



## “The Blessing of Remembering”

Even after the advances of science, the brain remains the subject of study with a lot of unknowns and mysteries. In this complex and fascinating system, which represent the center of thought and conduct, we can find more than 80 billion neurons in the brain, where they interact and make connections with each other to give men the capacity of memory. We store memories that can be brought back at the moment we need them.

This marvelous and divine creation is vital to use in our times of necessity. According to the different life circumstances, men can evoke thoughts that have been stored in our memory, and therefore take advantage of them to resolve certain life situations that are currently being lived.

There is no excuse for not remembering the things that we have learned. But we must take into consideration that what we remember is due to the importance that we assign to it; this is what is missing in what I hear. We often hear superficially, with indifference or disparagement. If we only knew that faith comes through hearing, but hearing what? Hearing how? “Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ” (Ro 10:17, NIV). Paraphrasing this, we would say that faith comes as a result of hearing the message of Christ, and the message that is heard is the word of God. And the word of God says the following: “... without faith it is impossible to please God...” (Heb 11:6).

My beloved brothers, if faith is so important, and if faith is fed by what we hear from God, why don't we give reading and hearing God's words the importance it deserves? If only those 80 billion neurons were used to treasure the words that come from God for his people. Many times we ask ourselves: Is it because we're not considering God in our decisions? His word says: “Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them” (Dt 4:9).

King David found the origin of his peace, his liberty, and his joy in delighting in the words of the Lord: “Great peace have those who love your law... I will always obey your law, for ever and ever. I will

walk about in freedom... for I delight in your commands because I love them” (Psa 119:165, 44,45,47).

### Consequences of forgetting

There is no doubt that the main being interested in man's forgetfulness of God's word is Satan. He knows perfectly the benefit that hearing intently God's word brings to our lives. Therefore, he employs all he has to distract men, even those who are in church, so that they can forget what they have supposedly “heard.” This is why the word of God says: “...not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it – they will be blessed in what they do” (Jms 1:25).

God recommends his people the following: “Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God...who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery...But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability...If you were to forget the Lord your God...I testify against you today that you will surely be destroyed... For not obeying the Lord your God” (Dt 8:11-20). The Lord says: “The wicked go down to the realm of the dead, all the nations that forget God” (Psa 9:17).

Why should we suffer the consequences of forgetting about our good God and of the words of his Son Jesus Christ, if we have so many testimonies of those whose lives were traversed with so many pains? Why suffer what Israel suffered for their stubborn hearts and their calloused ears? Let us read: “A cry is heard on the barren heights, the weeping and the pleading of the people of Israel, because they have perverted their ways and have forgotten the Lord their God” (Jer 3:21). Be careful brother! Never forget: write the words of God in the tables of your heart, meditate in them day and night, even when you sleep they adorn your dreams.

Remember your creator in the days of your youth. When your soul feels that it is failing, remember Jehovah and he will hear your prayer (read Jonah 2:7). Let us conclude with the words of David, a man according to God's heart: “Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God” (Psa 20:7). Let us plead with all our heart for the Holy Spirit to remind us of all that Christ has told us. May God bless you. Amen.

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