

Daily Devotional, October 6, 2020

'Remember Where You Came From', (Isaiah 51:1)

“Look to the rock from which you were hewn, And to the hole of the pit from which you were dug.” (Isaiah 51:1)

The nation of Israel is told to look to its humble beginnings. God had called Abraham from “**the rock**” and “**the hole**” from which he had been dug out (Cf. Isaiah 51:2). In context, the reference is to the call of Abraham to leave his native land of Ur and go to the land to which the Lord had called him. Because of his obedient response, blessings and promises came to him and his descendants (**Genesis 12:1-3**). In remembering her humble beginnings, perhaps Israel would respond with thanksgiving for God’s activity on her behalf. The theme of remembrance is common throughout the Bible, for God knows the human tendency to forget Him and become spiritual drifters (Hebrews 2:1). The Old Testament saints are often called to remember the providential care of the Lord throughout history. In the New Testament, the Lord Jesus gives us the regular ordinance of Holy Communion, saying, “**Do this in remembrance of Me**” (1 Corinthians 11:24).

If the Lord has lifted you up, remember your humble beginnings. Remember where you came from. It is the tendency of men to forget where they came from, and lose the ability to identify with people who are at a place in their lives where they once were. You needed to hear the gospel. You needed compassion, mercy, and to be heard with patient forbearance. You were caught in sin and knew no remedy. But God showed you, and He used other people to bring His light into your life. When you go about your day-to-day business, and when you go about your ministry, consider these things. Even if you do not share common experiences with another, the commonality is that you, Christian friend, were called by God and dug out of “**the rock**” and “**the hole**.” If Jesus has been so kind to you, be so kind to others. Remember where you came from, just as you focus on where you are going—to your heavenly inheritance with Jesus Christ your Savior.