

FRAGRANT MEMORIES (#2)

Paul was dealing with the reality of a premonition of dying a martyr's death (2 Tim.4:6).

At the same time, Paul was walking down memory lane and reflecting on his spiritual relationship with Timothy and Timothy's wonderful family (2 Tim.1:4-5).

Last week we learned that the Greek words for memory dominated the lesson text:

- (2 Tim.1:3) [mneia] [remember]
- (2 Tim.1:4) [mimnesko] [recall]
- (2 Tim.1:5) [hupomimnesko] [mindful]
- (2 Tim.1:6) [ananmimnesko] [remind]

We also learned that memory is part of the left and right lobes of the mentality of the soul:

- Self-consciousness
- Conscience
- Mentality
- Volition
- Emotion

We had three case studies for homework to help us understand how **memory** in the left lobe of mentality transfers it to the conscience and the right lobe to self-consciousness and to the rest of the soul.

- Withered fig tree Mark 11:20-22, 12-14
- Peter's denials Matt.26:74-75, 34-35
- Lot's wife Luke 17:32, 28-33

This lesson will study four additional aspects of developing Fragrant Memories in the CWL.

1. As part of mentality, memory is patterned after the Omniscience of the Essence of God (Gen.1:26-27).

- Destruction of the Antediluvian world: (Gen.8:1; 9:15-17; Matt.24:37-38; 2 Pet.2:5-7)
 - "I will remember My covenant which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and never again shall the water become a flood to destroy all flesh."
- Destruction of Sodom: (Gen.19:29, 26; Luke 17:32; Jude 7)
 - "God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow."
- Distress of Egyptian bondage: (Ex.2:23-29; 6:5-6; Acts 7:34)
 - "God remembered His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob."
- Decree of New Covenant of the Church Age: (Heb.8:7, 12-13; 10:17-18; Jer.31:31-34)
 - "For I will forgive their iniquity, and **their sin I will remember no more.**" "Now where there is forgiveness of these things, there is no longer any offering for sin." (Heb.10:18)

2. Memory will carry regret and anguish beyond physical death for the unbeliever.

"But Abraham said, 'child, remember that during your life you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus bad things; **but now** he is being comforted here, and you are in agony. And besides all this, between us and you

there is a great chasm fixed, in order that those who wish to come over from there to here to you may not be able, and that none may cross over from there to us.” (Luke 16:25-26) [Hades]

This is not true for the Believer who dies: “For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.” (Isa.65:17; 2 Pet.3:10-13)

3. The ministry of the indwelling Holy Spirit (1Cor.6:19-20) has an important function in developing and correcting divine truth flowing to and from memory center.

“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance (hupomimnesko) all that I said to you.” (John 14:26)

For the spiritual advancing believer, the issue is not good or poor memory but spiritual memory. Memory where the word of God resides and feeds the other apparatuses of the soul by means of the ministry of the indwelling Holy Spirit (**Acts 11:15-17**; Eph.5:18).

Cycling Categorical Bible Doctrine (CBD) by utilizing the Faith Rest Technique (FRT) is the essential building block for developing spiritual memory and growth of the soul. (John 2:16-19/ Ps.69:9; 12:12-16; Luke 24:5-8; Rom.15:14-16; Heb.13:7)

4. Repetitive teaching of CBD is important to developing and advancing spiritual knowledge in the right lobe, long term memory, frame of reference, vocabulary, and beliefs (truths).

Spiritual memory is important in participation in the **Eucharist** (Luke 22:19; 1 Cor.11:24-25) [remembrance] [to recall pertain CBD].

“I exhort you therefore, be imitators of me. For this reason I have sent to you Timothy, who is my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, and he will remind you of my ways which are in Christ, just as I teach everywhere in every church.” (1 Cor.4:16-17)

“Remind them to be subject to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good deed, to malign no one, to be uncontentious, gentle, showing every consideration for all men.” (Titus 3:1-2)

“Now I desire to remind you, though you know all things once for all, that the Lord, after saving a people out of the land of Egypt, subsequently destroyed those who did not believe.” (Jude 5)

“Therefore, I shall always be ready to remind you of these things, even though you already know them, and have been established in the truth which is present with you. And I consider it right, as long as I am in this earthly dwelling, to stir up (diegeiro/ to stir up or awaken memory) by way of reminder (hupomnesis).” (2 Pet.1:12-13; 3:1-2)