

## “people forget!”

**One of the most disturbing aspects** of aging is the growing inability to recall vitally important information. This affliction becomes particularly pronounced when you go upstairs to get something. Halfway up, you realize that you have no idea of what you were going upstairs to get. Then--you have to decide whether to go back downstairs and try to remember what you needed, or continue on up and look for something that needs bringing down. Unable to decide, you resort to sitting on the landing and sulking, only to discover that you have completely forgotten whether you were originally upstairs, going down or downstairs going up! **people forget**

**ACCORDING TO THE GREEK... Memory** "The thing we forget with"

**Memory is what tells a man his wedding anniversary was yesterday**

**"REMEMBER" IS LISTED CLOSE TO 300X'S IN THE BIBLE WHY? people forget**

**STOP!** go back in time and **IMAGINE** seeing what God's people got to see

**10 PLAGUES OF EGYPT** THE PLAGUES DID NOT AFFECT THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL

1. **NILE TO BLOOD** Hapi was the Egyptian god of the Nile.
2. **FROGS** Heket was the Egyptian goddess of fertility.
3. **LICE/GNAT/MOSQUITOS OR TICKS** The Egyptians had invented so many gods for themselves that many ended up with similar roles. Thus, each of God's plagues would have threatened multiple deities at once. In the plague of gnats, Geb—the god of the earth—was clearly having problems since someone was turning his territory into flies. Khepri—the god of creation—was also being outdone by some far more powerful Creator, while Thoth—the god of magic—was being stifled. In the first two plagues, Thoth had obviously assisted Pharaoh's magicians in duplicating the supernatural events. But during this third plague, something bad must have happened to Thoth because the magicians were suddenly out of tricks. By now every Egyptian had to be wondering what kind of Power could trump so many of their gods at once. According to His messenger Moses, there was a single Deity responsible for all of their problems. Before now, they'd never imagined that a God of such great power could exist. Little did they know, He was just warming up.
4. **FLIES/BEETLES**
5. **CATTLE DIE** against religion to kill cattle
6. **BOILS**
7. **HAIL** Now death of people Two guys walking together

My memory's not as sharp as it used to be.

Also, my memory's not as sharp as it used to be. **people Forget**

8. **LOCUSTS** some **3 inches high** and when squashed under foot they stank

9. **DARKNESS BLACK HORROR** (sunniest lands of the world)

10. **DEATH OF THE 1ST BORN (Passover)** **people Forget**

**Doctor, I'm losing my memory... Oh forget it!**

**EXODUS OF THE ISRAELITES**

**Part the Red Sea** - 6,000 feet deep at it's deepest point

2 miles broad at its narrowest points

**3 - 6 million people** **Clouds by day** and **fire by night**

**DESERT... No water...** 1080 box cars of water every day. Moses hits the rock and **water** comes out

**FOOD** - 160 box cars of manna every day

A man was on his way home with a new car, which was absorbing all his attention, when it struck him that he had forgotten something. Twice he stopped, went through the contents of his car, searched his pockets, but finally decided he had everything with him. **Yet the feeling persisted.** When he reached home his daughter ran out, stopped short, and cried: "Daddy, where's Mommy?" **people Forget**

**Exodus 17:8-16** records an incredible victory over the Amalekites

**Aaron and Hur held up Moses' arms**

The people of God had not picked up a weapon in 400 years they didn't know how to fight... **Exodus 17:14** Then the LORD said to Moses, "Write this for a memorial in the book and recount it in the hearing of Joshua"

**WHY? people Forget**

**MT. SINAI** Miracle of God delivering the 10 commandments **WE WANT TO GO**  
**thunder and lighting. WHY DON'T YOU GO MOSES**

"NO OTHER GOD'S" "NO GRAVEN IMAGES"

**Jewish tradition tells us God spoke them so all the nations of the world could hear in their own language.**

They are all down the mountain worshipping around a golden calf +**HEY FORGOT!!! people Forget**

Finally they can enter the promised land. (Sad, sad, sad story...) **Numbers 13:25** And they returned from spying out the land after forty days. to verse 27 Then they told him, and said: "We went to the land where you sent us. It truly flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit. "Nevertheless the people who dwell in the land are strong; the cities are fortified and very large; moreover we saw the descendants of Anak there. "The Amalekites dwell in the land of the South; the Hittites, the Jebusites, and the Amorites dwell in the mountains; and the Canaanites dwell by the sea and along the banks of the Jordan."

30 Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, **really? WHAT ARE YOU GUYS THINKING? DID YOU FORGET? Was I the only one who saw the plagues, the sea part, the water, the food, miracles...** "Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it." 31 But the men who had gone up with him said, "We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we." 32 And they gave the children of Israel a bad report of the land which they had spied out, saying, "The land through which we have gone as spies is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people whom we saw in it are men of great stature. 33 "There we saw the giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight. Yada yada yada Blah, blah, blah... "

**Chapter 14 verse 1...** So all the congregation lifted up their voices and cried, and the people wept that night. 2 And all the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron, and the whole congregation said to them, "If only we had died in the land of Egypt! Or if only we had died in this wilderness! 3 "Why has the LORD brought us to this land to fall by the sword, that our wives and children should become victims? Would it not be better for us to return to Egypt?" So they said to one another, "Let us select a leader and return to Egypt." 5 Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the children of Israel.  
**people Forget**

**GOD DIDN'T EVEN LET THEIR SHOES WEAR OUT!**

Betty is aged 94 and she is angry and so she 'phones the newspaper office

in Manchester, loudly demanding to know where her Sunday edition was. 'Ma'am,' said the employee, 'today is Saturday. The Sunday paper is not delivered until Sunday.' There was a long pause on the other end of the phone, followed by a ray of recognition from Betty. 'I'll bet that's why no one was in church today too.' **people Forget**

**Deut. 8:10** "When you have eaten and are full, then you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land which He has given you. 11 "**Beware** that you do not **forget** the LORD your God by not keeping His commandments, His judgments, and His statutes which I command you today, "lest--when you have eaten and are full, and have built beautiful houses and dwell in them; "and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold are multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied; **14 "when your heart is lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage;** 15 "who led you through that great and terrible wilderness, in which were fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty land where there was no water; *He recounts again all the miracles... they needed to hear it again!!* Who brought water for you out of the flinty rock; 16 "who fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your fathers did not know, that He might humble you and that He might test you, to do you good in the end-- 17 "then you say in your heart, `My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth.' 18 "And you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day. 19 "Then it shall be, if you by any means forget the LORD your God, and follow other gods, and serve them and worship them, I testify against you this day that you shall surely perish. 20 "As the nations which the LORD destroys before you, so you shall perish, because you would not be obedient to the voice of the LORD your God.

**A good thing about a bad memory, you can hide your own Easter eggs wrap and still be surprised by your own Christmas presents and you meet new people everyday... people Forget**

**Exodus 13:9** "It shall be as a sign to you on your hand and as a memorial between your eyes, that the LORD'S law may be in your mouth; for with a strong hand the LORD has brought you out of Egypt.

They had 30 verses they would write on parchment and ***then tie them to their forehead, hand or arm***

That's what the festivals or Jewish feasts were all about

**Deut. 4:9** Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them.

**Deut. 25:19** When the LORD your God gives you rest from all the enemies around you in the land he is giving you to possess as an inheritance, you shall blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven. **DO NOT FORGET!**

**Deut. 4:23** Be careful not to forget the covenant of the LORD your God that he made with you; do not make for yourselves an idol in the form of anything the LORD your God has forbidden. 24 For the LORD your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.

**In these texts I see some pretty powerful truths about mankind...**

**we Forget**, take for granted... and often respond to the miraculous and our God with indifference

Heard people say I'm gonna go have fun and do what I want to do...

I'm not sure God is real anymore. I tried that Jesus stuff and it didn't work for me. Well the church is full of hypocrites. (Room for one more) **HOW**

**COULD WE FORGET?**, we are not our own, we were bought with a price, **all He has done we must not forget...**

**READING THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR** and going through all these passages and seeing all God had done and the pleading towards His people not the forget, I wrote this... *"God desperately desires for us to never forget Him. He, seemingly, in tears pleads for us to not forget Him. He says write my laws on your heart, write them on your foreheads, doorposts, everywhere so you don't forget me."*

Why doesn't God want us to forget Him? the gospel message... LOVE!!!

**Deut. 7:7** "The LORD did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any other people, for you were the least of all peoples; 8 "but because the LORD loves you.

Oh church if we could be reminded every day how much He loves us we would never **Forget**, *but we forget!*

Revelation 2: To the Church at Ephesus you have done all these great



things but... 4 "Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love.

We need to remind ourselves everyday and in everyway... Lord don't let me forget you!!!!

**"Doctor, I can't remember a thing from one minute to the next."  
"Since when has this been going on?" "Since when has what been going on."**

**There is no point in worrying about forgetting things as you grow older because you'll soon forget what you forgot.**

**IF I SAW ALL THEY SAW I WOULD NEVER FORGET!**

**Conversation Cris had with Eve the night she stepped into eternity**

**It grieved her that the youth she worked with their faith was so real.. sincere. How can they taste and see how GOOD God is and then return to a life without Him **PEOPLE FORGET!****

**How could the Israelites see what they saw and forget Him**

**Can you imagine seeing what the disciples saw?**

*5 x's scripture records demoniacs healed*

**11 x's lepers healed**

**6 X'S BLIND, DEAF AND DUMB**

**Paralyzed, fevers, ISSUES OF BLOOD, withered hands [Mass](#)**

**[healings...](#) Matt. 15:30 & 31 and Mark 1:32-34**

**Jesus commanding storms to be STILL**

**Doctor 2 things wrong 1. Terminal Cancer. 2. Advanced stages of severe memory loss... At least I don't have cancer. **people Forget****

**[Matt. 14:22-36](#) Jesus walks on water (Peter too)**

**[Matt. 17:27](#) Coin in fishes mouth**

**[Matt. 17:1-13](#) Transfiguration**

**[Matt. 14:13-21](#) Feeding of 5,000 (5 loaves and 2 fish)**

**Matt. 15:30-38** Two weeks later Feeding of 4,000 (7 loaves and few fish)

**MEN DON'T REMEMBER LIKE WOMEN DO...** "Some wives have such good memories they can remember things that **never even** happened."

**Some women on the other hand have** *terrible memories...* **they remember everything!!!**

**If you want to damage someone's memory lend them money.**

If that's not enough they watched Jesus raise the dead...

**Luke 7:11-18** WIDOWS SON

**Mark 5:22-43** JAIRUS' DAUGHTER

**John 11:1-46** LAZARUS

**too the very last minute they see God's power**

**John 18:6** When Jesus said, "I am He," they drew back and fell to the ground. They saw it all and still forgot... **people forget**

**Matthew 26:56** But all this was done that the Scriptures of the **prophets might be fulfilled.** "

**THEN ALL THE DISCIPLES FORSOOK HIM AND FLED.** I am comforted by their forgetfulness, in the end they found themselves in the love of God

**WOW IF I SAW ALL THAT I WOULD NOT FORGET!**

Every time I tell my story; it reminds me! **I NEED IT!!! Because I forget!**

You need to constantly remind yourself of what God has done in your life...

**Revelation 12:11** And they overcame him by the **blood of the Lamb** and by the word **of** their **testimony**, and they did not love their lives to the death. Oh God it only you would come through on this one I will never doubt again

Given no chance to live... 300 blood and platelet transfusions

Hemridged internally 2 separate times... *My arm was stuck and my ankle was a mess*

Mom and dad went to UCLA medical center were they reviewed my charts and recommended my parents take me home and let me die as peacefully as possible.

Fevers, 3 weeks no bowel movements, 3 hours of total body radiation  
6 weeks without eating, ulcers in my rectum let us wait until the morning

Graft vs. host disease

**Everyday reminders...** Radiation and chemo knocked out my saliva, sweat, and tears stunted my growth and made me sterile.

**MY MOM WAS THERE THROUGH IT ALL**

**LIVER TRANSPLANT...** 3 NG tubes, 3 Pholies, Drugs (hallucinations),

Bleeding ulcer Food I will never take food for granted

Pain everyday I will never forget this moment **i forget all the time**

"Remember" is listed close to 300x's in the Bible

Scripture implies and speaks of the truth of man's forgetfulness. So we create memorials and so did God.

**MEMORIAL:** remembrance, records, reminder,

TO PRESERVE THE MEMORY OF

Museum's, monuments & memorials

**Holocaust museum** VIETNAM MEMORIAL WWI and WWZ memorials

WASHINGTON MEMORIAL LINCOLN MEMORIAL Jefferson Monument

**"Remember the Alamo"**

**END OF EVERY YEAR WE LOOK BACK**

**MEMORIAL SERVICES** for loved ones who pass away

Sept. 11th

**IN MEMORY OF...**

WE VISIT CEMETERIES to remember

**Pictures** (Creative memories)

**We do a lot to Preserve the memory of things and People but how about God and all He has done**

My shadow box... and these items shall be as a memorial unto all... To God be the glory!

1. Communion, remembering what God has done, is doing and will do
2. Share testimonies of God's faithfulness and goodness to your children, family and friends. Set up memorials in your house. ie... my needles; a seat belt that reminds you an angel got crushed and not you. I was supposed to die when I was...
3. Stay in fellowship with believers
4. Stay in prayer
5. Stay in the Word



## **CHURCH, DON'T FORGET TO REMEMBER HIS LOVE**

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