

I REMEMBER

I don't know if it is my age or what (O.K. it probably has to do with my age) but I do spend a considerable amount of time remembering "back when". I even receive a couple of magazines through the mail that take me back to those "good ole days". David, the Psalmist, was fond of remembering. Note his words in (Psalm 143:5) "I remember the days of old; I meditate on all thy works; I muse on the work of thy hands." I will have to admit that there are some things we all had just as soon forget while others are sweet to the mind. God knew the importance of remembering . God commanded the Jews to remember their deliverance from Egyptian bondage with the annual Passover. The Jews also had a remembrance each year of their sins (Heb.10:4) and continued to make sacrifice for them until Jesus' death on the cross. The Lord wanted us to remember his death until he comes again by partaking of the communion (Luke 22:16; I Corinthians 11:24-25). Part of my responsibility as a gospel preacher is to remind people of God's truth (2 Peter 1:12-15). During this season most of us will have cause to reflect on past holidays. Regardless of the season the words of David are a continual challenge for our memory. "Sing unto the Lord, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness" (Psalm 30:4). While we may often spend time in the past in our memory we must not settle for the past but choose to live faithfully for God today and every tomorrow that we are given.

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