



MEMORIAL DAY

REMEMBERING OUR FALLEN HEROES

GRACE SO AMAZING DISPLAYED BY MEMORIAL MARKERS

Psa. 135:13 Thy name, O LORD, *endureth* for ever; and
thy memorial, O LORD, throughout all generations.

This is Memorial Day weekend, a day that exposes our nation's diversity in the ways of celebrating its meaning. Some will view this as a day to begin summer with picnics, amusements, etc. and others in taking time to remember those fallen to protect the ideals of our nation.

Memorial Day has been celebrated in the United States for over 150 years. Since the 1970's, Memorial Day is officially celebrated on the last Monday of May. Originally called "Decoration Day," Memorial Day was created as a day dedicated to honor and remembrance for all those who died in service of the United States, inspired by the 500,000 deaths of soldiers in the Civil War. Since the Civil War, however, over 1,000,000 soldiers have died in various wars. Every year, thousands of people enlist in the military; meaning thousands of people are willing to risk their lives to protect our rights and freedoms.

<https://www.theodysseyonline.com/importance-of-memorial-day>

The word “memorial” is defined as something designed to preserve the memory of a person, event, etc., as a monument or a holiday.

<https://www.dictionary.com/browse/memorial>

Memorial Day, by design, is a purposeful effort to remember something that is important, particularly, those who have fallen while fighting for our country. Washington, D. C. has several monuments honoring various wars and those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for us.

In the Bible, the word “monuments” is only found once, in Isa. 65:4:

Isa. 65:4 Which remain among the graves, and lodge in the **monuments**, which eat swine's flesh, and broth of abominable *things is in* their vessels;

Original Word: נָצַר **Transliteration:** natsar

Definition: to watch, guard, keep (monuments)

<https://biblehub.com/hebrew/5341.htm>

i. to preserve, guard from dangers

ii. to keep, observe, guard with fidelity

<https://www.blueletterbible.org/lexicon/h5341/kjv/wlc/0-2/#lexResults>

monument

1. something erected in memory of a person, event, etc., as a building, pillar, or statue:
2. any building, megalith, etc., surviving from a past age, and regarded as of historical or archaeological importance.
3. any enduring evidence or notable example of something:
4. an exemplar, model, or personification of some abstract quality, especially when considered to be beyond question:

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This morning, we will consider five “memorial markers” to never forget. The first one is “The Marker of the Creator.”

I. REMEMBER THE MARKER OF THE CREATOR

A. Remember Who He Is

Eccl. 12:1 **Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth**, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them;

Isa. 46:9 Remember the former things of old:
for I *am* God, and *there is* none else; I *am* God,
and *there is* none like me,

Rev. 1:8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning
and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and
which was, and which is to come, **the Almighty**.

B. Remember What He Has Done

1 Chron. 16:12 Remember his marvellous works
that he hath done, his wonders, and the
judgments of his mouth;

Psa. 77:11 I will remember the works of the LORD:
surely I will remember thy wonders of old.

Psa. 105:5 Remember his marvellous works that he
hath done; his wonders, and the judgments of his
mouth;

Psa. 143:5 I remember the days of old; I meditate on all
thy works; I muse on the work of thy hands.

Isa. 64:8 But now, O LORD, thou *art* our father; we *are*
the clay, and thou our potter; and we all *are* the work
of thy hand.

Rom. 9:21 Hath not the potter power over the clay, of
the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and
another unto dishonour?

II. REMEMBER THE MARKER OF YOUR CONVERSION

A. Remember Who You Were

Ex. 13:3 And Moses said unto the people,
**Remember this day, in which ye came out from
Egypt, out of the house of bondage;** for by
strength of hand the LORD brought you out from
this *place*: there shall no leavened bread be
eaten.

Deut. 5:15 And remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt, and *that* the LORD thy God brought thee out thence through a mighty hand and by a stretched out arm: therefore the LORD thy God commanded thee to keep the sabbath day.

Deut. 15:15 And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in the land of Egypt, and the LORD thy God redeemed thee: therefore I command thee this thing to day. (Deut. 16:12)

Eph. 2:1 And you *hath he quickened*, **who were dead in trespasses and sins;**

2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the **power of the air**, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

Rom. 5:8 But **God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.**

B. Remember Who You Are

2 Cor. 5:17 Therefore **if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature**: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Isa. 43:25 I, *even I, am* he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and **will not remember thy sins**.

Heb. 8:12 For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, **and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more**.

Heb. 10:17 And **their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.**

1 Jn. 3:1 **Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God:** therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

2 **Beloved, now are we the sons of God,** and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

III. REMEMBER THE MARKER OF THE COMMANDMENTS

A. Remember the Requirements for a Believer

1 Cor. 4:2 Moreover **it is required** in stewards,
that a man be found faithful.

Micah 6:8 He hath shewed thee, O man, what *is*
good; and **what doth the LORD require of thee,**
but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk
humbly with thy God?

B. Remember the Responsibilities of a Believer

Num. 15:39 And it shall be unto you for a fringe, that ye may look upon it, and **remember all the commandments of the LORD, and do them**; and that ye seek not after your own heart and your own eyes, after which ye use to go a whoring:
40 **That ye may remember, and do all my commandments, and be holy unto your God.**

1 Jn. 2:6 He that saith he abideth in him **ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.**

Jn. 14:15 **If ye love me, keep my commandments. ...**

23 Jesus answered and said unto him, **If a man love me, he will keep my words:** and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

IV. REMEMBER THE MARKER OF THE CONFLICT

A. Remember the Inevitable

1 Pet. 4:12 **Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you**, as though some strange thing happened unto you:

Psa. 34:19 **Many are the afflictions of the righteous:** but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.

Luke 6:48 He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and **when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house**, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock.

49 But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which **the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.**

Deut. 8:2 And **thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee** these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, *and* to prove thee, to know what *was* in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no. ...

18 But **thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for *it is* he that giveth thee power to get wealth,** that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as *it is* this day.

Job 7:7 **O remember that my life *is* wind:** mine eye shall no more see good.

Job 10:9 Remember, I beseech thee, that thou hast made me as the clay; and wilt thou bring me into dust again?

Mt. 26:41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak.

B. Remember the Inspiration

Isa. 43:1 But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called *thee* by thy name; **thou art mine**.

2 When thou passest through the waters, **I will be with thee**; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. (Heb. 13:5)

V. REMEMBER THE MARKER OF THE CONSCIENTIOUS

A. Remember our Strength

Psa. 20:7 Some *trust* in chariots, and some in horses:
but **we will remember the name of the LORD our God.**

Psa. 25:6 **Remember, O LORD, thy tender mercies and thy lovingkindnesses;** for they *have been* ever of old.

7 **Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to thy mercy remember thou me for thy goodness' sake, O LORD.**

Luke. 24:6 He is not here, but is risen: **remember how he spake unto you** when he was yet in Galilee,

Jude 1:17 But, beloved, **remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ;**

Rev. 2:5 **Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent,** and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

Rev. 3:3 Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent.

If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

Phil. 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

B. Remember our Service

Eph. 6:10 Finally, my brethren, **be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.**

11 **Put on the whole armour of God,** that ye may be able to **stand against the wiles of the devil.**

12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*.

13 Wherefore take unto you **the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.**

Jer. 33:3 **Call unto me, and I will answer thee,**
and shew thee great and mighty things, which
thou knowest not.

Jas. 5:16b The **effectual fervent prayer of a
righteous man** availeth much.

1 Thess. 5:17 **Pray without ceasing.**

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and **ye shall be witnesses unto me** both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

2 Tim. 2:15 **Study to shew thyself approved unto God**, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Summary

- ❖ Memorial markers for believers must begin with the Creator = **PERSONAL SAVIOR**
- ❖ Believers must remember a time of conversion and new life in Christ = **PERSONAL SALVATION**
- ❖ After salvation, a believer needs to remember God's commandments: **PERSONAL SANCTIFICATION**
- ❖ Growing in grace, a believer needs to remember the frailty of life = **PERSONAL STRUGGLES**
- ❖ Be disciplined to pray, study, witness, tithe, give to missions, and be most conscientious to please the Lord in all things = **PERSONAL SERVICE**

Conclusion

Titus 2:11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,
12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;
13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;
14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

2 Pet. 3:17 Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know *these things* before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness.

18 But **grow in grace, and *in* the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.** To him *be* glory both now and for ever. Amen.

