

## GOD'S MEMORIAL

### 1. What is to endure throughout all generations?

Psalm 135:13 (NKJV) “Your name, O LORD, endures forever, Your fame, O LORD, throughout all generations.”

**Mariam Webster:** “Serving to preserve remembrance.”

<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/memorial>

### 2. What illustration of this is given in the Bible?

Joshua 4:7 (NKJV) “Then you shall answer them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD; when it crossed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. And these stones shall be for a memorial to the children of Israel forever.”

### 3. What were these stones to commemorate?

Joshua 4:21-22 (NKJV) “Then he spoke to the children of Israel, saying: “When your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, ‘What are these stones?’ (22) then you shall let your children know, saying, “Israel crossed over this Jordan on dry land.”

**NOTE:** These stones were to be a standing memorial, or reminder, of Israel's coming dry-shod over the Jordan.

### 4. What was another memorial instituted to commemorate another signal providence in behalf of the Israelites?

Exodus 12:14 (NKJV) “So this day shall be to you a memorial; and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD throughout your generations. You shall keep it as a feast by an everlasting ordinance.”

**NOTE:** This, the pass over, was a periodical memorial, to be observed on the fourteenth day of the first month of each year, the day on which the Israelites were delivered from Egyptian bondage; and its celebration was to be, with the seven days' feast of unleavened bread following and connected with it, in commemoration of that event. **See Ex. 13: 3-9.**

Exodus 13:3-9 (NKJV) “And Moses said to the people: “Remember this day in which you went out of Egypt, out of the house of bondage; for by strength of hand the LORD brought you out of this place. No leavened bread shall be eaten. (4) On this day you are going out, in the month Abib. (5) And it shall be, when the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, which He swore to your fathers to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey, that you shall keep this service in this month. (6) Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there shall be a feast to the LORD. (7) Unleavened bread shall be eaten seven days. And no leavened bread shall be seen among you, nor shall leaven be seen among you in all your quarters. (8) And you shall tell your son in that day, saying, “This is done because

of what the LORD did for me when I came up from Egypt.' (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."

### **5. Does God design that His great work of creating the heavens and the earth shall be remembered?**

Psalms 111:2-4 (NKJV) "The works of the LORD are great, Studied by all who have pleasure in them. (3) His work is honorable and glorious, And His righteousness endures forever. (4) He has made His wonderful works to be remembered; The LORD is gracious and full of compassion."

### **6. What has He commanded men to observe in memory of this great work?**

Exodus 20:8-11 (NKJV) "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. (9) Six days you shall labor and do all your work, (10) but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. (11) For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it."

### **7. Of what was this memorial to be a sign?**

Ezekiel 20:20 (NKJV) "hallow My Sabbaths, and they will be a sign between Me and you, that you may know that I am the LORD your God."

### **8. How long was the Sabbath to be a sign of the true God?**

Exodus 31:17 (NKJV) "It is a sign between Me and the children of Israel forever; for in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day He rested and was refreshed."

**NOTE:** It is manifest that if the object of the Sabbath was to keep God as the Creator in mind, and it had been faithfully kept from the first, there would not now be a heathen or an idolater on the face of the earth.

### **9. What besides creation were Israel to remember when they kept the Sabbath?**

Deuteronomy 5:15 (NKJV) "And remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day."

**NOTE:** There is a deep significance to this scripture not apparent to those unacquainted with the facts. In Egypt, through oppression and idolatrous surroundings, the keeping of the Sabbath had become not only almost obsolete, but well-nigh impossible.

The recollection of their bondage and oppressed condition in Egypt was to be an additional incentive for keeping the Sabbath in the land of freedom. The Sabbath, therefore, besides being a memorial of creation, was to be to them a memorial of their deliverance from

bondage, and of the great power of God as manifested in this deliverance. And as Egypt stands as a symbol of the condition of everyone in the world under the slavery of sin, so the Sabbath is to be kept by every saved soul as a memorial of the deliverance from this slavery by the mighty power of God through Christ.

**10. Of what else does God say He gave the Sabbath to His people to be a sign, or reminder?**

Exodus 20:12 (NKJV) ““Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you.”

**NOTE:** Sanctification is a work of redemption-of making holy sinful or unholy beings. Like the work of creation itself, this requires creative power. See Ps. 51:10; John 3:3,6; Eph. 2:10. And as the Sabbath is the appropriate sign or memorial of the creative power of God wherever displayed, whether in creation, deliverance from human bondage, or deliverance from the slavery of sin, it is to be kept as a sign of the work of sanctification. This will be one great reason for the saints' keeping it throughout eternity, It will remind them not only of their own creation and the creation of the universe, but also of their redemption.

**11. Through whom do we have sanctification?**

1 Corinthians 1:30 (NKJV) “But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption—”

**NOTE:** Then, as the Sabbath is a sign or memorial of sanctification, and as Christ is the One through whom the work of sanctification is accomplished, the Sabbath is a sign or memorial of what Christ is to the believer. Through the Sabbath, therefore, God designed that the believer and Christ should be very closely linked together.

**12. What statement of the redeemed shows that they will remember God's creative power?**

Revelation 4:11 (NKJV) “You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created.”

**13. How often will they congregate to worship the Lord?**

Isaiah 66:22-23 (NKJV) “(22) “For as the new heavens and the new earth Which I will make shall remain before Me,” says the LORD, “So shall your descendants and your name remain. (23) And it shall come to pass That from one New Moon to another, And from one Sabbath to another, All flesh shall come to worship before Me,” says the LORD.”

**NOTE:** The Sabbath, which is the memorial of God's creative power, will never cease to exist. When this sinful state of things shall give way to the sinless new earth, the fact upon which the Sabbath institution is based will still remain; and those who shall be permitted to live in the new earth will still commemorate the creative power of God, while singing the song of Moses and the Lamb. See Revelation 15:3, Revelation 22:1-2.

Revelation 15:3 (NKJV) “They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying: “Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints!”

Revelation 22:1-2 (NKJV) “(1) And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. (2) In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.”