

Precious Memories

"I thank my God every time I remember you."

Philippeans 1:3 (NIV)

Most of us have precious memories that we love to recall when we are not busy with the needed work of living. A beloved person, a beautiful scene, a sweet song, a wonderful trip, or other notable person or event conjures up warm feelings. Our memories can lift depressed spirits and bring peace to troubled souls.

One reason we have a Bible full of history concerning God's people is to teach us the ways of our God and His people. As we read holy history, we receive instruction in righteous living, warnings concerning temptation and sin, and testimonies to the amazing grace of God that fortifies us as we live to the glory of God.

Scripture is a wonderful photo album that covers many hundreds of years and we see our great God in action on behalf of His people. No literature compares to our Bible. Its enduring history has kept

believers stable in a very unstable world.

We need to memorize precious promises recorded in the Bible so we can call them to mind when life turns against us! Also, we find in it's sacred pages descriptions of God's people in situations similar to ours. There we see how our sovereign God led His people safely through all the of strategies of Satan. Certainly, we all need such encouragement as we navigate our journey to heaven.

As Paul thanked God for every memory of the Phillipian people, we thank God for the rich record we have in God's Word of His people through the ages. Take a few minutes today to thank God for His written Word and then get into your Bible to enjoy its comfort and instruction.

Holy Bible, Book divine,
Precious treasure,
thou art mine:
Mine to tell me
whence I came;
Mine to teach me

what I am.

Mine to chide me
when I rove,
Mine to show
a Savior's love;
Mine thou art
to guide and guard;
Mine to punish or reward.

Mine to comfort in distress,
Suffering
in this wilderness;
Mine to show
by living faith,
We can triumph
over death.

Mine to tell of joys to come,
And the rebel
sinner's doom:
O thou Holy Book divine,
Precious treasure,
thou art mine.

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