for repentance,

allowing forgetfulness and rebellion to flourish.

## Biblical Foundations and Examples

- "Stacking stones" refers to creating memorials as reminders of God's deliverance (e.g., Joshua 4:1-7).
- Scripture chronicles both the blessings for those who remember God and the judgments on those who forget.
- Passages in Lamentations and Psalms illustrate the transformative power of recalling God's past mercies during affliction.
- Christ's instruction at the Last Supper ("do this in remembrance of me") emphasizes remembrance as central to faith.

## The Purposes and Power of Remembrance

- Memory serves as both educator (teaching through past consequences) and safeguard (preventing repeated mistakes).
- Remembering God's deeds cultivates humility, resilience, faith, and worship.
- Remembrance counters self-reliance, entitlement, spiritual amnesia, and cultural messages of self-indulgence.

## God as the God of Remembrance

- God compassionately remembers His people, His promises, and their frailty ("He remembers we are dust").
- God's remembrance is both comforting (He never forgets His children) and fearsome (He also remembers rebellion and sin).
- Jesus' eternal scars are a permanent reminder of His love and sacrifice.

## Practical Application: Stacking Stones Today

- Believers are encouraged to record or mark significant moments of God's provision and deliverance.
- Tangible practices (journaling, physical tokens, storytelling to future generations) help fight spiritual forgetfulness.
- Remembrance equips hearts to withstand trials, persecution, and deception.

## Call to Action and Exhortation

- Regularly recall and recount God's faithfulness to strengthen faith in present

and future challenges.

- Repent of areas where God's kindness has been forgotten or treated as common.
- Cultivate habits of gratitude, praise, and testimony so that personal and communal faith is fortified.
- Here are the Psalms quoted in the sermon: 1. **\*\*Psalm 73:21-22\*\*** - Describes the consequences of forgetting God, leading to bitterness and senselessness.
- 2. **\*\*Psalm 103:13-14\*\*** - Highlights God's compassion and understanding of our frailty ("He remembers that we are dust").
- 3. **\*\*Psalm 105:1-6\*\*** - Calls to remember the wondrous works and judgments of the Lord.
- 4. **\*\*Psalm 10:11-15\*\*** - Praises God's works and His covenant, emphasizing that He remembers His people. 5. **\*\*Psalm 78\*\*** - Discusses the consequences of forgetting God's power and deliverance.
- 6. **\*\*Psalm 2\*\*** - Mentions the eternal scars of Christ as a reminder of His sacrifice.
- 7. **\*\*Psalm 103 (fuller passage referenced)\*\*** - Encourages blessing the Lord and not forgetting His benefits. These Psalms collectively emphasize the importance of remembrance, God's faithfulness, and the consequences of forgetfulness.

## Recommendations / Advice

- Keep a journal or other visible reminder of God's actions in your life.
- Share stories of God's faithfulness with your family and community.
- Make conscious efforts not to trivialize God's grace or neglect the spiritual discipline of remembrance.