2 Peter 1:12-15 (NIV)

So I will always remind you of these things, even though you know them and are firmly established in the truth you now have. I think it is right to refresh your memory as long as I live in the tent of this body, because I know that I will soon put it aside, as our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. And I will make every effort to see that after my departure you will always be able to remember these things.

I. The Value of Spiritual Memories

Verses 12-15 “... So I will always remind you of these things...it is right to refresh your memory...I will make every effort to see that ... you will always be able to remember these things.”

Deuteronomy 8:1-19 (NIV)

Be careful to ... Remember how the LORD your God led you all the way in the desert these forty years, For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land — a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing; When you have eaten and are satisfied, ... Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God, failing to observe his commands, Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, ...and all you have is multiplied, then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, ... If you ever forget the LORD your God and follow other gods and worship and bow down to them, I testify against you today that you will surely be destroyed.
Jeremiah 3:21 (HCSB)

A sound is heard on the barren heights, the children of Israel weeping and begging for mercy, for they have perverted their way; they have forgotten the LORD their God.

Psalm 119:16, 93 (NIV)

“I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word. I will never forget your precepts, for by them you have given me life.”

II. The Importance of Preparing for Eternity

Verses 13-15 – “...as long as I live in the tent of this body, because I know that I will soon put it aside, as our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. And I will make every effort to see that after my departure...”

2 Corinthians 5:1-9 (ESV)

For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, ... For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened ... We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, ...and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

- Our Tents are Decaying.
- Our Tents are Temporary.
- Our Tents are (Woefully) Inadequate.

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