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SCRIPTURES

- Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25
- Matthew 4:1-4; 18:21-35
- James 1:1-15; 3:5-12
- Hebrews 3:7-10; 4:12-13
- Psalms 95:7-10; 44:20-26
- Romans 5:1-5; 8:31-39
- I Peter 1:6-9
- Luke 6:43-45
- Ephesians 1:3-6; 2:4-10
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- Hebrews 12:1-11
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Title:

SPIRITUAL AMNESIA

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[Let's set the scene] A coin toss

[Heads] I thought God was good; but I just can't see any proof. All I know is that I am in the weeds right now and I just can't see my way out. If Yahweh is so loving, then why is my life so hard?

I don't deserve this; it's not fair. I love God and I live a good Christian life. What's the use in following Y'shua if all it gets me is pain and suffering? I'd be better off doing my own thing; look at all the happy people who could care less about Him.

[Tails] Life is good. I have everything I need and every part of my life is dialed in. My relationships are excellent; my provisions are beyond my wildest expectations; and I seem to come out on top every time. I must be doing something right! It's pretty easy to see the difference in my life from the others around me who always seem to be in a crisis. I try to tell them, but they are just too stubborn to listen. Yet, it is completely obvious I'm doing things right and they are not.

Which side of this coin is suffering Spiritual Amnesia? What is the cure and how can it be prevented in the first place?

THEME: MAIN SCRIPTURE(S) THAT HAS INSPIRED MESSAGE

“And you shall remember that the LORD your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, **to humble you and test you, to know what was in your heart**, whether you would keep His commandments or not.” Deuteronomy 8:2 NKJV

“Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God by not keeping His commandments, His judgments, and His statutes

which I command you today, **lest— when** [YOU HAVE ALL THESE BLESSINGS]...**all that you have is multiplied; when your heart is lifted up, and you forget** [AFTER YOU ARE CHALLENGED AND SEE HIS DELIVERANCE, PROTECTION, PROVISION, AND VICTORIES]..., **that He might humble you and that He might test you, to do you good in the end—** then you say in your heart, ‘My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth.’
“**And you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, ...**” Deuteronomy 8:11-18 NKJV

OUTCOME: MAIN TAKEAWAY(S) I AM HOPING FOR PEOPLE

“My brethren, count it all joy **when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith** produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, **that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.**” James 1:2-4 NKJV

“And my **God shall supply all your need** according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:19 NKJV

Let's Set the Scene: Portion in a blurb

1. The name of this portion of Deuteronomy translated into English is “On the Heels”. Why? Because it speaks of the rewards that

will come to Israel on the heels of keeping God's covenant and commandments.

2. **Blessings for Obedience:** *“Then it shall come to pass, because you listen to these judgments, and keep and do them, that the LORD your God will keep with you the covenant and the mercy which He swore to your fathers.”* (Deuteronomy 7:12)
3. And He will love you and bless you and multiply you [in all these ways]:
 - (a) The fruit of your womb, land, and livestock.
 - (b) No one will be barren among you or among your livestock.
 - (c) No sickness will afflict you, but will be on those who hate you.
 - (d) You shall destroy, without pity, all the peoples whom Yahweh delivers over to you (Do not serve their gods!).
 - (e) No need to fear; remember Pharaoh and Egypt. That’s what will happen to your enemies.
 - (f) Any enemies left after that will be scattered into hiding by hornets.
 - (g) This will happen slowly and systematically, so you are not left with so much livestock as booty that you cannot manage them.
 - (h) All enemies and their kings will be destroyed and their king’s names blotted out!

- (i) Burn all remnants of their pagan images and do not covet their silver or gold, so you are not overtaken by these temptations.

4. **Remember Yahweh Your God:** *“Every commandment which I command you today you must be careful to observe, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land of which the LORD swore to your fathers.”* (Deuteronomy 8:1)

5. The whole wilderness experience was to humble them and test what would come out of their hearts when they faced all sorts of trials!

(a) Would they obey Him anyway?

(b) Would they forget Him?

(c) Would they hijack His credit for:

1) Supernatural food and water—*“man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD.”*

2) Garments and shoes that didn't wear out.

3) Feet that didn't swell.

4) Land so abundant with every necessary resource that they lacked nothing.

5) Every victory over their enemies.

6. **Don't Ever Forget:** It is His love for you, coupled with your obedience, your response to that love, that brings you every blessings.
7. Don't ever let pride and arrogance fool you into thinking your blessings were produced by you.
8. You will be tested to see if you have **spiritual amnesia** about all you have gained. Will you say in your heart, "My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth?" THE ANSWER, OF COURSE, IS NO! It is Yahweh who gives you power to get wealth.
9. If you forget and hijack His credit, you will certainly perish!
10. **Israel's Rebellions Reviewed:**
 - (a) You will defeat nations greater and mightier than yourself as God goes into the land before you as a consuming fire.
 - (b) But don't be mistaken AT ALL that it is your righteousness that put you in this position to take over these stronger nations. It's actually because of their wickedness, plus He wants to fulfill His promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
 - (c) You are a stiff-necked rebellious people who provoked Yahweh to wrath in the wilderness from the moment you left Egypt up until this very moment.
11. Moses reviews the whole Mt. Sinai experience including his forty days and forty nights of fasting food and water, and how

Yahweh gave him the two tablets and wrote on them with His own hand. And how he returned to a rebellious people worshipping a golden calf and how he broke the two stones.

12. Then he reminds them that he had to do it again a second time, to go back up the mountain to get new stones. But not before prostrating himself before Yahweh in intercession and another forty days and forty nights of fasting. Had he not interceded for Aaron and the people, Yahweh may have wiped out all of them.
13. **The Second Pair of Tablets:** This time Moses must cut out two stones himself and bring them to Yahweh on the mountain. Again, Yahweh will write on the tablets the words that were on the first tablets.
14. The tablets will go into the ark Moses made of acacia wood, two hewed two tablets of stone, like the first, written by the finger of God.
15. From Sinai they set off and Yahweh separated the tribe of Levi to bear the ark and to minister before Him. They had no portion nor inheritance in the land, as Yahweh is their inheritance.
16. **The Essence of the Law:** This says it all—*“And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments of the LORD and His statutes*

*which I command you today for your good?" Deuteronomy
10:12-13*

17. Everything in heaven and earth are Yahweh's and He chose you!
Can you appreciate the magnitude of this idea? And because He chose you above all peoples:
- (a) Circumcise the foreskin of your heart.
 - (b) Be stiff-necked no longer.
 - (c) Know that God shows no partiality.
 - (d) Recognize that He administers justice for the fatherless and the widow.
 - (e) Realize that He loves the stranger and so should you, as you also were a stranger in a foreign land at one point (and you may be again).
 - (f) You shall fear Yahweh as the Almighty.
 - (g) You shall serve Him.
 - (h) You shall take oaths in His name.
18. **Love and Obedience Rewarded:** You shall love Yahweh and keep His commandments always. Let's be clear, Moses reminds Israel; I am not speaking to people who have not known and who have not seen the chastening of the LORD!
19. You have a long list of testimonies to look back on that assure Yahweh's faithfulness, such as these:

- (a) The whole Egypt and exodus story including what He did to Pharaoh's army.
- (b) All He did for you in the wilderness until you came to this place.
- (c) A reminder of what He did to those who rebelled, like Dathan and Abiram (They and their families were swallowed in the earth in Korah's rebellion).
- (d) A reminder that your eyes have seen every great act of Yahweh.

20. This long history should inspire you to be obedient and to trust Yahweh when He says, "go in and possess the land!"

21. And this land is so much better than the land of Egypt from which you have come, where you sowed your seed and watered it. This land drinks water from the rain of heaven, a land God cares for and that His eyes are on, from the beginning of the year to the very end of the year.

22. And if you earnestly obey God, He will give you the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the latter rain. And the land will produce abundantly in every way.

23. Don't let your heart be deceived, if you serve other gods and worship them, the LORD's anger will be aroused against you, and there will be no rain, and the land will yield no produce, and you will perish quickly.

24. And like I told you many times before (see Deuteronomy 6), seal Yahweh's word in your heart:

- (a) His ways must be on your mind and guide all your actions.
- (b) Teach them to your children at all times.
- (c) Operate your household as if these rules govern all things.
- (d) You and your generations will be blessed.
- (e) You will overpower the pagan nations before you.
- (f) Every place the sole of your feet tread shall be yours.
- (g) No man shall be able to stand against you.

WHY A WILDERNESS BEFORE A PROMISED LAND

1. This is a Tests...This is Only a Test

A. When I Squeeze You, What Comes Out?

(1) What is really in your heart is what comes out when you are tested!

(a) **“And you shall remember** that the LORD your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, **to humble you and test you, to know what was in your heart**, whether you would keep His commandments or not.” Deuteronomy 8:2 NKJV

(b) **“So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you** with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know **that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every**

word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD.”

Deuteronomy 8:3 NKJV

1. **“Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.** And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights [like Moses], afterward He was hungry. Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, “If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.” But He answered and said, “It is written, **‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.’**”” Matthew 4:1-4 NKJV
2. “Blessed is the man who **endures temptation**; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am tempted by God”; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. **But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.** Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.” James 1:12-15 NKJV
- (c) “Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: ***“Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts as in the**

rebellion, In the day of trial in the wilderness, Where your fathers tested Me, tried Me, And saw My works forty years. Therefore I was angry with that generation, And said, '**They always go astray in their heart, And they have not known My ways.**'" Hebrews 3:7-10 NKJV

1. *FROM: "**For He is our God, And we are the people of His pasture, And the sheep of His hand.** Today, if you will hear His voice: "Do not harden your hearts, as in the rebellion, As in the day of trial in the wilderness, When your fathers tested Me; They tried Me, though they saw My work. For forty years I was grieved with that generation, And said, '**It is a people who go astray in their hearts, And they do not know My ways.**'" Psalms 95:7-10 NKJV
- (d) "Therefore, having been **justified by faith**, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. **And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope.** Now **hope does not disappoint**, because the love of God has been poured out in our

hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us." Romans 5:1-5 NKJV

(e) "And we know that **all things work together for good** to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28 NKJV

(f) "**Keep your heart with all diligence**, For out of it spring the issues of life." Proverbs 4:23 NKJV

(g) "Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, But **the LORD weighs the hearts.**" Proverbs 21:2 NKJV

(h) Summary: When I Squeeze You, What Comes Out?

1. Remember, the wilderness (trials) are always used to test what's in your heart.
2. Yahweh humbles you, allows you to "hunger" and then ALWAYS feeds you!
3. The bigger picture is that it is not with bread that you are truly fed, but by knowing and trusting Yahweh's Word and Promises.
4. **Word vs. World:** Y'shua, at His "hungriest" drew on faith in His Father's provision and protection, faith in what the word says. He did not count on what the world could provide!
5. The Word says Y'shua was **led by the Spirit into the wilderness** and that He tempted by the devil.

6. Then James teaches us that it is not “God who tempts us.” What is happening is that God knows what needs to be sifted out of you and He allows your wilderness experiences to do the work.
7. Y’shua faced His wilderness to show us how it is done!
 - a) “For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, **He is able to aid those who are tempted.**” Hebrews 2:18 NKJV
 - b) “For we do not have a High Priest **who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace,** that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” Hebrews 4:15-16 NKJV
8. When you are tempted, what’s is “your devil”?
9. Don’t be drawn away by your own desires and enticed to go your own way.
10. When you face trials, don’t harden your heart (go astray in your heart), instead remember that we are His sheep and He is our Shepherd.
11. As a matter of fact, instead of losing heart, you should celebrate this: “knowing that tribulation produces

perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope". And hope will NEVER disappoint you!

12. Everything works for the good of those who Love God!

13. Keep your heart healthy because that is what Yahweh is looking at when you are tested!

(2) What is Yahweh looking for when you enter the wilderness? And what is always the fruit when you trust the process?

(a) "For the LORD your God **is bringing you into a good land**, a land of brooks of **water**, of fountains and springs, that flow out of valleys and hills; a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey; a land in which **you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing**; a land whose stones are iron and out of whose hills you can dig copper." Deuteronomy 8:7-9 NKJV

(b) "My brethren, **count it all joy** when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith **produces patience**. But let patience have its perfect work, that you

may be **perfect and complete, lacking nothing.**" James 1:2-4 NKJV

- (c) **"In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials,** that the **genuineness of your faith,** being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy **inexpressible and full of glory,** receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls." I Peter 1:6-9 NKJV
- (d) Summary: What is Yahweh looking for when you enter the wilderness? And what is always the fruit when you trust the process?
1. Count your trials as joy.
 2. Exercise patience, and when you are tested and proven faithful, you will see that you lack nothing.
- (3) Heart Health: It always shows on the outside
- (a) **"For a good tree does not bear bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit.** For every tree is known by its own fruit. For men do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they gather grapes from a bramble bush. **A good**

man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.” Luke 6:43-45 NKJV

- (b) “Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things. See how great a forest a little fire kindles! And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell. For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and creature of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by mankind. But no man can tame the tongue. It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God. **Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so. Does a spring send forth fresh water and bitter from the same opening? Can a fig tree, my brethren, bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Thus no spring yields both salt water and fresh.” James 3:5-12 NKJV**

- (c) “For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the

division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and **is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart**. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.” Hebrews 4:12-13 NKJV

(d) Summary: Heart Health: It always shows on the outside

1. Every tree is known by it's fruit! Good trees do not bear bad fruit, nor do bad trees bear good fruit.
2. Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.
3. Your tongue will give you away EVERY TIME!
4. God's Word will expose your true nature EVERY TIME!

B. How Great You Are I Am!

(1) I Did This!

- (a) **“Beware that you do not forget** the LORD your God by not keeping His commandments, His judgments, and His statutes which I command you today, **lest— when** you have eaten and are full, and have built beautiful houses and dwell in them; and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold are multiplied, and **all that you have is multiplied; when your heart is lifted up, and you forget** the LORD your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the

house of bondage; who led you through that great and terrible wilderness, in which were fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty land where there was no water; who brought water for you out of the flinty rock; who fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your fathers did not know, **that He might humble you and that He might test you, to do you good in the end— then you say in your heart, ‘My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth.’ “And you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.”** Deuteronomy 8:11-18 NKJV

(2) Wrong: It’s How Great He Is!

(a) **“For the LORD your God** is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, that flow out of valleys and hills; a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey; a land **in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing;** a land whose stones are iron and out of whose hills you can dig copper.” Deuteronomy 8:7-9 NKJV

- (b) “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, **who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing** in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, **according to the good pleasure of His will**, to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.” Ephesians 1:3-6 NKJV
- (c) “Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, as **His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness**, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,” II Peter 1:2-3 NKJV
- (d) Summary: It’s How Great He Is!
1. Yahweh provides every physical blessing and you will lack nothing.
 2. Yahweh provides every spiritual blessing according to His good pleasure.
 3. His priority is to give you all things that pertain to a Godly life.

C. The Slippery Slope That Never Ends Well

- (1) Not Your Righteousness

(a) ““Do not think in your heart, after the LORD your God has cast them out before you, saying, ‘**Because of my righteousness the LORD has brought me in to possess this land**’; but it is **because of the wickedness of these nations** that the LORD is driving them out from before you. **It is not because of your righteousness or the uprightness of your heart that you go in to possess their land, but because of the wickedness of these nations** that the LORD your God drives them out from before you, **and that He may fulfill the word which the LORD swore to your fathers**, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.”

Deuteronomy 9:4-5 NKJV

(b) **Remember Deuteronomy 7:7-8:** “The LORD did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any other people, for you were the least of all peoples; **but because the LORD loves you, and because He would keep the oath which He swore to your fathers**, the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.”

(c) “We love Him **because** He first loved us.” I John 4:19
NKJV

(d) **“But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love** with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come **He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us** in Christ Jesus. **For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,** not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus for good works,** which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.” Ephesians 2:4-10 NKJV

(e) Summary: Not Your Righteousness.

1. Your provision and protection are not because of your righteousness or the uprightness of your heart.
2. But God is rich in mercy because of His great love.
3. He shows you the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward you.
4. And we love Him because He first loved us!

(2) Pride

(a) **“All the ways of a man** are pure in his own eyes, But the LORD weighs the spirits.” Proverbs 16:2 NKJV

- (b) “Everyone **proud in heart is an abomination** to the LORD; Though they join forces, none will go unpunished.” Proverbs 16:5 NKJV
- (c) “How much better to get **wisdom** than gold! And to get **understanding** is to be chosen rather than silver.” Proverbs 16:16 NKJV
- (d) “**Pride goes before destruction**, And a haughty spirit before a fall.” Proverbs 16:18 NKJV
- (e) “**Better to be of a humble** spirit with the lowly, Than to divide the spoil with the proud. **He who heeds the word wisely** will find good, And whoever **trusts** in the LORD, happy is he.” Proverbs 16:19-20 NKJV
- (f) Summary: Pride
1. The ways of man always seem best to HIMSELF.
 2. But, that pride is an abomination to Yahweh and leads to destruction.
 3. Humility and the WORD lead to wisdom and understanding of truth.

D. It is Yahweh who...

(1) No Matter What You Encounter...It is God who...

- (a) “And you shall remember the LORD your God, for **it is He who gives you power to get wealth**, that He may

establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.” Deuteronomy 8:18 NKJV

(b) “What then shall we say to these things? **If God is for us, who can be against us?** He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, **how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?** Who shall bring a charge against God’s elect? **It is God who justifies.** Who is he who condemns? **It is Christ who** died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, **who also makes intercession** for us.” Romans 8:31-34

(c) Summary: No Matter What You Encounter...It is God who...

1. Gives you power to get wealth.
2. Is for you no matter who is against you.
3. Gave His son, which is priceless, so it is obvious that He will freely gives you all things!
4. Justifies you!
5. Makes intercession for You!

SEVENTY TIMES SEVEN—PRACTICE IT YOURSELF, SO YOU KNOW HOW YAHWEH OPERATES

2. Lock onto the Finish Line

A. Practice Makes Perfect

(1) What Does Yahweh Require; What Does He Offer?

(a) ““And now, Israel, **what does the LORD your God require of you**, but to **fear the LORD** your God, to **walk in all His ways** and to **love Him**, to **serve the LORD** your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to **keep the commandments** of the LORD and His statutes which I command you today for your good?”

Deuteronomy 10:12-13 NKJV

(b) **Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?** Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? *(*v. 36) As it is written: “For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.”* (37) **Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.** For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, **nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God** which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 8:35-39 NKJV

1. *“If we had forgotten the name of our God, Or stretched out our hands to a foreign god, Would not

God search this out? **For He knows the secrets of the heart.** (22) **Yet for Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.**

Awake! Why do You sleep, O Lord? Arise! Do not cast us off forever. Why do You hide Your face, And forget our affliction and our oppression? For our soul is bowed down to the dust; Our body clings to the ground. Arise for our help, And redeem us for Your mercies' sake." Psalms 44:20-26 NKJV

- (c) Summary: What Does Yahweh Require; What Does He Offer?
1. Requires: fear Him, walk in all His ways, love Him, serve Him, and keep His commandments.
 2. Offers: He insures that nothing can separate us from His love.
 3. He knows the secret things of our hearts, so He custom crafts our wilderness experiences to grow us up!
 4. And then in all our trials He makes sure we are more than conquerors!
- (2) Practice Forgiveness Over and Over
- (a) "Then Peter came to Him and said, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up

to seven times?" Jesus said to him, **"I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven."**

Matthew 18:21-22 NKJV

(b) THE PARABLE OF THE UNFORGIVING SERVANT:

"Then Peter came to Him and said, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?" **Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.**

Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him **ten thousand talents**. But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' **Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt.** "But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a **hundred denarii**; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!' So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying,

'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, **'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?'** And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. **"So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."**

Matthew 18:21-35 NKJV

B. Accessing the Kingdom

- (1) Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors
 - (a) ""Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him. In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. **(v.12) And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.** And do not lead us into temptation,

But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.
(vv. 14-15) “For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.” Matthew 6:8-15 NKJV

(2) Kingdom First!

(a) “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.” Matthew 6:33 NKJV

(b) Summary: Practice

1. Forgive as you want to be forgiven.
2. Forgive men: you will be forgiven.
3. Do not forgive men: you will not be forgiven.

C. The cure for Spiritual Amnesia—Never Forget!

(1) Fix your eyes on Y’shua who saw the joy set before Him

(a) “Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us **lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us**, and let us **run with endurance** the race that is set before us, **looking unto Jesus**, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the **joy that was set before** Him endured the cross,

despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” Hebrews 12:1-2 NKJV

(2) Consider that Sons are chastened because we are loved

(a) “For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls. You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin. And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: *“My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; For whom the LORD loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives.” **If you endure chastening, God**

deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons.

Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. **Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live?** For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, **that we may be partakers of His holiness.** Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless,

afterward **it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness** to those who have been trained by it.” Hebrews 12:3-11 NKJV

1. ***“Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and depart from evil.** It will be health to your flesh, And strength to your bones. Honor the LORD with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase; So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine. (11-12) **My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, Nor detest His correction; For whom the LORD loves He corrects, Just as a father the son in whom he delights.** Happy is the man who finds wisdom, And the man who gains understanding; For her proceeds are better than the profits of silver, And her gain than fine gold.” Proverbs 3:7-14 NKJV

(b) Summary: The cure for Spiritual Amnesia—Never Forget!

1. Fix your eyes on Y’shua the author and finisher of your faith.
2. Lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares you.

3. Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and depart from evil.
4. Run with endurance the race that is set before you.
5. Focus on the Joy that was set before you!
 - a) “For I consider that the **sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared** with the glory which shall be revealed in us.” Romans 8:18 NKJV
6. Consider that legitimate children, who are loved, are always chastened by their fathers.

D. Preventing Spiritual Amnesia

(1) Search My Heart O God!

(a) “**Search me**, O God, and **know my heart; Try me**, and **know my anxieties**; And **see if there is any wicked way in me**, And lead me in the way everlasting.” Psalms 139:23-24 NKJV

(b) THE WHOLE PSALM: “O LORD, You have **searched me** and **known me**. You know my sitting down and my rising up; **You understand my thought afar off**. **You comprehend my path** and my lying down, And are **acquainted with all my ways**. **For there is not a word on my tongue**, **But behold, O LORD**, You know it **altogether**. **You have hedged me behind and before**,

And laid Your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is high, I cannot attain it. **Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?** If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. If I take the wings of the morning, And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, **Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold me.** If I say, "Surely the darkness shall fall on me," Even the night shall be light about me; Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, But the night shines as the day; The darkness and the light are both alike to You. **For You formed my inward parts;** You covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, **for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works,** And that my soul knows very well. My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them. **How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them! If I should count them, they would be more in number than the**

sand; When I awake, I am still with You. Oh, that You would slay the wicked, O God! Depart from me, therefore, you bloodthirsty men. For they speak against You wickedly; Your enemies take Your name in vain. Do I not hate them, O LORD, who hate You? And do I not loathe those who rise up against You? I hate them with perfect hatred; I count them my enemies. **Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.**" Psalms 139:1-24 NKJV

(c) Summary: The Prevention for Spiritual Amnesia: "Search My Heart O God!"

1. Ask Yahweh to do a thorough search of your heart.
2. Recognize there is not one thing about you, what you think, what you will say, or how you will act, that He does not already know.

a) **Reminder:** "For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, **and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. And there is no creature hidden from His sight,** but all things are

naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.” Hebrews 4:12-13 NKJV

3. You are hedged in: There is no place you can go to hide from His presence!
4. He will lead you and hold you along the way.
5. You will never get lost if you stick with Him!
6. You were made by a Mighty God and He makes no mistakes and makes no junk.
7. Yahweh thinks so many great things about you that you if you numbered them they would be more than the grains of sand on the earth.
8. Meditate on these things and you will never forget Who He is, who you are, where you came from, what He has done for you, and where you are going!
9. You will never suffer Spiritual Amnesia again!

QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

- 1. What is the main purpose of every wilderness experience?**
 - E. When you are squeezed, what so often comes out?
- 2. What did Y’shua do when He was tested in the wilderness?**
 - A. What does James tell us about what tempts us? (See James 1:12-15)

- 3. When you do not know and submit to God's ways, what is the first thing to go astray?**
 - A. How does it show on the outside?
 - B. What is the greatest tool Yahweh uses to expose what's going on inside of you?
- 4. Trials and tribulations are an important part of our lives:**
 - A. What are they meant to produce?
 - B. What does Yahweh promise about them?
 - C. What have they produced in you?
- 5. What are some of the signs and symptoms of spiritual amnesia?**
 - A. What is the remedy?
 - B. Why is it so important you understand how a loving father deals with his children for you to understand the treatment process?
 - C. How can you prevent spiritual amnesia in the first place?
Hint: study Psalm 139
 - D. What is the most dangerous symptom?
- 6. What does it mean that "nothing can separate us from the love of Christ?"**
- 7. What is the daily practice you can use towards others that will continually remind you of how Yahweh deals with you?**
 - A. Are there any limitations?