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Remember Well His Provisions And Doctrine

Romans 6:17, “But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.”

Back in May, many in our country celebrated Memorial Day to remember and honor those who died in battle to ensure our freedoms we have in America. Other days are set aside to especially remember our mothers and fathers, which include numerous family reunions and such. All too often we forget the lesson of remembering the one which ultimately blessed us with these freedoms we get to enjoy.

It was important, as Paul reminded those in Rome, for them to obey the doctrine, in the form of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and he thanked God for their remembrance to do so. If we are not careful, we forget the importance of the lessons which Jesus taught and what the true meaning of these lessons are. Just as we do, so also did the apostles in Matthew 16:5-12.

5 And when his disciples were come to the other side, they had forgotten to take bread.

6 Then Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.

7 And they reasoned among themselves, saying, It is because we have taken no bread. 8 Which when Jesus perceived, he said unto them, O ye of little faith, why reason ye among yourselves, because ye have brought no bread?

9 Do ye not yet understand, neither remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets ye took up?

10 Neither the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many baskets ye took up?

11 How is it that ye do not understand that I spake it not to you concerning bread, that ye should beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees?

12 Then understood they how that he bade them not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.

What we see here is a lesson of the disciples of Christ not paying attention to what really mattered. They were so concerned about remembering they had forgot to bring any bread, they completely missed what Jesus reminded them of in verse eleven. He was speaking to them of the importance to **“beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.”** Yes, He did and will provide the needs which are necessary in our lives just as he did when he fed the five thousand plus and then four thousand plus of His children.

While it is necessary and good that we always remember God’s blessings for our natural needs in our daily lives, we must not forget the Doctrinal Lessons which are good for our Spiritual Lives. We are being bombarded on every side with false doctrine and from attacks on the very truths concerning God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, even to the point of denying their very existence.

We must remember that **GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME, NOT JUST WHEN WE ARE IN NEED NATURALLY.** We need His Spiritual Blessings all the time as we do His daily blessings. In Paul’s letter to the Philippians, he writes, **“But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus”** (Philippians 4:19). It wasn’t just a promise to the church in Philippi, it is His promise of “Provisions” for today naturally and Spiritually. **“Think About It!”**