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Numbers 13:31, “*And for the wood offering, at times appointed, and for the firstfruits. Remember me, O my God, for good.*”

Often when a well-known person is interviewed, they are asked how they want to be remembered. Perhaps it’s some contribution to society they have made or something similar. A former president is often asked how they want history to remember them.

For those of us not in the public eye, we probably will not be remembered on a national or global scale. At best, we’ll be remembered by some family and friends, and have a few words inscribed on a tombstone.

The very last verse of Nehemiah has him asking the LORD to remember him for good. There is no better way for us to be remembered, than for the LORD to remember us for good. Three times in Nehemiah 13, he asks the LORD to “remember me.” Let’s look at these three verses and the three ways Nehemiah asks the LORD to remember him.

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1. **Nehemiah 13:14**, “*Remember me, O my God, concerning this, and wipe not out my good deeds that I have done for the house of my God, and for the offices thereof.*” Nehemiah had returned from Babylon to Jerusalem. Upon his return, he saw the people had returned to very sinful ways.

The high priest had taken one of the enemies of Nehemiah and set him up a room with all the goods that were to pay the priests, singers, and others. They in turn were not getting paid. He took care of this situation, and asked to LORD to remember him and not wipe out his good deeds.

2. **Nehemiah 13:22**, “*And I commanded the Levites that they should cleanse themselves, and [that] they should come [and] keep the gates, to sanctify the sabbath day. Remember me, O my God, [concerning] this also, and spare me according to the greatness of thy mercy.*” The people were buying and selling on the Sabbath, which was against the law the LORD had given Moses. He stopped them from doing this and barred the gates so no one could enter and trade on the Sabbath.

Even after this, the people that were coming to trade came and stayed outside the gates on the Sabbath for a couple more weeks. Nehemiah warned them that if they did this again, he would lay hands on them. Nehemiah worked to get the people back to properly observing the Sabbath. He asked the LORD to remember him and to spare him.

3. **Nehemiah 13:31**, “*And for the wood offering, at times appointed, and for the firstfruits. Remember me, O my God, for good.*” In this verse, and very last sentence of this book, Nehemiah is asking the LORD to remember him for Good.

Right before this verse, we learn that many had married strange wives. They were strange in that the law commanded the Israelites

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—Continue to remember **Shirley Edwards, Alice Vanderstoep, Jean Coffey, Clay Bozarth, Vicki McDaniel, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Enola Zigler, Beulah Baker, Louise Greer, and Joanna Lock.**

—Congratulations to **Alice Thrasher** and **David Vanderstoep** who were married last Sunday.

—As of today we have gone back to all services at the Church building. This is subject to change if Covid-19 greatly increases in our area or members are being affected by it.

—We usually change our time to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday evening during Standard time. All feedback suggested we go to 5:00 p.m. on Sundays and stay at this time year round. We will move our Sunday evening services to 5:00 p.m. on November 1. All other services will remain the same time.

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not to marry out of their tribes. They were even marrying non-Israelites.

From these marriages came children of which some could not even speak in the language of the Jews, but in the language of another land. They would not have even be able to read the word of God or understand what was being said during the times they were worshiping the LORD. Nehemiah contended with them and told them it was a great evil. He warned how such actions caused Solomon to sin. Right before the close of the book, Nehemiah says he cleansed them from all strangers.

No doubt all the things Nehemiah did to bring the people back to the LORD caused many to dislike and be against Nehemiah. Yet, he did these things for the spiritual welfare of the people. He never asked the LORD to let the people remember him for good. He asked the LORD to remember him for good. *continued on next page...*

Sunday, September 27, 2020		
Classes	--	--
Preaching	25	II Peter 1:5-8
Contribution	\$694.00	
Evening	--	Mark 7:1-37
Wednesday, September 30, 2020		
Classes	--	Isaiah 48:1-22

Visitors— Sep 27 (AM) Jean Philpot (Cub Run, KY)

Bible Quiz

What spanned the heavens?

Last Week's Answer— Five loaves and two fish (Mark 6:41)

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When we do that which is right and follow the word of God many people will not like us. Society as a whole will be against us. That matters not. It doesn't matter how the world or even our family remembers us, if the LORD remembers us for good. We decide how the LORD will remember us— by the way we live our lives.

—Marty Edwards❖

—God's Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)