

Isaiah 44:22, “I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee.”



Micah 7:18-19, “Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? He retaineth not his anger forever, because he delighteth in mercy. He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.”

Colossians 1:21-23, “And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled in the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight: If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;”

Jeremiah 4:1, “If thou wilt return, O Israel, saith the LORD, return unto me: and if thou wilt put away thine abominations out of my sight, then shalt thou not remove.”

Jeremiah 24:7, “And I will give them an heart to know me, that I am the LORD: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God: for they shall return unto me with their whole heart.”

Hebrews 8:12, “For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.”

Hebrews 10:16-17, “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.”

While looking at this reference, I noticed a numonic (a way of remembering the verse numbers). When Jesus was nailed to the cross and His blood was shed, it required FOUR parts of the body to be nailed: two hands and two feet. According to this verse, the blood shed blotted out two things: my

transgressions and my sins. I use this thought to represent the chapter which has two fours that are repeated twice (44)-His hands and feet were nailed to the cross for my transgressions and my sins.

To obtain this blotting out, one must return unto Him to seek forgiveness of sins. For you and I to return unto Him, we must both use our two feet and walk towards Him. This thought can be used to remember the verse (22)-we are walking towards Him to obtain forgiveness.

One time during the Spring, my daughter and I were traveling in Maine. We decided to drive to and spend our Saturday in the town of Bar Harbor. While enjoying the sites and checking out the shops, we overheard people talking about the fog that rolls into the harbor. My daughter and I decided we wanted to see this fog that so many talked about. Towards evening, the fog rolled in. It was thicker than any fog I had ever experienced. I was thankful we were close to our vehicle when the fog began to roll into the harbor. As we started back to our hotel, the danger set in. No amount of fog lights on my vehicle could penetrate through the thickness of this fog. We could barely see any road directly in front of us much less the road lines on the pavement. Concern that we might run off the road or crash into another vehicle produced frequent prayers. After 30-40 minutes of driving slowly, we came across a side road which took us away from the harbor and away from the fog.

When I think about this verse and the 'thick cloud' that covers our sins, I cannot help but remember our experience in Bar Harbor, Maine. My sins and transgressions that I have committed are still reminders of my failures. They come back and haunt my memory at times. Those memories can cause me to slow down or halt my walk with God if I let them. I honestly would not want to forget my failures because those memories can also be used for my good. I can reflect upon them and motivate myself to never go there again. Those memories can create a thankfulness and humbleness like no other. I need those reminders to help me in a positive way to remind myself what God has brought me through.

Yet, God needs no reminders. He created a thick cloud that covers them from His view. To Him those memories are forgotten: to be remembered no more.

One day when we reach Heaven's shores, we also will need to remember no more! Praise God, I am looking forward to that blessed day!