

Remembering

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Introduction:

Gilboa

Ladies 30 to 80

Current Memory Stats - Karen Bolla, John Hopkins

Researcher - % forgotten

Names - 83%

Where Something Is - 60%

Words - 53%

What we said - 49%

Faces - 42%

Memorial History - 5/30 Decoration Day, Arlington,
Flowers

God placed Memorials

(Joshua 4: 1 – 9)

1 And it came to pass, when all the people had completely crossed over the Jordan, that the Lord spoke to Joshua, saying:

2 "Take for yourselves twelve men from the people, one man from every tribe,

3 and command them, saying, 'Take for yourselves twelve stones from here, out of the midst of the Jordan, from the place where the priests' feet stood firm. You shall carry them over with you and leave them in the lodging place where you lodge tonight.'"

4 Then Joshua called the twelve men whom he had appointed from the children of Israel, one man from every tribe;

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5 and Joshua said to them: "Cross over before the ark of the Lord your God into the midst of the Jordan, and each one of you take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel,

6 that this may be a sign among you when your children ask in time to come, saying, 'What do these stones mean to you?'

7 Then you shall answer them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord; when it crossed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. And these stones shall be for a memorial to the children of Israel forever."

8 And the children of Israel did so, just as Joshua commanded, and took up twelve stones from the midst of the Jordan, as the Lord had spoken to Joshua, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel, and carried them over with them to the place where they lodged, and laid them down there.

9 Then Joshua set up twelve stones in the midst of the Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests who bore the ark of the covenant stood; and they are there to this day.

Now, with all that in mind, let's suppose that sometime this week you turned on the TV News & heard these 3 announcements:

#1. "The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court has just issued this statement: 'Divine Providence (that's God) has given to our people the choice of their rulers, & it is the duty of our Christian nation to select & prefer Christians for their rulers.'"

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#2. "Inquiries by our reporters reveal that almost every state legislature has now passed a law requiring all elected officials to take this oath: 'I do profess faith in God the Father, & in the Lord Jesus Christ His only Son... & I do acknowledge the holy scriptures of the Old & New Testaments to be given by divine inspiration.'"

#3. "Legislation was passed today in Congress to affirm that, 'The Congress of the United States approves of & recommends ... the Holy Bible for use in the schools.'"

What do you think the response to these announcements would be, especially in the media? I think there would be more reaction to them than we could even imagine. But the amazing thing is this: Every one of these statements is historically accurate & factual.

It was John Jay, the very first Chief Justice & the "Father" of the Supreme Court, one of the primary writers of our Constitution, who declared, "It is the duty of our Christian nation to select & prefer Christians for their rulers."

It was the state of Delaware (along with most of the others) which required officeholders to take an oath affirming their Christian faith before they could take office. And they had a very practical reason for requiring it.

And not only did Congress in 1782 approve the use of the Bible in our schools, they even paid for them with tax dollars.

(Hebrews 11:4)

By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks.

(Hebrews 11: 32 – 34)

32 And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: 33 who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,

34 quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

Conclusion:

As a Memorial, do you know what the tallest structure in Washington, D.C. is? It's the Washington Monument. And by law, nothing taller than the Washington Monument can be built there. And do you know what is inscribed at the pinnacle of the Washington Monument? These words from scripture: "Let God be praised."

Oh America, on this Memorial Day, lift up your eyes & praise God for the greatness & the blessings of this country in which we live. And may all those who come behind us find us faithful! Let's pray.

And, may every Christian remember the memorial written on our hearts; that Christ died for us that we might live for Him!