

worship, repent,
fast, and pray

a study of
PSALMS

connecting
the heart
of the reader
to the heart
of God

Psalms 1

¹ Blessed is the one
who does not walk in step with the wicked
or stand in the way that sinners take
or sit in the company of mockers
² but whose delight is in the law of the Lord
and who meditates on his law day and night
³ That person is like a tree planted by the river
which yields its fruit in season
and whose leaf does not wither

Psalms of

REMEMBRANCE

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Where were you when you first heard about it?

Who were you with?

What did you feel?

What did you do immediately after?

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What do we remember?

What happens when we forget?

How do we remember?

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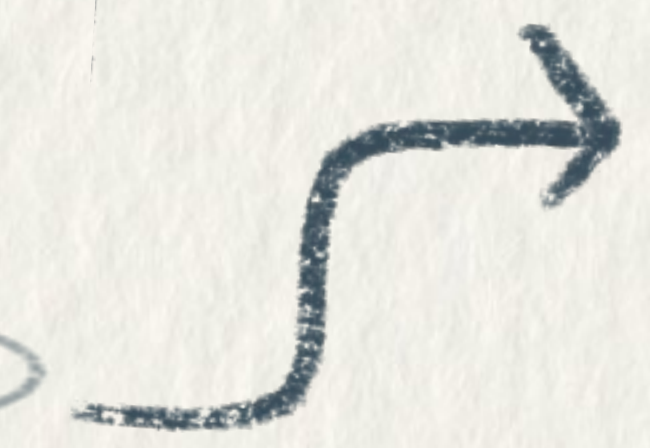
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"I am the king, the shepherd of the land, who establishes the foundations of the land... I am the one who rules the people, I am the one who smites the enemies of the land. I made the land grow and flourish, and in my reign, the wealth of the land flows like a river."

-Stele of Shulgi

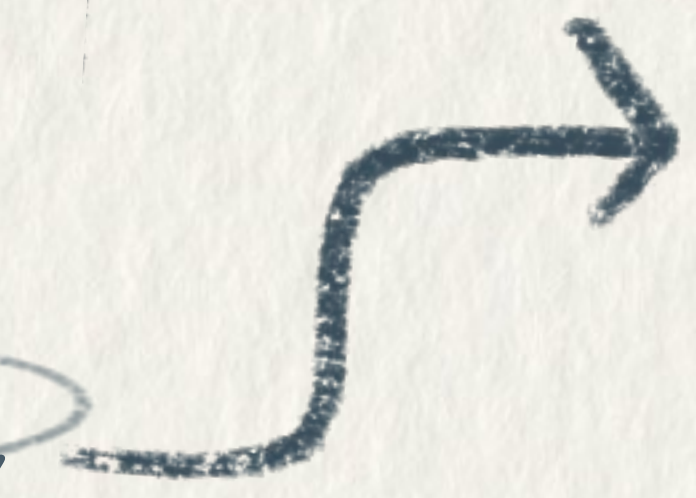


"I am Sargon, the mighty king. I have made the four corners of the earth bow to me. I am the one who created the empire, who raised it from the dust, and who ruled over all the lands. My name will echo in the heavens for eternity."

-Sargonid Inscription

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Psalms 105:12-13 NIV

When they were but few in number,
few indeed, and strangers in it,
¹³ they wandered from nation to nation,
from one kingdom to another.

Deuteronomy 7:7 NIV

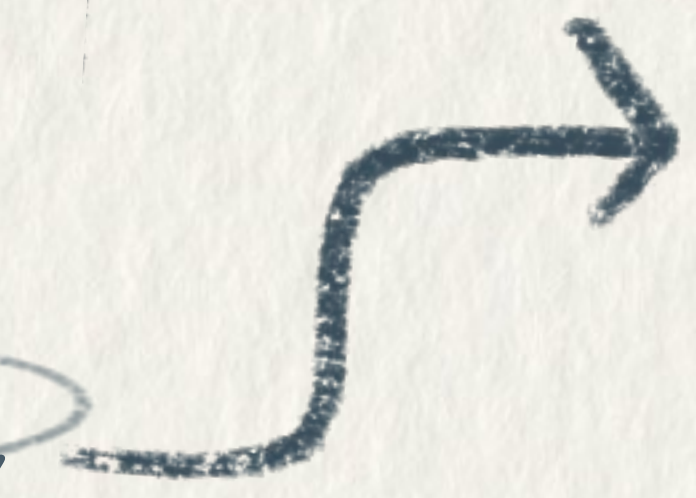
The LORD did not set his affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples.

“The stories that are recounted in Israel’s festivals, feasts, and scriptures do not merely recall past events; they enact them in the present. By retelling the stories, Israel continually brings its past into its present experience, making the events of salvation not only remembered but re-experienced. These practices function as a means of sustaining the identity of the community, so that the past becomes the present, and the community’s history becomes its living reality.”

- *Walter Brueggemann, The Theology of the Old Testament*

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Psalm 106:6-7 NIV

We have sinned, even as our ancestors did;
we have done wrong and acted wickedly.

⁷ When our ancestors were in Egypt,
they gave no thought to your miracles;
they did not remember your many kindnesses,
and they rebelled by the sea, the Red Sea.

Psalm 106:13 NIV

But they soon forgot what he had done
and did not wait for his plan to unfold.

Psalm 106:20-21 NIV

They exchanged their glorious God
for an image of a bull, which eats grass.
²¹ They forgot the God who saved them,
who had done great things in Egypt,

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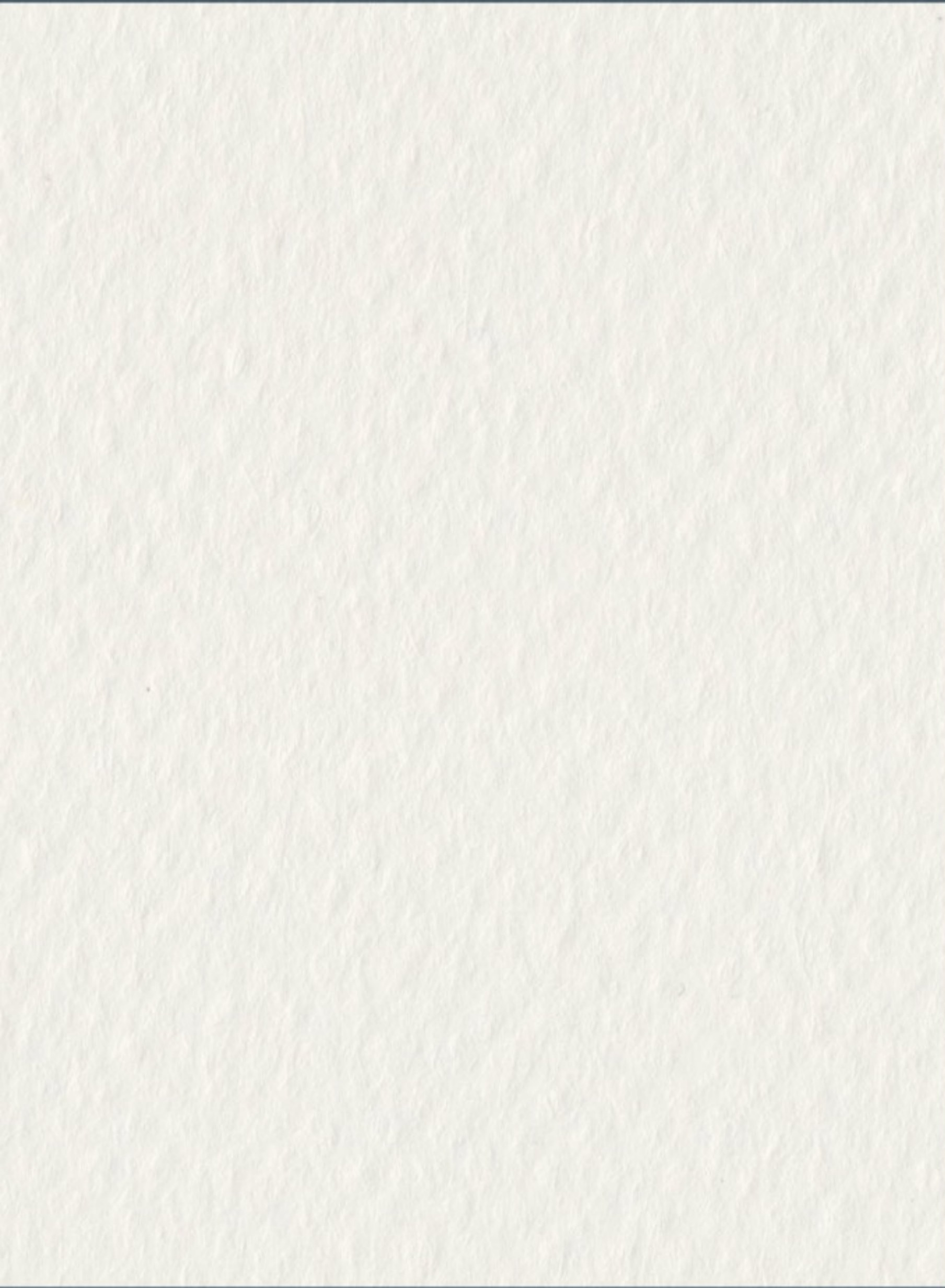
Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name;
make known among the nations what he has done.

² Sing to him, sing praise to him;
tell of all his wonderful acts.

³ Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

How do we Remember?

In the public telling



“ ‘We cannot divorce the act of remembering from the act of communicating...Recollections arise not from the depths of a storehouse in the head, but from a desire to communicate with others about the personal past.’ Often the telling to other people is the remembering.”

- Richard Bauckham, Jesus and the Eyewitnesses

How do we Remember?

In the public telling

As part of a community

Psalms 105:39-41 NIV

He spread out a cloud as a covering,
and a fire to give light at night.

⁴⁰ They asked, and he brought them quail;
he fed them well with the bread of heaven.

⁴¹ He opened the rock, and water gushed out;
it flowed like a river in the desert.

How do we Remember?

In the public telling

As part of a community

With vivid detail

Psalms 105:43-45 NIV

He brought out his people with rejoicing,
his chosen ones with shouts of joy;
⁴⁴ he gave them the lands of the nations,
and they fell heir to what others had toiled for—
⁴⁵ that they might keep his precepts
and observe his laws.

Praise the LORD.

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With vivid detail

Through frequent rehearsal



How do we Remember?

In the public telling As part of a community With vivid detail

Through frequent rehearsal By writing it down

Name one thing the Lord has done
that you're thankful for

Psalm 105:8-9 NIV

He remembers his covenant forever,
the promise he made, for a thousand generations,
⁹ the covenant he made with Abraham,
the oath he swore to Isaac.