

## **In Remembrance**

**Psalm 103:1-18**

Memorial Day is our way of saying thank you to our fallen soldiers, sailors, and airmen.  
It is also a day to remember God and his blessings.

Memorial Day is all about REMEMBERING. And yet we are so quick to forget!

But even more disturbing than forgetting the cost of our heritage and freedom's price is forgetting  
**HOW MUCH WE OWE TO GOD!**

Scripture encourages us to remember what God has done.

**Psalm 103:1, 2**

David calls on us to remember and not forget.

**Psalm 103:3-12**

*"The Blessings of the Lord"*

These blessings are not automatic; they are conditioned on our obedience to His commands.

**Psalm 103:17, 18**

They are acquired as we walk with the Lord!

They will keep us steady in the time of trial.

And they will heal our emotional scars and hurts.

### Actions to take as we Remember!

#### **I. GIVE THANKS**

The admonition to give thanks occurs 4,510 in 1,964 sections of the Word of God.

Someone said,

*"The hardest arithmetic to master is that which enables us to count our blessings."*

**1 Chronicles 16:8-12a**

When we learn to be thankful both in and for our life's situations instead of being critical,  
our lives radically change for the good!

It's a matter of choice!! OUR CHOICE!!

God has promised blessings and He is faithful to His promises!

If we are CRITICAL, INSTEAD OF GRATEFUL we will never recognize nor enjoy His blessings.

The old age-old question comes to mind.

*Is the glass half empty or is it half full?*

"The mature Christian realizes that life is a gift from God,

and that the blessings of life come only from His bountiful hand." -- Warren W. Wiersbe

#### **II. RESOLVE TO BE OBEDIENT TO THE LORD.**

**Colossians 3:12-17**

There are many today who are spiritually ill—weak and anemic:

Simply put, it's because they fail to heed God's Word and walk in disobedience.

Do you love Jesus?

Listen to His definition of what defines those who love him.

**John 14:21**

The memory of God's grace should spur us on to a firm determination to do His will -  
regardless of the cost!

Yes, memory is a great gift from God.

We need to use it in the most positive way that we can.

May the past mercies of God serve as a help for the present and a hope for the future.