

## ***God's Calling Requirements Part 13***

### ***Remember Me***

'Remember me,' is a prayer and is a desire toward God. It is repeated in the Scriptures, and come out and uttered from those who desire to draw near to God and respond to His call in their lives. Here we will go through these Scriptures and study, and I believe it will help us to grasp how to fulfill God's calling requirements in our lives.

**1. In repentance:** *"42 Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." (Luke 23:42 NIV)* That was the prayer of the repented thief that was crucified with Christ. He recognized that he is a sinner and he is punished justly. This thief is also stood firm and rebuked the other thief who hurled with insults on Christ. His prayer it expressed that Christ will die on the cross and after He is buried He will rise from the death and will ascend to heaven and He will come again in His second coming to take those, us, who are waiting for Him. Therefore, Pray and ask God through Christ, in repentance, to remember you when He comes in His Kingdom. Plead with God, repent and ask him not to remember your sins and all your short comings since the time you are aware. Pray this prayers from your heart, **"9 Do not be angry beyond measure, LORD; do not remember our sins forever. Oh, look on us, we pray, for we are all your people."** (Isaiah 64:9 NIV) **"7 Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you, LORD, are good."** (Psalm 25:7 NIV) **"8 O remember not against us former iniquities; let thy tender mercies speedily prevent us: for we are brought very low."** (Psalm 79:8 KJV) Ask God to see what had happened to you as a consequences of your sins and all what you did in rebellious to him, and ask Him to help you to persevere to bear. Pray as Jeremiah pray in ***Lamentations 5:1: "Remember, LORD, what has happened to us; look, and see our disgrace."*** (Lamentations 5:1 NIV)

Repentance means your perseverance to accept the consequences of your sins and that is how you show you are responding to God's call requirements. In repentance you will have the assurance of forgiveness, as the thief on the cross who received the assurance from Jesus when the Lord told him, ***"Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."*** (Luke 23:43)

The word of God in ***Jeremiah 31:34*** also give you the assurance about the forgiveness of God and His remembrance of your sins no more after repentance, ***"34 No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, 'Know the LORD,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the LORD. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."*** (Jeremiah 31:34)

**2. In trials and hardships:** *"23 Who remembered us in our low estate: for his mercy endureth for ever:" (Psalm 136:23 KJV)* God remembers you in trials and in the hardships and in the testing time that you are passing through. Pray to God and plead

with Him that you can persevere in the trial that you are passing through, **"9 Remember that you molded me like clay. Will you now turn me to dust again?"** (Job 10:9 NIV) **"13 "If only you would hide me in the grave and conceal me till your anger has passed! If only you would set me a time and then remember me!"** (Job 14:13 NIV) You need to pray and plead with God so you will pass the trials time successfully, and as you do that then you are showing that you are responding to God's call as in Psalm 106:4 **"Remember me, LORD, when you show favor to your people, come to my aid when you save them,"** (Psalm 106:4 NIV) Be encouraged and put in your mind that God had a covenant with you; that He had called you to serve Him: **"21 For the sake of your name do not despise us; do not dishonor your glorious throne. Remember your covenant with us and do not break it."** (Jeremiah 14:21 NIV)

**3. In responding to God's Word:** **"Remember your word to your servant, for you have given me hope."** (Psalm 119:49 NIV) As you read God's word and His promises in the bible, the Word that you are reading will confirm to you what God had promised you to achieve and to do for you. That is why it is very important to read God's Word daily to be reminded and be encouraged with God's promises that will bring life and assurance to your soul, and that will help you to go forward and persevere in achieving God's calling requirements.

**4. In facing persecution:** In facing threats and persecutions from people because of the Word of God, pray to God and mentioned to Him that the same people that you served, prayed for and fast for them, they were the very people who wanted to destroy you. **"15 LORD, you understand; remember me and care for me. Avenge me on my persecutors. You are long-suffering—do not take me away; think of how I suffer reproach for your sake."** (Jeremiah 15:15 NIV) **"20 Should good be repaid with evil? Yet they have dug a pit for me. Remember that I stood before you and spoke in their behalf to turn your wrath away from them."** (Jeremiah 18:20 NIV) God will rise up and vindicate you and save you for all the good things that you did in fulfilling God's calling requirements in serving Him and serving His people. Nehemiah prayed and asked God to deal properly with those who persecuted him, **"14 Remember Tobiah and Sanballat, my God, because of what they have done; remember also the prophet Noadiah and how she and the rest of the prophets have been trying to intimidate me."** (Nehemiah 6:14 NIV) You need to put those who oppose the work God in God's hand so He will deal with them and take them away from your way so you can continue to achieve God's work, God's mission and God's will. In this way you are fulfilling God's calling requirements.

Samson prayed to God to remember him and regain his strength to finish the mission that God entrusted to him, **"28 Then Samson prayed to the LORD, "Sovereign LORD, remember me. Please, God, strengthen me just once more, and let me with one blow get revenge on the Philistines for my two eyes."** (Judges 16:28 NIV) The core of the prayer of Samson and why we use it here is not to revenge, but to deliver God's people, the Israelites, from the oppression of the Philistines. God does not want you to revenge

but God wants you to pray and work with Him for the deliverance of His people from sin and from the bondage of Satan. But if God's people deliverance will bring punishment and discipline for their enemies then that is in the hand of God and that will be God's justice for them.

**5. In giving back to God and fulfilling what you had promised Him to give and do:** *"11 And she made a vow, saying, 'LORD Almighty, if you will only look on your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the LORD for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head.'"* (1 Samuel 1:11 NIV) Hannah prayed and asked the Lord if He will remember her and take away her disgrace by giving her a son, then she will give him and dedicate him to the Lord all the days of his life. Do the same as you desire and praying to God to give you the needed things to serve Him and living your life for Him. In such a manner of prayer and dedication to God you are fulfilling God's calling requirements.

**6. In asking God favor and presenting to Him your work and your ministry, to protect and maintain what you had achieved, and seal it with His grace:** Nehemiah's prayers are good example for that purpose.

A- *Nehemiah fought against the practice of usury and helped the poor and the weak in the land: "1 Now the men and their wives raised a great outcry against their fellow Jews. 2 Some were saying, 'We and our sons and daughters are numerous; in order for us to eat and stay alive, we must get grain.' 3 Others were saying, 'We are mortgaging our fields, our vineyards and our homes to get grain during the famine.' 4 Still others were saying, 'We have had to borrow money to pay the king's tax on our fields and vineyards. 5 Although we are of the same flesh and blood as our fellow Jews and though our children are as good as theirs, yet we have to subject our sons and daughters to slavery. Some of our daughters have already been enslaved, but we are powerless, because our fields and our vineyards belong to others.' 6 When I heard their outcry and these charges, I was very angry. 7 I pondered them in my mind and then accused the nobles and officials. I told them, 'You are charging your own people interest!' So I called together a large meeting to deal with them 8 and said: 'As far as possible, we have bought back our fellow Jews who were sold to the Gentiles. Now you are selling your own people, only for them to be sold back to us!' They kept quiet, because they could find nothing to say. 9 So I continued, 'What you are doing is not right. Shouldn't you walk in the fear of our God to avoid the reproach of our Gentile enemies? 10 I and my brothers and my men are also lending the people money and grain. But let us stop charging interest! 11 Give back to them immediately their fields, vineyards, olive groves and houses, and also the interest you are charging them—one percent of the money, grain, new wine and olive oil.' 12 'We will give it back,' they said.*

*"And we will not demand anything more from them. We will do as you say." Then I summoned the priests and made the nobles and officials take an oath to do what they had promised. 13 I also shook out the folds of my robe and said, "In this way may God shake out of their house and possessions anyone who does not keep this promise. So may such a person be shaken out and emptied!" At this the whole assembly said, "Amen," and praised the LORD. And the people did as they had promised. 14 Moreover, from the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, when I was appointed to be their governor in the land of Judah, until his thirty-second year—twelve years—neither I nor my brothers ate the food allotted to the governor. 15 But the earlier governors—those preceding me—placed a heavy burden on the people and took forty shekels of silver from them in addition to food and wine. Their assistants also lorded it over the people. But out of reverence for God I did not act like that. 16 Instead, I devoted myself to the work on this wall. All my men were assembled there for the work; we did not acquire any land. 17 Furthermore, a hundred and fifty Jews and officials ate at my table, as well as those who came to us from the surrounding nations. 18 Each day one ox, six choice sheep and some poultry were prepared for me, and every ten days an abundant supply of wine of all kinds. In spite of all this, I never demanded the food allotted to the governor, because the demands were heavy on these people."* (Nehemiah 5:1-18) Nehemiah asked God to remember his work by eliminating usury from the people life and help the poor and maintaining their lives' needs, **"19 Remember me with favor, my God, for all I have done for these people."** (Nehemiah 5:19 NIV) Let us work together to eliminate usury and help the people in debts to meet their daily needs and pay all their debts.

B- **Nehemiah established the discipline of tithing and giving the first fruit, the system to provide for the workers, and keeping it as provision for the Levites, the workers in God's temple:** *"10 I also learned that the portions assigned to the Levites had not been given to them, and that all the Levites and musicians responsible for the service had gone back to their own fields. 11 So I rebuked the officials and asked them, 'Why is the house of God neglected?' Then I called them together and stationed them at their posts. 12 All Judah brought the tithes of grain, new wine and olive oil into the storerooms. 13 I put Shelemiah the priest, Zadok the scribe, and a Levite named Pedaiah in charge of the storerooms and made Hanan son of Zakkur, the son of Mattaniah, their assistant, because they were considered trustworthy. They were made responsible for distributing the supplies to their fellow Levites."* (Nehemiah 13:10-13) Nehemiah asked God to remember his work in that aspect and to keep it and preserve it, **"14 Remember me for this, my God, and do not blot out what I have so faithfully done for the house of my God and its services."** (Nehemiah 13:14 NIV) Let us continue to tithe our income and bring our offerings and give the first fruits to God, so that God's church will be well maintained and well provided.

- C- Nehemiah established the discipline of keeping the Sabbath, the day of rest and worship unto God, and ask God to protect what he achieved: “15 In those days I saw people in Judah treading winepresses on the Sabbath and bringing in grain and loading it on donkeys, together with wine, grapes, figs and all other kinds of loads. And they were bringing all this into Jerusalem on the Sabbath. Therefore I warned them against selling food on that day. 16 People from Tyre who lived in Jerusalem were bringing in fish and all kinds of merchandise and selling them in Jerusalem on the Sabbath to the people of Judah. 17 I rebuked the nobles of Judah and said to them, “What is this wicked thing you are doing—desecrating the Sabbath day? 18 Didn’t your ancestors do the same things, so that our God brought all this calamity on us and on this city? Now you are stirring up more wrath against Israel by desecrating the Sabbath.” 19 When evening shadows fell on the gates of Jerusalem before the Sabbath, I ordered the doors to be shut and not opened until the Sabbath was over. I stationed some of my own men at the gates so that no load could be brought in on the Sabbath day. 20 Once or twice the merchants and sellers of all kinds of goods spent the night outside Jerusalem. 21 But I warned them and said, “Why do you spend the night by the wall? If you do this again, I will arrest you.” From that time on they no longer came on the Sabbath. 22 Then I commanded the Levites to purify themselves and go and guard the gates in order to keep the Sabbath day holy. Remember me for this also, my God, and show mercy to me according to your great love.” (Nehemiah 13:15-22) Let us keep the day of worship holy, let us serve God, and let us invite others and direct them to come and serve the Living God with us.
- D- Nehemiah established the discipline of marriage, by not allowing Israelites to marry from the nations who were around them, and Nehemiah asked God to deal with those who broke God’s command and marry with foreign nations: “23 Moreover, in those days I saw men of Judah who had married women from Ashdod, Ammon and Moab. 24 Half of their children spoke the language of Ashdod or the language of one of the other peoples, and did not know how to speak the language of Judah. 25 I rebuked them and called curses down on them. I beat some of the men and pulled out their hair. I made them take an oath in God’s name and said: “You are not to give your daughters in marriage to their sons, nor are you to take their daughters in marriage for your sons or for yourselves. 26 Was it not because of marriages like these that Solomon king of Israel sinned? Among the many nations there was no king like him. He was loved by his God, and God made him king over all Israel, but even he was led into sin by foreign women. 27 Must we hear now that you too are doing all this terrible wickedness and are being unfaithful to our God by marrying foreign women?” 28 One of the sons of Joiada son of Eliashib the high priest was son-in-law to Sanballat the Horonite. And I drove him away from me. 29 Remember them, my God, because they defiled the priestly office and the covenant of the priesthood

and of the Levites.” (Nehemiah 13:23-29) Let us commit ourselves to the criteria of Godly marriage, and let us stand firm against all those who try to do their own and go into marriages that God had not ordained in His Word.

- E- Nehemiah established the system of giving the first fruit and established a system to keep the provision for God’s house needs and he asked God to keep it and remember him with favour: “31 I also made provision for contributions of wood at designated times, and for the firstfruits. Remember me with favor, my God.” (Nehemiah 13:31 NIV)

**My Dear and Beloved:** The above are the things that you need to achieve for God as He called you to do, and that is how you respond to God’s calling requirements. Let us go through the message and consider each and every point and see if we are applying that in our life.

1. *Have we repented and asked God to remember us.*
2. *In asking God to remember us in hardship and trials is the expression of our real faith unto God?*
3. *In asking God to remember what He had promised us in His Word that expressed your full dependence on God and on His Word in your living.*
4. *In asking God to remember us in persecution is the expression of our real faith unto God and our willingness to suffer and bear in suffering unto Him.*
5. *In giving back to God what he had promised us to give if He will give us, that is how we consider that he had remember us and gave us what we asked of Him.*
6. *Have you fought against usury and helped to relief people from debt? Have you paid your tithes and your offerings in full so that God’s house will be provided? Have you worked hard to keep the Sabbath, the day of worship holy? Have you invited people to come and serve God with us? Have you worked to cleanse the church from ungodly marriages? Have you worked to prepare your first fruit to give it to the Lord? This is how you work to present to Him all the good work that you had done to Him and asked Him to remember and preserve it.*

Personalize the message into your life and see what are the things that you need to amend and do for the Lord, for He had called you to fulfill God’s calling requirements.

**My Prayer:** Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give eternal life. Lord thank you for your clear word to me. I commit myself to apply the principles that I learn from this message in my life and ministry. Lord forgives me all my shortcoming in this aspect of \_\_\_\_\_ in my life and ministry. Lord gives me the perseverance and provides for me and protects me to do your work and will. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.

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