

E. Brass Censer Beaten into a Cover for the Altar

Numbers 16:36-40 is given after the rebellion of Korah, Dathan and Abiram. Israel had been condemned to spend 40 years in the wilderness. During this time the unrest mounted, and the disappointment of the people at not being able to enter the Promised Land, became a ground for rebellion to develop.

F. Some Other Memorials:

1. 12 stones from the Jordan River
2. The Sabbath day, Deut. 5:15
3. Manna in the Ark of the Covenant, Exodus 16:31-33
4. The Feast of Purim, Esther 9:28
5. The Anointing of Jesus head by Mary, Matthew 26:6-13

Some Modern Memorials Left To Us

1. Our Hymnals
2. Structures
3. Biographies of Men and Women of Faith

What Memorials are we Leaving?

1. Do we keep the Memorials of the Gospel Left to us?
2. Are we leaving Memorials to the Gospel?
3. Are we ready to explain?

... What mean ye by these stones?

Gospel Memorials

TEXT: Joshua 4:6-7

- What Mean Ye By These Stones?

Introduction

- The Human Memory

When God designed the memory function in our brains, he created two complementary processes:

1. The first process was learning something new
2. The second was later on recalling the experience.

You cannot remember something you have not EXPERIENCED.

- Memorials

- 1. Someone with an experience to leave a mark and able to give the meaning.

- 2. Somemone to see the pile of rocks and earnest enough to ask "what mean ye by these stones?".

- The Dangers of a Pastless Church (A church Where EVERYTHING is “new”)

Proverbs 22:28 — Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set.

Memorials in Scripture

As we look at a few memorials left to us in Scripture, consider: - A Memorial Left - A Memorial Kept - A Memorial Explained

A. The Lord's Supper

Luke 22:19-20 — And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. 20 Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.

B. The Rainbow

Genesis 9:12-17 — And God said, This is the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations: 13 I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth. 14 And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud: 15 And I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh. 16 And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth. 17 And God said unto Noah, This is the token of the covenant, which I have established between me and all flesh that is upon the earth.

C. The Passover

Exodus 12:11-14 —

1. God's separation of His people from the Gentiles.

2. God's protection of His people.

3. God's deliverance of His people.

4. God's requirements of His people.

5. God's commandment to them to keep the feast annually to remind them of all God had done for them.

The Passover pointed towards another memorial.

D. Feast of the Tabernacles

Leviticus 23:39-43 —

The Feast of the Tabernacles fell in the Autumn when the full harvest of corn, wine and oil had been gathered in. It was the last great feast of the year. It was a time of rejoicing and thanksgiving when Israel showed their gratitude to God and remembered that He had delivered them from Egyptian bondage and brought them into a land which produced so many good things. It came five days after the Day of Atonement when the sin of the people had been removed.

During the seven days of the feast Israel dwelt in booths or tents made from the boughs of trees. It would remind them of the 40 years in the wilderness when they dwelt in tents.

The feast pointed forward to the FULL harvest and the COMPLETE result of Christ's work.