



## **Generation to Generation - November 2022**

Scripture: Deuteronomy 4:5-10

*5 "Look, I now teach you these decrees and regulations just as the Lord my God commanded me, so that you may obey them in the land you are about to enter and occupy. 6 Obey them completely, and you will display your wisdom and intelligence among the surrounding nations. When they hear all these decrees, they will exclaim, 'How wise and prudent are the people of this great nation!' 7 For what great nation has a god as near to them as the Lord our God is near to us whenever we call on him? 8 And what great nation has decrees and regulations as righteous and fair as this body of instructions that I am giving you today? 9 "But watch out! Be careful never to forget what you yourself have seen. Do not let these memories escape from your mind as long as you live! And be sure to pass them on to your children and grandchildren. 10 Never forget the day when you stood before the Lord your God at Mount Sinai, where he told me, 'Summon the people before me, and I will personally instruct them. Then they will learn to fear me as long as they live, and they will teach their children to fear me also.'*

Remember, Give Thanks, Pass It On

Remembering is important. Through remembering we learn from our mistakes, we recognize the countless blessings we have received, and we give thanks for God's continued providence.

It's important to remember anniversaries and birthdays and annual celebrations. . .

There is something powerful about going through old pictures and remembering places, people, and stories... Through remembering, we can see just how far we have come. Remembering also anchors us when we feel tossed by the wind and waves of life.

Yet we as humans tend to be terribly forgetful. In our scripture reading, Moses commands the people of Israel to remember God's deliverance from Egypt, his rescue from the Red Sea, his providence of food through the wilderness, and his promises of continued blessings. He urges them to pass on this remembrance to each generation.

In the same way, we must remember the work of God in our lives.

- What has God done for you?

As we remember, it should lead us toward a posture of giving thanks.

We are quick to blame God for the hard things in life, but how often do we thank him for all the blessings of life?

In Deut. 4:9, Moses commands, *"Do not let these memories escape from your mind as long as you live! And be sure to pass them on to your children and grandchildren."*

How do you pass on your memories of God's providence to others? If you don't have children or grandchildren, how are you passing on your faith to others? What example are you setting for others?

