

Reminders - cont.

day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some count slackness; but is longsuffering to you-ward, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance (2 Peter 3:8-9).

Finally, it would be good to remember that God has a "year" set to judge man. There will come a time - year - in which God will send his Son in judgment upon all of us. He does this for nations (Revelation 9:15), he does this for individuals (Luke 12:19-20), and he will do this for all mankind (Matthew 25:31-32). Are you ready?

How will we spend this new year? One indication of how we will spend this year, would be to look at how we spent last year. How did we spend our passing year of 2018 (Psalm 90:9-10)? Did we spend it in well-pleasing service to God (Hebrews 12:28). Did we spend it in murmuring against God (Philippians 2:14-15). Did we spend it in proper walking with God (Ephesians 5:8-11). Did we spend it in growing toward God (1 Peter 2:2). These new year reminders will help us all to be right with God. Let's look forward in 2019 by first looking backward in remembrance. - *Chris Reeves*

Sentence Sermons

- If you wish to dwell in the house of many mansions (heave), you must make reservations in advance.
- Alcohol picks you up in the beginning, then lets you down in the end.
- Some people fall for everything and stand for nothing.
- The Christian's walk and talk must go hand-in-hand together.
- True love never fails.

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

New Year Reminders

As we begin the new year, I thought it would be good to remember a few things about God and our relationship with him. As you look over all your plans and resolutions for the new year, do you find God anywhere in them? Will God be at the center of your new year? As we all look ward forward to this new year, let's all take a moment to look back as well. Here are few new year reminders to consider.

First, it would be good to remember that God is our creator. He makes each year and he is the one who made this new year of 2019. Let us thank him for making it. God makes the days, the weeks, the months, and the years. Consider what Genesis 1:14-15 says: And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days and years: and let them be for lights in the firmament of heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so.

Second, it would be good to remember that God is also our sustainer. He gives us good throughout the year to take care of his creation. The psalmist wrote: *"Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fat-*

ness" (Psalm 65:11).

Third, it would be good to remember that God sent his Son Jesus Christ into the world to save sinners. We mark our modern calendars by the coming of Jesus into the world. It is now A.D. 2019. "A.D." comes from the Latin, Anno Domini, meaning the "year of the Lord". Paul wrote: "Faithful is the saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief (1 Timothy 1:15).

Fourth, it would be good to remember that we need to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord. When Jesus preached in the synagogue at Nazareth, he read from Isaiah and showed told how he came "to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord" (Luke 4:19). This phrase means that the year Jesus came was the acceptable time for the Lord to forgive the people of their sins and to set them at liberty.

How can we proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord? We can use this year for the Lord's glory. Will we use it to assemble for worship? Will we use it to learn more of his word? Will we use it to tell others of him? Will we use it to do more of his work? Will we use it to follow him more closely?

Fifth, it would be good to remember that God stays the same year after year. We serve a God who does not change. God said the following in Malachi 3:6: For I, Jehovah, change not; there fore ye, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed. (Heb. 1:12).

Sixth, it would be good to remember that we are all dependent upon the Lord's will this coming year. We don't simply live by ourselves. Whatever happens to us this year will be what the Lord wants to happen. James wrote: *Come now, ye that say, Today or to-morrow we will go into this city, and spend a year there, and trade, and get gain: whereas you know not what shall be on the morrow. What is your life? For you are a vapor that appears for a little time, and then vanishes away. For that you ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall both live, and do this or that"* (James 4:13-16).

Seventh, it would be good to remember that God was longsuffering last year. The reason that God did not send his Son in judgment upon us last year is because he is longsuffering and he does not will that anyone should perish. He keeps giving us time to repent and we need to repent before that time runs out. Peter wrote: *But forget not this one thing, beloved, that one*