

Zechariah

Reflections to Share,
Journal and Ponder

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Chapter 1: A Priest is Born

Any Bible concordance suggests that “remembering” is one of the prevalent themes of the Scriptures. It seems as if the Lord is continually reminding us to remember who “I Am” and what “I do” and have done for you because of who “I Am”. It is natural to ask: Why these frequent reminders to remember? The answer is that God, knowing humanity perfectly, knows how quickly and how easily we tend to forget. Since a strong and vital faith is built on constantly remembering both God’s nature and His deeds, neglecting the discipline of remembering deprives us of much faith-sustaining encouragement. Since our past is littered with signposts of God’s enduring faithfulness to us, we need to be people who always remember never to forget!

- How did your name come to be? Does it have lasting significance to you, to your family, to others?
- If you could rename yourself with a more meaningful name, what name(s) might you chose?
- The purpose of naming in first century culture often was to encourage the name-bearer to remember something about God and what He has done. Since most of our contemporary names were not chosen for that purpose, how do you best remind yourself of who God is—His character, nature and attributes—and what He has done for you because of who He is?
- Hopeful events often occur in dark times. Has God given you encouraging, even joyful experiences during your dark times?

Ponder

I will remember the deeds of the Lord: yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago. I will meditate on all your works and consider all your mighty deeds. *Psalms 77:11&12*

On my bed I remember you; I think of you through the watches of the night. *Psalms 63:6*