Remembrance – Isaiah 43:24-25

*You have not bought me sweet cane with money, or satisfied me with the fat of your sacrifices. But you have burdened me with your sins; you have wearied me with your iniquities. “I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.*

Today is September 11th, 2022, 21 years ago on this date something terrible happened to this country. Something that all of us in this room remember and if you were not there, you will undoubtedly hear about it for a very long time. The aftermath of that tragedy is something that is still felt today. It is a tragedy that we are still dealing with the implications of that event 21 years later.

As humans, we remember a lot of things. We especially remember the wrongs that have been done against us and we hold that against people. We are told throughout the Word of God to forgive, but we as humans will say I forgive but will never forget. The human condition has the ability to find loopholes in commands that we are given.

God is not like that. He is Holy, Pure and True. When He said I forgive you He did. When Jesus Christ said it was finished on the cross our sin was truly finished and blotted out by His blood. Jesus does not just forgive us partially. That is what the legalism will teach you, but it is not the way of God. When God said He forgave us, our sin was remembered not more. Our slate was washed by Jesus’ blood, and we were that day Justified.

This week remember the mark that we are to achieve. We are to be imitators of Christ. We are to forgive and forget our brethren’s transgressions against us, and we are to be Holy as our Father in Heaven is Holy.