

Memorial Day

III. The _____ of a Memorial: v21-24

If a memorial is erected or proclaimed because there is evidence that something of significance has occurred; and there is an expectation that it be acknowledged and remembered; that means the acknowledgment and remembrance isn't supposed to be temporary but rather it is supposed to be carried forth to the next generation.

Tomorrow serves to carry forth the acknowledgement and remembrance of our military service members. In a similar fashion, Israel's memorial was to ...

- v22 – **THEN YE SHALL LET YOUR CHILDREN KNOW**
- and ... v24 – **THAT ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE EARTH MIGHT KNOW ... FEAR THE LORD ... FOR EVER**

God calls all of humanity by way of His Word and through His Spirit to acknowledge and remember Him through all generations.

Just like the acknowledgment and remembrance of our soldiers should be repeated down to future generations—how much more important is it for WHAT JESUS has done for us to be repeated down to future generations?

To effectively accomplish this task, we must repeat the Gospel of Jesus Christ to

- our _____
- our _____
- our _____
- to the uttermost part of the _____



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Joshua 4

This weekend we are celebrating “Memorial Day”, an American holiday observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military.

But “Memorial Day” isn’t just for America and it isn’t just for our soldiers. We find the word “memorial” 31 times in the Scriptures, most pointing to God doing something amazing in the lives of His people.

This morning, I would like to go back and look at a moment in time when the children of Israel set a memorial immediately following their crossing the Jordan River.

Let’s notice three parallels between their memorial and the memorial that has been established for our servicemen and women who died while serving our country.

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I: The _____ for a Memorial: v5-7

A memorial was never set up for nothing or no one. It is only erected or proclaimed because there is evidence that something of significance has occurred.

And the reason we have Memorial Day in our nation is the same reason basic reason that find memorials in the Bible and in other places. First, it is for...

A. _____

For our servicemen and women we acknowledge their service, their sacrifice, and their deaths.

For Israel, they were acknowledging God's mercy, power, provision, promise, and protection.

B. _____

People are prone to forget and God warns us of our propensity to forget (Deut. 8:11, Ps. 103:2). Our government has established a national holiday to help its citizens remember. God, however, gives us Himself as a memorial (Ex. 3:15).

While it is important to remember the service and sacrifices of those who died serving our nation's military, how much more important is it to remember that God created all things, including man. And that He gave His only begotten Son as the only sacrifice for man's sin.

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II. The _____ of a Memorial: 3:9-10, 4:11-14

Certainly there are hundreds, if not thousands of memorials in our nation by way of physical monuments or special days of recognition and each memorial carries with it a reputation, which has the ability to first ...

A. _____

Some memorials motivate anger; some division; some pride; some thankfulness; some sadness; and some, all of the above.

Both our nation's Memorial Day and Biblical memorials motivate us to ...

B. _____ to be worthy of the sacrifice
In v13 we are told they passed over...

- _____
- _____ for war
- ... they passed before the Lord unto _____

God doesn't work in a vacuum but rather He uses people to bring about His will.

Friends, we can erect all the memorials we want to but if we don't keep pushing for what they fought for, and died for, it's in vain.

The reputations of both Memorial Day and the memorials found in the Scriptures have an undeniable parallel. Both serve to motivate us emotionally and to never forget, and both serve to motivate us to strive to be worthy of the sacrifice.

