

Wonderfully Made Series
Study #9: God's Memorials and Tissues
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Psalms 111:1-4

- 1 Praise ye the LORD. I will praise the LORD with *my* whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and *in* the congregation.
- 2 The works of the LORD *are* great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.
- 3 His work *is* honourable and glorious: and his righteousness endureth for ever.
- 4 He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered: the LORD *is* gracious and full of compassion.

The wonderful works and creation of God are memorials of His power and divinity. When we see the anatomy and physiology of the cell, the smallest unit of life, we are reminded about the awesome power, government, and love of God.

For the pass several weeks we have looks that anatomy and physiology of the cell. Today, let's briefly study tissues.

Why is this important? Cells make up tissues and tissues make up organs

Four types of tissues:

- 1) Connective
- 2) Epithelial
- 3) Muscle
- 4) Nervous

- 1) **Connective and supporting tissue**, It includes fibrous tissues, fat, cartilage, bone, bone marrow, and blood. As the name implies, connective tissues often bind other organs together, hold organs in place, cushion them, and fill space.
- 2) **Muscle tissue which produces movements**, is built up numerous cells fused with one another, the muscle fibers with their elastic components.

Muscle tissue is separated into three distinct categories:

Cardiac muscle which is found in the heart, allowing it to contract and pump blood throughout an organism.

Skeletal muscle , in which is found attached to bone providing for gross movement.

Smooth muscle or visceral, which is found in the inner linings of organs.

3) **Epithelial tissue:**

The epithelial tissues are formed by cells that cover organ surfaces such as the surface of the skin, the airways , the reproductive tract, and the inner lining of the digestive tract . The cells comprising an epithelial layer are linked via semi-permeable, tight junctions; hence, this tissue provides a barrier between the external environment and the organ it covers. In addition to this protective function, epithelial tissue may also be specialized to function in secretion and absorption . Epithelial tissue helps to protect organisms from microorganisms, injury, and fluid loss

4) **Nerve tissue:**

Builds up the brain and spinal cord. It provides nutrition and support for the nerve cells while insulating the individual nerve fibers.

Our bodies are memorials of the Great God of Heaven. We were made in the image of God to glorify God.

The US and many other nations set up memorials to be a reminder of significant events, war, or tragedy.

The **Pearl Harbor National Memorial**, is a a memorial of one of the most pivotal moments in US history: the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, 2,400 Americans were killed by the Japanese. The US entered is the World War II as a result.

The **Vietnam The Memorial** includes the names of over 58,000 servicemen and women who gave their lives in service in the Vietnam War.

The **Oklahoma City National Memorial** is a memorial in the United States that honors the victims, survivors, rescuers, and all who were affected by the Oklahoma City bombing on April 19, 1995.

There are memorials to remember those who were killed on 9/11/2001

There are memorials to remember the many children and students that were killed throughout various mass shootings that took place at schools, stores, military bases and churches in the United States

Throughout the Bible God has set up memorial has a reminders of His reality, creation, power, deliverance, and victory. Let's take a look at a few of these memorials:

1) Ten Commandments: God gave us the ten commandments as a reminder of God's law and the everlasting covenant.

He wrote in on two tables of stone with His own finger as a reminder of its permanence and the ten commandment cannot change.

Second commandment is a summary and reminder of God's everlasting covenant:

Exodus 20:5-6

- 5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation* of them that hate me;
- 6 And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.\

2) The Sabbath: On the seventh day of the week at creation God set of the seventh-day Sabbath as a memorial of creation and the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

Exodus 20:8-11

- 8 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.
- 9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:

- 10 But the seventh day *is* the sabbath of the LORD thy God: *in it* thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that *is* within thy gates:
- 11 For *in* six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them *is*, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.
- 3) **Sanctuary message:** God is the Bible gave the children of Israel and us the earthly sanctuary in the wilderness as a memorial His plan of salvation. The earthly sanctuary was a image of the Heavenly sanctuary.

Hebrews 8:1-5

- 1 Now of the things which we have spoken *this is* the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens;
- 2 A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man.
- 3 For every high priest is ordained to offer gifts and sacrifices: wherefore *it is* of necessity that this man have somewhat also to offer.
- 4 For if he were on earth, he should not be a priest, seeing that there are priests that offer gifts according to the law:
- 5 Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, *that* thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount.
- 4) **Passover:** The Passover is a memorial of God's everlasting covenant and His delivery of the children of Israel from Egyptian bondage. It also commemorates Jesus sacrifice on the cross of Calvary for the salvation of souls. Passover also represents a new beginning for all those who are cover by the Lamb.

Exodus 12:1-3, 7, 13-14

- 1 And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying,
- 2 This month *shall be* unto you the beginning of months: it *shall be* the **first month of the year to you**.
- 3 Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth *day* of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of *their* fathers, a lamb for an house:
- 7 And they shall take of the blood, and strike *it* on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it.
- 13 And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye *are*: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy *you*, when I smite the land of Egypt.
- 14 And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the LORD throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever.

Numbers 9:5

- 5 And they kept the passover on **the fourteenth day of the first month** at even in the wilderness of Sinai: according to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so did the children of Israel.

1 Corinthians 5:7

- 7 Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:

5) Bethel Stone. In accordance with the custom of commemorating important events, Jacob set up a memorial of God's mercy, that whenever he should pass that way he might tarry at this sacred spot to worship the Lord. And he called the place Bethel, or the "house of God." [Jacob]

Genesis 28:19-22

19 And he called the name of that place Bethel: but the name of that city *was called* Luz at the first.
 20 And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on,
 21 So that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the LORD be my God:
 22 And this stone, which I have set *for* a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.

6) Great Stones Memorial that commemorate the children of Israel's the crossing of the Jordan into the Canaan-land after 40 years in the wilderness from the time God delivered them from Egyptian bondage.

Deuteronomy 27:2-3

2 And it shall be on the day when ye shall pass over Jordan unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, that thou shalt set thee up great stones, and plaister them with plaister:
 3 And thou shalt write upon them all the words of this law, when thou art passed over, that thou mayest go in unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, a land that floweth with milk and honey; as the LORD God of thy fathers hath promised thee.

Joshua 4:1-3

1 And it came to pass, when all the people were clean passed over Jordan, that the LORD spake unto Joshua, saying,
 2 Take you twelve men out of the people, out of every tribe a man,
 3 And command ye them, saying, Take you hence out of the midst of Jordan, out of the place where the priests' feet stood firm, twelve stones, and ye shall carry them over with you, and leave them in the lodging place, where ye shall lodge this night.

7) Stone at Ebenezer: Samuel set up a stone as a memorial of God great defeat of the Philistines.

1 Samuel 7:10-13

10 And as Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to battle against Israel: but the LORD thundered with a great thunder on that day upon the Philistines, and discomfited them; and they were smitten before Israel.
 11 And the men of Israel went out of Mizpeh, and pursued the Philistines, and smote them, until *they came* under Bethcar.
 12 Then Samuel took a stone, and set *it* between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it Ebenezer, saying, Hitherto hath the LORD helped us.
 13 So the Philistines were subdued, and they came no more into the coast of Israel: and the hand of the LORD was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel.

8) Communion is a memorial of Jesus' sacrifice for our souls. It is a reminder that we must eat the bread of life daily and to be covered by the Lamb. It also commemorates the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ and his testimonies from Genesis to Revelation.

Luke 22:19-20

- 19 And he(Jesus) took bread, and gave thanks, and brake *it*, and gave unto them, saying, **This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.**
- 20 Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, **This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.**

9) Baptism is a great memorial of a new life and commitment to Jesus Christ. When we repent, confess, and forsake sin we are buried with our Saviour with Him by baptism. When we raise up out of the water we are raise from spiritual death in the newness of life.

Romans 6:3-6

- 3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?
- 4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.
- 5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also *in the likeness* of *his* resurrection:
- 6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with *him*, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

Baptism means total immersion. Baptism is a public and sacred ceremony in to God the father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. It is the most memorable events of your life.

At the beginning of Jesus ministry He was baptized as an example for us to follow.

Jesus gives us a command to baptize.**Matthew 28:19-20**

- 19 **Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:**
- 20 **Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, *even* unto the end of the world.** Amen.

Is baptism necessary? How do you receive the gift of the Holy Ghost?**Acts 2:38-41**

- 38 Then Peter said unto them, **Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins**, and ye shall receive the **gift of the Holy Ghost**.
- 39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.
- 40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, **Save yourselves from this untoward (crooked) generation.**
- 41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

The gift of the Holy Ghost is conditional based on repentance and baptism. Now is the time to make a decision.

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