

Do This in Remembrance of Me' 'Forget Not All His Benefits'

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The sermon emphasizes the significance of communion as a remembrance of Christ's sacrifice and an invitation to experience His healing and salvation.

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Scripture: Psalm 103:3

Topics: "Remembrance"

Description

In this sermon, the preacher emphasizes the importance of recognizing and understanding the significance of God's signs and miracles. He references the Israelites crossing the Jordan River as a picture of redemption and consecration. The preacher urges the audience to seize the opportunity for salvation and to believe in Jesus Christ. He also highlights the importance of daily abiding in Christ's power and the victorious life that comes through his resurrection. The sermon concludes with a reminder of the sacrificial death of Jesus on the cross and the invitation to partake in his righteousness through faith.

Transcript

We call it Gedächtnismal in German. And how many times we've had wonderful meetings when we were reminded of all his benefits, who forgiveth all thine iniquities, who healeth all thy diseases. I'm reminded now of a meeting in Stuttgart in Suppenhausen where we had a communion service and the Lord gave me a short message on that text from Psalm 103, and people laid hold of it all over the place.

And I think before I got through preaching, many were filled with the Holy Ghost and many got up one by one and testified that they had been healed of the most unbelievable diseases. Cancer and other terrible things fled before the memory, the remembrance. Forget not all his benefits.

Forget not all that he has done for you on Calvary's cross. I'm so glad that Jesus Christ instituted this communion service for all of us and he told us to remember him until he comes. When he comes, we won't need it anymore because then we'll have him in person, then we shall look upon him as he is, and then we shall forever be united to him.

And so we love to be reminded of all his benefits. Psalm 103 tells us the same thing that Isaiah 53 tells us, where the Bible says that himself took our infirmity and bare our sicknesses, and that he was wounded for our transgression and bruised for our iniquity, and the chastisement of our peace was upon him, and with his stripes we're healed. How wonderfully scripture harmonizes.

All through the Old Testament we see a wonderful prophecy concerning the great work that Jesus Christ was to do on Calvary's cross for all the world, when God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. And tonight he invites us all again to come to the table of the Lord. I'm glad I don't have to ask anybody to join my church.

You couldn't join it if you tried, but I do ask everybody to join the church of the firstborn, of the Lord Jesus Christ. I ask every sinner on the face of the earth that I get in contact with to come and believe the gospel and to receive everlasting life. Thank God and tonight he invites us all to come and to be reminded.

And if the whole world full of sinners were here, every one of them could be made a saint in a moment of time. It doesn't take the blood of Jesus Christ but a moment of time when that jailer at Philippi who certainly acknowledged his sin and was so frightened when the Spirit of God awakened him to his lost condition, when he said, what must I do to be saved? Paul said, the doors open wide, walk right in. The Lamb of God has been slain, the punishment has been made, has been born, the conditions have been met, one has gone and tasted death for every sinner.

And if you believe on him, you shall have everlasting life. But beloved, communion means something far beyond forgiveness of sins and divine healing, and it ought to mean that to us tonight. It means what it says, communion.

Jesus Christ said, with great desire have I desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, and then he gathered his disciples around him, and then he break the bread and blessed it, and gave it to them and said, take, eat. This is my body broken for you. And then he handed them the cup and he said, drink it, all of it.

This cup is the new testament in my blood which is given for you. Drink of it. And that wonderful communion service speaks of something far beyond the forgiveness of sins, far beyond the healing of our bodies.

I trust that tonight every unsaved soul shall receive salvation in this meeting, and every sick person shall receive definitely healing because it's for you. Praise God. That's what he means when he says, forget not all his benefits on the cross of Calvary.

He was made a curse for us that we might be made free from all the curse that was placed upon men because of sin. Jesus Christ, hallelujah, has redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us. But tonight he wants us to know something else.

Oh, how Jesus Christ desires to have communion with us. He says, the world seeth me no more, but ye see me because I live, ye shall live also. Oh, it's the communion of life that this table speaks to me about.

Jesus offering me his own broken body, now resurrected from the dead. Thank God. We don't understand what that means.

But the apostle Paul says, the bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? He needs you as a member of his body. That's why he desires to enter into you. That's why he desires to bring you into communion with himself, hallelujah.

And he desires you to be filled with the Holy Spirit so that he might reveal himself to you as the indwelling life of God. And that's the thing we need to apprehend and comprehend tonight when we come to the table of the Lord. He says, he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself.

Every human being must meet the crucified. Either you meet him and crucify him afresh by not accepting him and by choosing sin and the flesh and the world and the devil, or you will eat his flesh and drink his blood. You will open your heart and you will say, come into my heart, Lord Jesus.

And when you confess him with your mouth to be your Lord and you believe in your heart that God has raised him from the dead, that life of Jesus flows into you like a torrent out of eternity, hallelujah. And that's the great desire of the heart of Jesus to bring every human being into union with himself. The Bible tells us in Hebrews 2 that he took not on him the nature of angels.

And one time I said, Jesus, why didn't you make an angel out of me right away while you were at it? Why did you make a wild fogel out of me who's so full of false and so full of sin, who is born in sin? And he said, I have angels enough. I want sons. And in order to make out of me and out of you a son, a son of God, to lead us out of our bondage, sorrow at night, into his freedom, gladness and light, he had to take on him the seed of Abraham.

He, the son of God, had to become the son of man. He had to open the gate into the human race that he might pour the life of God into every human being, into every human heart, into every human body of everyone that surrenders to him. That's the mystery of the gospel.

That's why the apostle Paul says, I'm not ashamed of the gospel of Christ. It is the power of God. Oh, tonight you shall experience the power of God in a new way.

And it is so essential that step by step we walk under this power. It is so essential that daily we wait upon him, not only during communion service, but all the time abiding, constantly abiding. Oh, this Christ who was nailed to the cross, who tonight says, drink ye all of it.

This cup is the new testament in my blood, has willed in his new testament his resurrection life, that victorious life that has conquered death, that has overcome sin. He offers it to me. I'm not going to be a Christian until I become filled with the Holy Ghost, until I enter into union with the Son of God in his way.

It's a new and a living way which he has consecrated for us, whereby we draw nigh to God. And the great work of God was finished when on the cross of Christ, the Son of God laid down his life, that you and I might have life and have it more abundantly. There on the mount of transfiguration, the disciples saw his glory.

There were two men talking with him, Moses and Elijah, mighty men of God, mighty leaders of God's people. What signs and wonders they wrought, both of them, but neither of them was able to save me from my sin. Neither Moses nor Elijah were able to deliver me from the bondage of corruption.

I was born with it. My very blood was tainted, was poisoned by sin. In sin did my mother conceive me, and iniquity was I born.

No, Moses had to stand aside after he clumped me nearly to death with his law. And Elijah, after accusing my backsliding before God, he was not able to do any more for me. And so these two came down, and they looked with Peter and James and John upon the Lamb of God that was able to die for me, and to die for you, and to rise again from the dead, and to receive from the Father this which ye now see and hear, the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Beloved, what all the saints of the Old and the New Testament time were not able to do, Jesus Christ was able to do. He is able to save to the uttermost all them that come unto God by him, and tonight we come to him again. Tonight we're invited to eat that flesh and drink that blood, and we all understand that these are emblems, that this is a parable.

It's an example. It's a sign that God gives to his people, and he wants us to look upon it and to consider it. Like at the time when the Israelites came out of Egypt and passed through Jordan after God had opened that river for them, while it overflowed all its banks, God performed a great miracle through his servant Joshua, and the water stood on heaps on both sides, and the people of God went through.

A picture of redemption and of consecration. Some people wait to be consecrated until they're dead. Beloved, now is the accepted time.

Now is the day of salvation. Now you can go through the open door like the jailer at Philippi. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and after they'd come out of Jordan, Joshua commanded them to pick 12 rocks out of the riverbed and to make a monument on the other side, and then he said, when your children come and see these rocks, and they ask what mean ye by these rocks, ye shall tell them that with a strong hand the Lord God delivered us out of the hand of the slave master Pharaoh in Egypt, and he led us through the Red Sea as upon dry ground, and then he brought us through Jordan, and he performed all these miracles, not because we were good, but because he loved us, and he loved our fathers, and because he went to redeem us, to make us a kingdom of priests unto God and our Father, and tonight when the bread is passed to you, and the cup is brought to you with the words of Jesus, drink ye all of it, you might say, what do you mean by this bread? O beloved, it means that God Almighty has died on the cross, that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who was rich became so poor, was made sin for us, that we might partake of his righteousness, and be made the righteousness of God in him, and tonight he wants faith to be strengthened within every heart, as you take that bread, take it from his hand, take it from the Lord Jesus Christ, for he is walking in the midst tonight, as truly as you will see him in heaven, so truly is he here tonight.

He says, blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed, what shall I believe? We discussed it this morning from John 14, let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in me, that's the cry of Jesus, he cannot do much for you until you believe him, and what shall I believe? Why these things that are written concerning him, he says, I will walk among them, I will dwell in them, I will be their God, and they shall be my sons and daughters, and their sins and iniquities will I remember against them no more forever, glory to God, and if you need a foundation for your faith tonight, have you come to be delivered tonight? Have you come this night to be cleansed thoroughly from all your iniquity? Beloved, he says, if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, don't come to the table of the Lord unworthily, you don't have to. He is here tonight, who are you Jesus? All his name shall be Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, say it lovingly, Jesus, Jesus, there's power in him, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus means Jehovah, your Savior, and he is here tonight to do, Jesus is able to say, joyful faith tonight, and to partake of the Lamb of God. Oh dear Lord, dear Lord, I'm reminded of that night of night when in the land of Egypt, they stood around the table

and ate of that Passover lamb, and they were commanded by God to put the blood on the lintels and the posts of the door, and he said, when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and so they obeyed God, and while in every house of the Egyptians there was one dead, there was not one that was hurt among those who had put the blood out there, and who were partaking of the lamb, and tonight I'm reminded of another exit.

You ready? Ready, ready, ready, ready, he shall be revealed another time, he shall appear for those who are looking for him, hallelujah, I've been walking in heaven all day, it felt wonderfully good, I know that my natural feet touch the natural sidewalks of Brooklyn, and that doesn't always feel so good, but beloved, our conversation is in heaven, hallelujah, Jesus has done it, and tonight he wants to, do you desire to have communion with the master, do you desire to walk with him, do you say not for ease or worldly pleasure, not for fame my prayer shall be, gladly will I toil and suffer, only let me walk with thee, but I tell you the desire in the heart of Jesus for communion with you is far greater than your desire, you've been seeking him a few months, maybe a few years, but he's been seeking you from the ages of eternity, that's how much he thinks of his people, they are his heritage, God has a heritage, he's got an inheritance which he treasures above everything else, in heaven it's his son, and on earth it's you and me, oh it's for us that he paid that great price, and tonight he wants you to remember the price he paid for his church, that he might sanctify it, having washed it by the washing of water through the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious church, beloved only in union with the son of God can that work be completed, only as we open the door wide and enter into union with him, communion with him, we've been studying the gospel of John, at that day, at that day, he's talking about this day when the Holy Spirit comes to glorify him, at that day he shall know that I am in my father and ye in me, and I in you, oh do you know that tonight, if not come, come and claim your inheritance in Christ, come, let him cleanse you, let him deliver you, let him fill you tonight with the Holy Ghost, let him heal your body at the temple of the Holy Ghost, oh Jesus you're so near tonight, Jesus I pray to lift us all out of the commonplace of a dead form of religion, lift us tonight touch every one

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