

Scripture Reading: Joshua 4:1-24

Remind them the mighty works of God

As soon as the priests stepped into the river Jordan carrying the covenant box, the gushing waters of the river stood still like a wall on the either sides giving way for the people. The people of Israel crossed Jordan just as they had crossed the red sea. God called Joshua and commanded him to take twelve stones from the place where the priests stood and place it as a memorial at Gilgal where they were about to camp. When their children and the following generations look at those stones and ask about it, the Israelites should say about the miraculous parting of the river Jordan and how God led them to the other side over dry land. It was a memorial of God's wonderful deed. When the priest came to the shores of Jordan, the water started flowing again. Joshua took twelve stones and placed it at Gilgal.

Question:

Is it not enough to pass on this mighty deed of God to the next generation through word of mouth? Should they necessarily place the stones as a memorial?

Answer:

Our Lord God Himself is the author and finisher of our faith. The devil tries his best to destroy our faith and brings in doubts.

The people of Israel saw,

1. The mighty power of God that separated the Red Sea and began murmuring by the time they reached Marah.
2. A few days after God had sweetened the waters of Marah, they once again lamented for lack of water.
3. God split a rock and gave them water.
4. Feeding them with manna from heaven.
5. Sending them quails for food.

And many such miracles that God wrought was forgotten by the Israelites. As a result, they provoked God to anger and were punished. In order to avoid this, God said them to place those stones as a memorial.

Even when you note down the miracles that God did in your life and often refer to it, your faith will be strengthened.

Will you do it...?

"For the Lord your God dried up the waters of Jordan from before you, until ye were passed over, as the Lord your God did to the red sea, which He dried up from before us, until we were gone over."
Joshua 4:23

Prayer

Jesus, just as you commanded to place those 12 stones as a memorial, the mighty deeds that You did in our lives is stored in our hearts. Thank you for giving us good parents and a good family.
Amen