

Spiritual Amnesia

THE CURE?

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- Amnesia – the condition of not remembering!
- It can be partial or it can be extreme in degree!
- It can be temporary or it can be permanent !
- Now apply that to the realm of our 3 dimensions!

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- This condition of spiritual amnesia is both humbling and frightening. How can I so easily forget how great our God is? It becomes clear when looking all the way back to Adam and Eve's lack of trust to the Israelites wandering in the desert to Peter's denial and fear.

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- Spiritual amnesia is not a new problem.
- Thus, the sons of Israel did not remember the Lord their God, who had delivered them from the hands of all their enemies on every side... -Judges 8:34

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- If I'm honest with myself, I often judge the Israelites when reading these passages. How could they so quickly turn away from God? He wiped out Pharoah's army, and that was right after He *parted the waters of the Red Sea* for them to walk through. I would *never* make and worship a golden calf, let alone after such incredible wonders. How ridiculous!
- Yet, I do the same thing, just the 2019 version, as I worship the idols of my smartphone and the comma in my bank account.

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- I take my eyes off Our Lord, I look around at the mess of this world, and I get discouraged. I forget who God is, what He has done, and what He has promised.

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“Remember” is used somewhere around 350 times in the Bible. If you use a variant of the word, the occurrence jumps to nearly 550. The solution is not a secret. In fact, it’s not even that complex.

Unfortunately, simple does not equal easy.

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What must we remember.

I shall remember the deeds of the Lord; Surely, I will remember Your wonders of old. -Psalm 77:11

In the Book of Deuteronomy, Moses exhorts the people, ([8:2-3, 14-16](#)).

- “Remember!” “Remember how for 40 years now the Lord has directed your journey.” Moses says to the people, “Do not forget! Do not forget the Lord, your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt.” You faced dangers in the desert, and God directed your journey. You were thirsty, and God provided water. You were hungry, and God fed you with manna.

In the Gospel according to John, Jesus himself invokes this memory (6:51-58). He tells the Jewish crowds, “Your ancestors ... ate [manna in the desert] and still died.” But “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever.”

At the Last Supper, itself a meal to remember God's saving act in the Passover, Jesus said to his disciples, "This is my body. Take and eat. This is my blood. Take and drink."

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- How to Remember in the Midst of Spiritual Amnesia
- How do I remember?

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#1. Pray in the Holy Spirit

- The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything ***and remind you of all that I told you.*** -John 14:26

Remember not the former things, nor
consider the things of old. Behold, I
am doing a new thing; now it springs
forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way

in the wilderness and rivers in the
desert.

Isalah 43:18-19



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THING I DO,**

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THE MARK FOR THE PRIZE OF THE HIGH CALLING
OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS. PHILIPPIANS 3:13-14