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Like Israel, we must not assume that just because God has blessed us mightily in the past, he is obligated to do so in the future. But if we remember our past blessings, they can serve as great motivators to enable our future faithfulness. We must remember how God has blessed us, lest we fall away into sin because of our forgetfulness.

God's grace and mercy was still available for his covenant people, but first they had to remember. They had to remember who God was, who they were and what was required of them. The way to restoration was by remembering God's promises in the past and repenting in response to those

promises. Many of our churches need to do the same thing. We must remember all that God has done for us through Jesus Christ;

we must remember who we are in Christ, and we must remember how we are to act in response.

prayer guide

God, please help me and our church remember all the blessings we have in Jesus.

God, would you keep the truth of the gospel always before me?

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