

AND GOD SAYS . . .

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On May 25, we observed Memorial Day. This is the day that we are to remember and honor those heroes who have given their lives so that we can have freedom to worship as we please, to speak our mind as we believe, to own property, to gain an education, etc.

Yet, for many, instead of a time to remember, it is a time to take a trip or to go fishing, or whatever way they want to spend their day off. The thing that is missing from their agenda for the day is the time to remember. There is no trip to the cemetery. There is no time to pray and thank God for the heritage that He has given us. There is no memory of the hardships endured in order that we might have our freedoms. It has become a holiday from work rather than a day to remember. It has become an expected job benefit rather than gracious provision to the working citizens to free us to be able to honor our country's heroes.

Why has this happened? I don't pretend to know all the answers, but I do know that we will forget the past if we do not intentionally choose to remember. That means we need to take extra measures to remember. We need to set aside time to remember. This is true in all walks of life. Unless you make it a point to remember, we will soon forget. So it is with Memorial Day.

The same is true with our spiritual heritage. God says through the prophet Isaiah, "You have forgotten God your Savior; you have not remembered the Rock, your fortress" (Isaiah 17:10). He restates the same truth through the prophet Jeremiah: "You have forgotten me and trusted in false gods ... which made [you] stumble in [your] ways and in the ancient paths" (Jeremiah 13:25; 18:15).

So God instructs us to remember, to "Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls" (Jeremiah 6:16). The need of mankind has not changed. It is the same as it always was. Our need is to know God and to serve Him. And the path to do so is through Jesus Christ, who is the only Way (John 14:6). I invite you to take that path, and remember your Savior and God, the Lord Jesus Christ.