

A LONGING FOR REMEMBRANCE

INTRODUCTION:

1. Psalms 90:9-10: “For all our days have passed away in Your wrath; we finish our years like a sigh. The days of our lives are seventy years; and if by reason of strength they are eighty years, yet their boast is only labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.”
2. Psalms 103:14-16: “For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust. As for man, his days are like grass; as a flower of the field, so he flourishes. For the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more.”
3. 2 Kings 20:1-3: “In those days Hezekiah was sick and near death. And Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, went to him and said to him, ‘Thus says the Lord: Set your house in order, for you shall die, and not live.’ Then he turned his face toward the wall, and prayed to the Lord, saying, ‘Remember now, O Lord, I pray, how I have walked before You in truth and with a loyal heart, and have done what was good in Your sight.’”
4. Mark 14:8-9: “She has done what she could. She has come beforehand to anoint My body for burial. Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached throughout the whole world, what this woman did will also be spoken of as a memorial to her.”

A. DORCAS - Lydda (known for her good works).

I. ALL OF US HAVE A DESIRE TO BE REMEMBERED.

- A. One main reason a man has wanted a son is that HIS NAME - a part of HIMSELF - might be remembered as his son carried his name and that of his ancestors.
- B. None of us want to be completely forgotten.
- C. HOW WILL WE BE REMEMBERED?
 1. A teenager who rebelled and brought shame to his parents.
 2. A husband who could not accept responsibility.
 3. A father who furnished a sorry example for his family.
 4. As a neighbor who had no friends.
 5. As an unstable person who could never stay with a job.

6. As a church member who had to be coddled all the time.
7. As the church gossip.
8. As one who had to have Everything his way:
 - a. At home, at church, on the job, et al.
9. As a person who used the congregation and its members as a "whipping boy."
 - a. Preacher and his wife at four different congregations. All the problems had been caused by the members - never the preacher.
 - (i) He constantly vented his rage on the church and his children listened to this as they grew up. They left home and the church as soon as they could.
10. As a church member who could not be counted on to shoulder his part of the work of the Lord.
 - a. A hit and miss Christian.
11. A person who loved worldliness more than God's church.
12. A person who will not leave any lasting contribution when they die.
 - a. (They leave nothing worthwhile to be remembered for)

II. WILL WE BE REMEMBERED AS A LOVELY, GRACIOUS PERSON WE CHERISHED?

- A. Will we be remembered as:
 1. As a son or daughter whose parents could be justly proud.
 - a. Who never brought a tear or a heartache into their lives.
 2. A teenager who enjoyed life but played according to God's rules.
 3. A student who loved learning as a preparation to make a positive contribution to the world.

4. A husband with a wife who could proudly say:

“He belongs to me.”

* 5. A father whose broad shoulders would gladly carry the needs and burdens of his family with a smile and joy.

6. As a Christian who knows the meaning of service.

7. As a servant who knows that Christ is his Master.

8. In my case, As a Preacher who loved his congregation.

A vision that encompasses the world.

A man of courage - Who stood for the right and damned injustice.

A builder - not a wrecker.

9. All of us: Be Men of Honor

a. As tall as the Cedars of Lebanon.

(i) Not a reed that bends with every breeze.

* b. Men who are loyal to their wives - to the commitment they made.

* c. Men who stood by their children - come what may.

d. A lover of knowledge - a lover of the beautiful.

CONCLUSION:

1. Men whose face was turned toward heaven with a hand behind joined by countless thousands - whose life framed a chain with hands in his and each other that reached heaven.

DESTINATION HEAVEN.

2. THEY A life lived for others - who left his footprints in the hearts of REMEMBRANCES forever.

“THOUGH HE BE DEAD, YET HE STILL LIVES.”