

The Cure for Spiritual Amnesia

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We must actively choose to remember, or we will
passively choose to forget.

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“It is funny how mortals always picture us as
putting things into their minds: in reality our best
work is done by keeping things out.”

- C.S. Lewis

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Deuteronomy 4:2

You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you.

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Deuteronomy 4:5-6

See, I have taught you statutes and rules, as the Lord my God commanded me, that you should do them in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding...

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Deuteronomy 4:9

Make them known to your children and your children's children...

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“One of the reasons people find it hard to be obedient to the commands of Christ is that they are uncomfortable taking orders from a stranger.”

- Gary Gulbranson

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Deuteronomy 17:18-19

And when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write for himself in a book a copy of this law... And he shall read in it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the LORD his God by keeping all the words of this law and these statutes.

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"deuteros" + "nomos" -> Deuteronomy

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Deuteronomy 5:29

Oh that they had such a heart as this always, to fear me and to keep all my commandments, that it might go well with them and with their descendants forever!

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Deuteronomy 6:4-5

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"Shema Yisrael" = Jewish Creed

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"Love to God and obedience to God are so
completely involved in each other that any one of
them implies the other too."

- F.F. Bruce

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Deuteronomy 4:24

For the LORD your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.

Deuteronomy 4:31

For the LORD your God is a merciful God.

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Deuteronomy 4:3-4

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"The people must beware of shutting their eyes against the clear revelation of God's power, and therefore he urges them to keep it in memory, because man's ingratitude is but too prone to forgetfulness."

-John Calvin

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Deuteronomy 4:37

And because he loved your fathers and chose their offspring after them and brought you out of Egypt with his own presence, by his great power...

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Deuteronomy 9:6

Know, therefore, that the LORD your God is not giving you this good land to possess because of your righteousness, for you are a stubborn people.

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Deuteronomy 9:24

You have been rebellious against the LORD from the day that I knew you.

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Deuteronomy 7:7

It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples,

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Deuteronomy 7:8

but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

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"Remember that you were a bondman. The smell of the brick kiln is upon you now, my brother, my sister.

You have not yet cleansed all the clay from your hands with which you did work in mortar and in brick.

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Then do not become selfish, unloving, unkind, but in all things love your neighbor as yourself and so prove that you love the Lord your God with all your heart."

-Charles Spurgeon

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"rak" = only

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Deuteronomy 4:7-8

For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? And what great nation is there, that has statutes and rules so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?

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"They were from their beginnings to be a
witness nation."
-John MacArthur

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Genesis 12:2-3

And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.

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Psalm 67:1-2

*"May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face shine upon us,*

*that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations."*

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Matthew 5:14, 16

*You are the light of the world... let your light shine before
others, so that they may see your good works and give
glory to your Father who is in heaven.*

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Deuteronomy 11:22

Be careful to do all this commandment that I command you to do, loving the LORD your God, walking in all his ways, and holding fast to him...

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"with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might."

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Deuteronomy 29:4

But to this day the LORD has not given you a heart to understand or eyes to see or ears to hear.

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Deuteronomy 30:6

And the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring, so that you will love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.

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Ezekiel 36:26-27

And I will give you a new heart... And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

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2 Timothy 1:13-14

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Deuteronomy 11:18-19

You shall therefore lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall teach them to your children, talking of them when you are sitting in your house,

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Deuteronomy 11:19-20

and when you are walking by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied.