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“Grace Thoughts”



A short devotional to help get you excited about Jesus!

“This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.” –Luke 22:19

Thanksgiving became a federal holiday in the United States in 1863, when president Lincoln proclaimed it a day of, “Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens.” I have a personal memory that accompanies this holiday. Back in 2016, as we sat at the Thanksgiving table, my dad, in the other room, was too ill to join us, therefore his plate stayed empty at the table. He passed away that very night. During Thanksgiving meals, I always remember that day, and thank God for my parents’ godly lives and unconditional love. Today is the anniversary of my dad’s death.

In the Scriptures, God often told His people to “remember.” They were to remember to keep the Sabbath day holy, in honor of their Creator and Redeemer (Exodus 20:9-11; Deuteronomy 5:12-15). When they entered the Promised Land and became afraid, they were to remember what the Lord had done for them in Egypt, and how God had led them (Deuteronomy 7:17, 18; 8:2). Yearly, the people of Israel celebrated a meal of remembrance, a memorial of redemption called Passover, in which they recalled how they had been delivered through the blood of the Passover lamb (Exodus 12:21-27). It was this yearly meal that Jesus and His disciples were eating, when Jesus took the bread and, instead of reciting the regular Passover story, told them to eat from now on in memory of Him: “This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me” (Luke 22:19). A greater deliverance, foreshadowed by the original Passover, was about to take place. Jesus wanted us to remember Him, to eat the bread and drink the cup in memory of Him and His sacrifice for us. If we ever become afraid of the future, we are to remember the past. Every time we take the bread and the cup as emblems of His sacrifice, we do this in His memory, accepting the assurance of our salvation in Him. Let us remember the price He paid for our ransom, until that Day when He will come to take us to our heavenly Home! Do not be afraid ... remember Him!

Talbot, Elizabeth *Jesus Wins!*, p. 347.