

Remembrance.

“remember the day when thou camest forth out of the land of Egypt all the days of thy life”.
Deut. 16: 3.

Moses was eager for the children of Israel to remember forever the day they were liberated from slavery in Egypt. It caused great rejoicing at the time and was such a display of the power of the Lord to save. It was clear proof of His own love for these people. It was evidence that He had indeed taken this little nation as a peculiar people to Himself above all others. It was proof of the faithfulness of God in fulfilling the promises made to Abraham. Many, many things to remember and many things to be thankful for.

Surely, the Christian can take a leaf out of this book? The deliverance of Israel from Egypt was a shadow of the greater work God would do in liberating sinners from sin and ruin. If you have been set free by the Son you will automatically see a parallel in the experience of Israel and your own.

You, like Israel, will recall the great rejoicing when your burden of sin fell from your back when you bowed at the foot of the cross. You will remember the easing of a guilty conscience that had plagued you. You will remember the joy you struggled to express, joy unspeakable and full of glory.

Like Israel you will also know the great display of power in your own salvation. Enslaved by toxic attitudes, hateful, and hating one another, hounded by a merciless conscience, children of wrath, dead in trespasses and sin until Christ arose in power to save you. You will remember the moment the Lord shone in your heart the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ, chasing away the darkness. The Holy Spirit blowing upon your soul sweeping all these immovable obstacles away like dust. You tasted what Jeremiah preached, that *“your Redeemer is strong”*.

Like Israel you rejoiced in the knowledge of sins forgiven as this proved furthermore the love of God to you, the love that passes understanding. The love that sees Christ die for the ungodly and give Himself for those yet with out strength. Love that not only liberates but adopts. Does the Apostle John celebrate the manner of love that delivers? No; *“Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God”*. 1 John 3: 1.

Like Israel you will rejoice when you remember electing love. No doubt this remains shrouded in mystery, yet you know the truth of it. What else can account for the change in your stubborn heart except that the Lord was moving without your knowledge, even without your asking? God working in sovereign power to make you a new creature, created in Christ Jesus. Redeemed by the Son because it was the Father's will. Redeemed as one given to the Son by the Father in eternity past.

Many, many reasons to remember and bow in thankfulness. If Israel ought to have remembered forever that great day of deliverance, surely the Christian cannot be exempt? Christ gave the church the ordinance of the Lord's supper so that we would remember. But daily you can pause in gratefulness and remember that day Christ set you free and brought you out of bondage; out of darkness into His marvellous light.

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