

Episode: Other Letters Series No. 05

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Primary Scriptures: Genesis 8:20, 9:12-17

Story Summary: It is important to remember God and what he has done for us

Location: Everywhere

Time: All times

Suggested Memory Scriptures: Genesis 9:16

An easy Bible question – why did God put rainbows in the sky? The answer springing to mind might be: So we will always remember that he will never again destroy the earth by flood. However, Genesis 9:15-16 says God put rainbows in the sky as a reminder to him that he made a covenant to never again destroy the earth by flood!¹

Apparently, it is important to God to have his own reminders and memorials. How much more important is it for us to have them! That is why remembering and memorials are a recurring theme of the Bible.

The first thing Noah did after he got out of the ark was build an altar to sacrifice to God.² Don't you imagine every time Noah saw that pile of rocks he remembered God? Even people's different languages reminded them of them of the Tower of Babel and God's response to it. Throughout the Bible, Abraham and his descendants used altars, piles of rocks, festivals and other things as memorials.

Fast forward to Jesus and the night before his death. In the Upper Room he established communion as a perpetual reminder of himself.³ The Bible is a way for all to remember the information in it in exactly the same way.

In modern times, it is easy to get busy and distracted from Godly things. In fact it seems an objective of television, Hollywood, and social media to keep everyone focused on everything but Godly things. That makes it all the more important to have memorials and remembrances in your life that remind you to be Godly.

What does that look like for you? Special speeches or activities on holidays; Bibles and devotional books on tables; post-it notes on your mirrors and windows; alarms on your phone to remind you to pray or call somebody. There are endless ways for you to have memorials and reminders to lead you to think of God and act more as he wants you to.

¹ As a note, God did not say he wouldn't destroy it by fire or any other way.

² Genesis 8:20

³ Luke 22:19, 1 Cor. 11:24-25