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# ***BIBLE INSIGHT***

*Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth. (2 Timothy 2:15)*

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## **Remember the day you met the Lord**

by Phillip Shumake

How we perceive God greatly impacts our ability to keep His commands. Influences from other religions and our own inability to accurately remember His characteristics can easily distort our view of God. A view of God's anger without a view of His love can discourage even the most optimistic Christian.

As Moses prepared the children of Israel for their lives in the promise land, he encouraged them to carefully examine their own perception of God by reflecting on their first concrete encounter with Jehovah at Mount Horeb. Remembering this event would refresh their minds of the fact their God was very different from the many so called "gods" of the Canaanites.

"Remember the day you stood before the LORD your God at Horeb, when the LORD said to me, 'Assemble the people to Me, that I may let them hear My words so they may learn to fear Me all the days they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children.' Deuteronomy 4:10

When God presented His covenant to the Israelites they were impressed with His authority, power, and deliverance. Understanding these three traits of our heavenly Father helped them gain a balanced view of God's dual roles of redeemer and ruler. Remembering the day they met the Lord reminded them that He is worthy of inexhaustible praise and reverent fear. It would even be remembering the day they met the Lord that would

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## **church of Christ at Beverly Shores**

Sun. 9:30 a.m.—Bible Classes  
Sun. 10:30 a.m.—Worship  
Sun. 6:00 p.m.—Worship  
Wed. 7:00 p.m.—Bible Classes

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## **Welcome Visitors!**

We are glad to have you visiting with us today, because you are part of our goals. This may sound odd, but please let us explain. Our goal is to worship God in spirit and in truth (John 4:24) and to glorify Him in all that we do. (1 Cor. 10:31)

God will always be our number one priority, but the Bible speaks of secondary goals that this church also recognizes. Today, we consider you our honored guest, and hope to prove ourselves welcoming and hospitable. In fact, we hope that you can tell we are loving.

**1 Timothy 1:5 says: "But the goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith."**

Because this is our goal as well, we hope that you can see love in our teaching. We hope you can see people with pure hearts, a good conscience, and faith that is totally genuine. Only then will we really be doing our job.

So please, stay a while after services so we can greet you. Feel free to take a welcome packet with you as you leave, and if you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask. Helping you is part of our goals.

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encourage them to carefully teach their children about God's nature.

Today we need the same perspective and the same reminder. Think back to your early impressions of God's authority, power, and deliverance. Remember when you realized that He is the creator and ruler of the universe. Remember when He delivered you out of your slavery to sin. Be impressed by God's all-powerful, all-knowing, all-loving nature, so that you can be strengthened to boldly face life's challenges with the help of the true and living God. Take time to remember the day you met the Lord!

**Think on these things...**

"Do not weary yourself to gain wealth, Cease from your consideration of it. When you set your eyes on it, it is gone. For wealth certainly makes itself wings Like an eagle that flies toward the heavens."  
(Proverbs 23:4-5)

**Who Said That!?**

\_\_\_\_\_ said to him, "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."

Hint: This was the first man to confess Jesus as the "Son of God."

**"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth..." Mt. 6:19**

By Phillip Shumake

**Treasure on earth only comes to ruin.** No matter how much we gain or build or set aside all the treasures of this world are only passing away. It may be through the ravages of time that moth and rust bring our earthly treasures to ruin. It may be through the greed of others that thieves break in and steal, but all earthly treasure is only temporary. It is a poor investment indeed.

**Treasure on earth is not for you.** God has blessed all of us with earthly treasures, but not for us to collect and hoard. Remember Jesus has said treasure is not "for yourselves." Take the blessings of this life and share them. Use them as you would any other tool from God. How sad when the blessings of this life become burdens because we didn't use them appropriately.

Are you buried under "stuff?" Is the time you are supposed to be making the most of (Eph. 5:16) wasted on the pursuit of more "stuff?"

Break the cycle by learning to use your earthly treasures in good works and acts of generosity. (1 Tim. 6:17-19)

**Treasure on earth steals our hearts.** "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." When Jesus spoke, His words took only a few seconds to understand, and yet a lifetime to apply and master. Satan may tempt us to believe that our treasures on this earth are not stealing our hearts away from God, but that is a lie. Keep your treasure in heaven where it belongs, and your heart will follow after. When our treasure is on earth our hopes and dreams reside here as well, all awaiting a devastating end. When our treasure is placed in heaven our hearts are set free to focus on the "unfathomable riches of Christ." (Eph. 3:8)

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