

Key Ideas:

Remember

Creation v. Creator

When you

Delivered from Slavery to Rest and Shalom

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Title: Remember

Theme: Do not be enticed into worshiping things that the Lord has given to the whole world. For you have been made the Lord's inheritance.

Text: Deut 4:10, 15-20

Deut. 4:10 Remember the day you stood before the LORD your God at Horeb, when he said to me, "Assemble the people before me to hear my words so that they may learn to revere me as long as they live in the land and may teach them to their children."

Deut. 4:15 You saw no form of any kind the day the LORD spoke to you at Horeb out of the fire. Therefore watch yourselves very carefully, **16** so that you do not become corrupt and make for yourselves an idol, an image of any shape, whether formed like a man or a woman, **17** or like any animal on earth or any bird that flies in the air, **18** or like any creature that moves along the ground or any fish in the waters below. **19** And when you look up to the sky and see the sun, the moon and the stars—all the heavenly array—do not be enticed into bowing down to them and worshiping things the LORD your God has apportioned to all the nations under heaven. **20** But as for you, the LORD took you and brought you out of the iron-smelting furnace, out of Egypt, to be the people of his inheritance, as you now are.

- I. The reminder to remember Dt. 4:10
 - a. Context
 - i. Moses' Farewell Tour
 - ii. 4 separate charges to "Remember"
 - iii. Preparation for the future
 1. Moses' leadership coming to an end

2. Entering the Promised Land
- b. The charge to "Remember"
 - i. Dt 4:1-14 charge to observe the Law
 - ii. "When you" (Looking back in order to see forward)
 1. Hear my words
 2. Revere Me
 3. Teach their children
- II. Remember who God is
 - a. Moses' first sermon Dt 1 – 4:43 - A brief recap of the past 40 years
 - b. Dt. 4:15-40 Warning against idolatry
 - c. Invisible Dt. 4:15
 - i. We trust what we can see
 - ii. Israel did not see God
 - iii. They only saw fire and smoke and heard thunder
 - iv. This put them in danger of being prey to fear Dt. 4:16a
 - v. "Hear My words and don't trust what you see" Reference to Gn. 3
 1. "did God really say?" Gn. 3:1
 2. "When she saw..." Gn. 3:6
 - d. Creator Dt. 4:16b – 19a
 - i. This is a reference back to the God's of Egypt
 1. The Israelites watched the plagues destroy the God's of the Egyptians
 2. Pharaoh (Man)
 3. Cattle (animals)
 4. Frogs (creeping)
 5. Blood (the waters)
 6. Darkness (the sun)
 - ii. This is also a reference back to the order of creation in Gn. 1-2
 1. But it puts the created order on it's head
 2. By going backwards we are pushed closer and closer to Gn. 1:1 "God"
 - a. Paul picks this up in Rm. 1
 - i. God who is invisible Rm. 1:19
 - ii. Creator replaced with creation Rm 1:23
- III. Remember what God did
 - a. Moses' second sermon Dt. 4:44 – 28:68 – Elaboration of the Ten Commandments
 - b. Delivered (Rest – Sabbath)
 - i. Keep the Sabbath
 1. Delivered (Sabbath Day Dt. 5:15
 2. Redeemed (Sabbath Year) Dt. 15:15
 3. You were slaves (Feast of Weeks) Dt 16:12
 - c. Rescued (Provision – Shalom)
 - i. Do not covet
 1. Dt. 24:18

- 2. Dt. 18:22
 - d. Two tables of the Law
 - i. Recap of the Law
 - ii. Framing our response the the Two Tables
 - 1. Trust God who will delivered you – be atrest
 - 2. Trust God who will provide for you – don't covet
- IV. Remember who you are
 - a. His own in heritance Dt. 4:20b
 - b. Delivered “remember me” Lk 23:42
 - c. Rescued “in remembrance of me” Lk. 22:19
- V. Application
 - a. As you enter 2016 Remind yourself to remember God's work on your behalf
 - i. Look to the Creator, not His creation for rest, peace and provision
 - ii. Stay alert so that you don't fall prey to the illusion of the visible
 - iii. Call to mind God's faithfulness throughout 2015
 - b. Trust in the invisible eternal God
 - i. Hear His Word
 - ii. Revere Him
 - iii. Teach these to your children Dt. 4:10b
 - 1. Always remember that God's blessing has been shown to all mankind
 - 2. But his Mercy and Grace are on His own people
 - iv. Whatever we face in 2016:
 - 1. God will not change or fail us
 - 2. We will be closer to eternity – our final salvation
 - c. Communion
- VI. Benadiction 2 Tim 2:8