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## ***Why Do We Have Memorials***

*This coming Monday the nation will celebrate Memorial Day, it used to be called Decoration Day. Every year we see graves decorated, dressed up and cleaned up so they look better. This is certainly a fine practice, but where do we get the idea of remembering those who have gone before or that which has gone before? We get that idea from our Creator. Let us consider "memorials" that God has set to help His people remember an event.*

***The Rainbow.*** *When God flooded the world and destroyed all the people save Noah and his family. God set forth the rainbow(Gen. 9:9-13) to promise man that He would not ever destroy the world that way again. God wants man to understand this for every generation. Why is that important to God? He desires a close relationship with His creation and not only that but a trusting relationship as well.*

***Passover.*** *God set Passover for the Israelite nation*

so they would remember the Lord passed over their houses when He struck down Egypt. What they were supposed to remember was that God delivered them from Egypt and they were to always remember God was and is their deliverer(Ex. 12:23-27). We do not observe the Passover since the law of Moses has been removed through Jesus' death on the cross so do we need to know anything of this memorial? This memorial helps us to understand our God. It helps us to understand that God is precise in what He commands and expects obedience to His commands. It also helps us understand that when God promises something He will deliver on that promise.

**The Lord's Supper.** Jesus set the remembrance of the Lord's Supper so that the faithful Christian would have a weekly remembrance of what was accomplished on the cross of Calvary. This remembrance is different than the others in the frequency of the remembrance. We see examples of the saints coming together for this remembrance on the first day of the week(Acts 20:7). We know that Jesus said we are to do this in remembrance of Him(Lk. 22:19). We know that the mechanics of it matter as far as attitude and mindset(1 Cor. 11:23-29). Why do we do this as often as we do? Our command is to do this until He returns and He has not yet returned, so we continue in our remembrance until He returns.

**Conclusion.** We have memorials because God wants us to remember certain events. Let us allow ourselves to be reminded of God's power in these memorials and let us be able to call to remembrance that which we should with each remembrance we have.- **Eric T Stauffer**

## **Psalm 42**

*As the deer pants for the water brooks, So my soul pants for You, God. 2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God; When shall I come and appear before God? 3 My tears have been my food day and night, While they say to me all day long, "Where is your God?" 4 I remember these things and pour out my soul within me. For I used to go over with the multitude and walk them to the house of God, With a voice of joy and thanksgiving, a multitude celebrating a festival. 5 Why are you in despair, my soul? And why are you restless within me? Wait for God, for I will again praise Him For the help of His presence, my God. 6 My soul is in despair within me; Therefore I remember You from the land of the Jordan And the peaks of Hermon, from Mount Mizar. 7 Deep calls to deep at the sound of Your waterfalls; All Your breakers and Your waves have passed over me. 8 The Lord will send His goodness in the daytime; And His song will be with me in the night, A prayer to the God of my life. 9 I will say to God my rock, "Why have You forgotten me? Why do I go about mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?" 10 As a shattering of my bones, my adversaries taunt me, While they say to me all day long, "Where is your God?" 11 Why are you in despair, my soul? And why are you restless within me? Wait for God, for I will again praise Him For the help of His presence, my God.*

# Family Matters

**Prayer List:** Linda Adams; Roselle Grisham; John Frazier; Donnie Bunch, Howard Whittlesey, Elizabeth Matthews, Harold Whittlesey, Robbin Laffoon

**Out of town:** The Cielos; The Fultzs; The Fraziers

**Week 22 reading plan:**

Monday: 1 Chron. 22-25; Psalm 78; Romans 5

Tuesday: 1 Kings 1; 1 Chron. 26-28; Romans 6

Wednesday: 1 Kings 2; 1 Chron. 29; Romans 7

Thursday: 1 Kings 3; 2 Chron. 1; Psalm 42; Romans 8

Friday: 1 Kings 4; Prov. 1-2; Psalm 43; Romans 9

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