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Sunday Worship Assembly 9:30 AM
Sunday Bible Classes (All Ages) 11:00 AM
Wednesday Adult Bible Class 1:30 PM
Wednesday Bible Classes (All Ages) 7:00 PM



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When God Forgets

- Renn Ferguson

The omniscience of God is a topic frequently discussed and taught in scripture. For example, John stated that God knows everything (1 John 3:20), the apostles stated that He knows the heart of every man (Acts 1:24), and Jesus said that He even knows how many hairs are on our head (Matthew 10:30). God knows everything and, therefore, should remember everything. Yet some passages of scripture teach that God does forget.

One such passage is Hebrews 8:12 which reads, "For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more." (ESV). This verse has caused many people to wonder how God could forget our sins if He is truly omniscient. The answer to this question largely lies in range of usage of the words "remember" and "forget."

Words can often have various meanings or be used in various senses. The word "ball", for example, can refer to an object or a formal dance. Context determines the usage. For God, the terms "remember" and "forget" do not have to do with God's knowledge of a thing but rather His actions concerning it.

Often, God is described as having remembered the covenants He made with man (Genesis 9:14-16, Leviticus 26:40-42, Psalm 105:8-9, Luke 1:54-55, 72). This does not mean that in the interim the covenants escaped His memory but that He was acting concerning the promises made. God "forgetting" something is just the opposite. When God forgets He will not act. In Hosea 4:6, God declares "And since you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children." Here He is saying that He would not care for the children of Israel as part of the punishment for their sins.

In the same way, when the Hebrews writer quotes Jeremiah in Hebrews 8:12, he is declaring that God will not act in judgment against our sins. He knows them but He will not punish them. Christians can rest assured that God will remember the promises made to us (Numbers 23:19, Titus 1:2, Hebrews 6:18-19).

Connections



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Elders & Deacons

Conference

January 18, 10:00 AM



Imitating Jesus' Love

Unconditional

- He loved when we hated- 1 John 4:9-10, Luke 23:34, Romans 8:31-39
- We cannot love conditionally- Job 1:9-11, 1 Corinthians 13:5, Romans 12:19-20

Serving

- He served constantly- Matthew 20:28, 5:43-48, John 13:1-17, Luke 22:15, Philippians 2:14
- The greatest life is one of service- Matthew 20:20-28, Acts 20:35

Forgiving

- He wholly forgives- Isaiah 1:18, Acts 3:19, Matthew 27:38-44, Luke 23:39-43
- We must sincerely forgive- Matthew 18:35, 1 Corinthians 13:5, Matthew 18:21-22

Sacrificial

- The pinnacle of love- Philippians 2:3-11, Romans 5:6-11
- What are we willing to sacrifice? 1 John 3:16-17, 2 Corinthians 8:3, 2 Timothy 2:10

Worship Service

Announcements

Song: 943 I love You, Lord (2x)

Prayer

Song: 435 More Love to Thee, O Christ

Lord's Supper and Contribution

Song: 19 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (Vs. 1, 2, 4)

Song: 732 We Praise Thee, O God (Vs. 1, 2, 4)

Song 585 Soldiers of Christ, Arise (Vs. 1-3, 5)

Song: 200 Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

Scripture Reading: 1 John 4:9-11

Sermon

Song: 23 All Things Are Ready (Vs. 1, 2, 4)

Song: 756 When We All Get to Heaven (Vs. 1, 3)

Prayer

1 John 4:9-11

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1 John 4:9-11 (NKJV)

- ⁹ In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.
- ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.
- ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

Why Worship?

But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. John 4:23