

## GOD'S MEMORIAL DAY

**Introduction:** This week-end the nation observes a national holiday called “Memorial Day”, in which the military who died for the country are remembered, as well as many loved ones of past generations. God **also** Has **His** Memorial Day scheduled for the future—in the day of Judgment. God knows all things, and has the power to remember all that has ever happened (Psa.139:2f; Mat. 10:29f; Heb.4:13; 1 John .3:29). God is greater than man, and has the ability to remember everything and everybody and all they have ever said or done. What **will** He remember or not remember in the Judgment?

**1. 1<sup>st</sup>, God will remember the wicked nations of the world.** The destruction of wicked nations in the past will be contrasted with other wicked nations who have had opportunity to repent, and did not (Mat. 10:15; 11:22-24). God will also remember the nations that forget Him (Pro. 14:34; Psa. 33:12; 9:17; Rom. 1:28). God often punished one nation for its wickedness by using another nation to do so, and when that nation became extremely wicked, He would raise up another nation to punish it. Is God going to punish America by a less wicked nation because of the drug and alcohol intoxicated state that exists here, along with the millions of innocent babies that are being slaughtered by abortion, its obsession with illicit sex, homosexuality and greed?

**2. God will remember the wickedness of each individual.** Every person will be judged individually (Rom. 14:12; cf Matt. 25:14-30). All will eventually give account to God as individuals (John 5:28-29; 2 Cor. 5:10).

**3. What about God's memory in the Judgment Day?** He will remember the deeds and lives of all who have ever lived, whether they were murderers, dictators, adulterers, thieves or idolaters. He will remember their thoughts, for He knows them now (Gen. 6:5; 1 Sam. 16:7; Heb. 4:12). God will also remember the words of everyone (Matt. 12:36-37). He will remember the ungodly (Jude 14-15). He will remember the secret things (Eccl. 12:13-14; 1 Tim. 5:23-24). He will remember every sinful act of drunkenness and adultery (1 Cor. 6:9-10); 2 Cor. 5:10). He will also remember those who refused to obey the gospel of Christ (Rom. 1:16; 2 The. 1:6-9; Mat. 7:21-23).

On the other hand, there **are** some things God will **not** remember in the day of His judgment—**the sins of those who have been forgiven** (Jer. 31:34; Heb. 8:12; 10:16-17). No sin is too great to be forgiven if God's conditions are applied. His remedy through the blood of Christ is available to all (Matt. 26:28; Heb. 9:22) The alien sinner is forgiven when he contacts the saving blood in faith, repentance, confession of faith, and baptism (John 19:34; Rom. 6:3; Acts 2:36-38; Rev. 1:5B; Acts 22:16; 1 Pet. 3:21). Being unable to live a perfect life, Christians often say and do sinful things, and need pardon. This is obtained when repentance, confession of sins, and prayer takes place (Acts 8:22; 1 John 1:7-9).

If we depart this life without God forgiving us and “forgetting” our sins **here**, it will be too late to seek pardon and entrance into heaven at God's Memorial Day.

Too late 'twill be for you to cry, When mercy's day has passed you by.  
When solemn night of dark despair Shall come upon you halting there.  
Too late when death has barred the door, Your wailings can be heard no more.  
Rejected there, thy soul shall be, Shut out through all eternity.

Will you heed the voice today, Inviting you Christ to obey?  
And be prepared to enter there, A pure and spotless robe to wear.  
No longer there in sin abide, This all important step decide,  
Come out where Christ can touch thy soul And at this moment be made whole.  
Too late, too late, poor trembling soul, O will this be your fate?  
Too late, too late to be made whole, Too late, too late, too late.  
(F. L. Eiland, 1942)

Won't you obey the Lord right now?