

I FORGOT

One of the challenges we face in a home full of crazy boys is a phenomenon called "I forgot!" It is a common catch-all excuse for not doing something for which one is responsible. While it is a common excuse for children and adults alike, it is also a legitimate danger for us spiritually. As God prepares the Israelites to go into the promised land, he gives them specific instructions. The crux behind the instructions is that they don't forget God.

Deuteronomy 6:12

then take care lest you forget the Lord, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

The people are about to experience something great and exciting. It is going to be full of blessings and goodies. So how do they avoid the pitfalls? The remedy is knowing God.

Deuteronomy 7

*6 "For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. 7 It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the Lord set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, 8 but it is because the Lord loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. 9 **Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations,** 10 and repays to their face those who hate him, by destroying them. He will not be slack with one who hates him. He will repay him to his face. 11 You shall therefore be careful to do the commandment and the statutes and the rules that I command you today.*

This is more than a superficial acquaintance. They are challenged to recall his faithfulness and promise-keeping. They are urged to remember his loyal undying love. Furthermore, they are called to practice that knowledge through faithful obedience.

Like God's people in the wilderness, we too are a chosen people for his possession (1 Peter 2:9), and we are anticipating the blessing of our eternal home with God (John 14). However, life gets crazy busy, and distractions lie around every corner. Humanity is prone to forgetfulness (Romans 1), but we must never forget.

2 Peter 1:2

May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

Don't Forget,
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