

GRANDMA - THE POWER OF MEMORY, GOOD + BAD

IT IS PART OF THE IMAGO DEI TO REMEMBER + BE REMEMBERED.

HOWEVER, WHATEVER GOD MAKES SATAN TWISTS + COUNTERFEITS, EVIL MEMORY + INTENT.

PROMISES BROKEN (FORGOTTEN)

- BROKEN COVENANTS/PROMISES
- BROKEN SYSTEMS (PARENTS/KIDS)
- BROKEN HEARTS (SADNESS/DISAPPOINT)

SIN REMEMBERED

- GLUTTONY
- BITTERNESS
- RECORD OF WRONGS

LW 61: 54-55 He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever.

WITH MAN, PROMISES ARE FORGOTTEN + SIN IS REMEMBERED
WITH GOD, PROMISES ARE REMEMBERED + SIN IS FORGOTTEN

1 GOD'S HELP IS PRESENT - "HE HAS HELPED HIS SERVANT ISRAEL..."

HELP
 Psalm 46:1 - God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
 Hebrews 2:16 - For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham.
SERVANT ISRAEL
 Isaiah 44:21-22 - Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are my servant; I formed you, you are my servant. O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me. I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you.

GOD IS ENGAGED TO HELP HIS PEOPLE

SOMETIMES THE HELP WE NEED ISN'T THE HELP WE THINK WE NEED

- GOD'S TRIUMPHANT PLAN OF HELP IS BUILT WORKED OUT IN WEAKNESS + FRAGILITY
- HUMBLE BEGINNINGS IN KINGDOM

2 GOD'S REMEMBRANCE IS CONSTANT - "IN REMEMBRANCE OF HIS MERCY"

Psalm 98:3 - He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
HONORING MEMORY OF HIS PROMISES

Genesis 3:15 - I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.

GOD REMEMBERS THE CURSE THROUGH REMEMBRANCE

- GOD NEVER TRULY FORGETS HIS MERCY
- HIS REMEMBRANCE IS WHEN HE IS WEAVING IT INTO THE FABRIC OF THE REDEMPTION STORY

3 GOD'S PROMISES ARE ANCIENT - "AS HE SPOKE TO OUR FATHERS, TO ABRAHAM TO HIS ORIGINAL FATHER"

Genesis 17:15-21 - And God said to Abraham, "As for Sarah your wife, you shall not call her name Sarah, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her." Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed and said to himself, "Shall a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?" And Abraham said to God, "Oh that Ishmael might live before you!" God said, "No, but Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him. As for Ishmael, I have heard you; behind, I have blessed him and will make him fruitful and multiply him greatly. He shall father twelve princes, and I will make him into a great nation. But I will establish my covenant with Isaac. When Sarah shall bear to you at this time next year."

God's heart is always to dwell with + help his ppl
 sin ruins this, so God acts in love

Micah 7:18-20 - Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. You will show faithfulness to Jacob and steadfast love to Abraham, as you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.

- IN ORDER FOR US TO ENJOY RELATIONSHIP, SIN HAS TO BE MOVED OUT OF THE WAY
- GOD, BECAUSE HE DESIRES RELATIONSHIP, HAS ALWAYS MADE A WAY FOR THIS
- MARY'S SON IS THE IMAGINATION OF THE FINAL + COMPLETE WAY TO ENJOY ACCESS TO GOD - JESUS
- GRATITUDE FOR GOD'S REMEMBRANCE MERIT IN JESUS

WITH GOD, EVERLASTING MEANS EVERLASTING
 HISTORY OF GOD'S PEOPLE (HUMAN) vs. GOD'S PROMISE (COVENANT)