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Isaiah 43:25 “*I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.*”

This is one of the most precious scriptures to God’s people, I “*will not remember thy sins.*”. the word “blotted” means - properly to stroke or rub away, or to abolish or to destroy – thy sins.

Albert Barnes said, “*This metaphor is taken from the custom of keeping accounts, where, when a debt is paid, the charge is blotted or cancelled. Thus God says he blotted out the sins of the Jews. He cancelled them.*”

God said, I “*will not remember thy sins.*” God, in His conversation with Hezekiah said these words, Isaiah 38:2-5 “*Then Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall, and prayed unto the LORD, And said, Remember now, O LORD, I beseech thee, how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore. Then came the word of the LORD to Isaiah, saying, Go, and say to*

Hezekiah, Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will add unto thy days fifteen years.” Then the Hezekiah said to Him in verse

17 “Behold, for peace I had great bitterness: **but thou hast in love to my soul delivered it from the pit of corruption: for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back.**” This grace is also

extended to not only Jews but also us, Gentiles. Paul wrote in **Ephesians 1:4-7** “According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. **In whom we have redemption through his**

blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;” The word “forgiveness” means - freedom; (figuratively)a pardon: - or deliverance from our sins. In the book of Hebrews,

the write speaking of Jesus, the High Priest of a Better Covenant said these words, **Hebrews 8:12** “*For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.*” This is not just the Jews, but it is also extended to Gentiles. Let us also

notice **Hebrews 10:16-18** “*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. Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.***” Because there is no more offering needed. Jesus Christ died on that cross and

gave His blood to cleanse us from all our sins and God accepted His payment as “paid in full” therefore blotting out our sin debt and will never remember them again.

The question here is, how does the Omniscient God ever not remember our sins? God, whom is all knowledge can never truly forget anything, it is impossible. His thoughts date back to eternity past and will never change, ever, for anything. So how exactly does God not remember our sins?

Hebrews 9:24-26 “*For Christ is **not entered** into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God **for us**: Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world **hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.**” Not by*

the blood of bulls and goats but by the blood of the Eternal Lamb of God from eternity past.

Jesus Christ as our mediator has made it “all clear between God and man. For it is ’for us’ He enters this presence and fellowship; not that He alone may enjoy it, but that we may enter into the rest and blessedness that **He won for us.**” – Brother Wuest

A. So, what happened to our sins?

1. We must remember how guilty we were to truly appreciate what Jesus did. God could have condemned us as He will the lost. What God has elected to do for us.
2. Jesus, the Son of God, who was also the Son of man, who knew no sin, became sin for us. He did not just die for our sins, He took our sins on Himself and died.
 - a. **2 Corinthians 5:21** “*For he hath **made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.***” Jesus Christ died because of sin, the punishment for sin is death, therefore He died not because of His sins, because He had not but because “*For he hath **made him to be sin for us,***”
 - b. **Matthew 20:28** “*Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and **to give his life a ransom for many.***”
3. It is because of this very act of grace, that God has elected to pardon our sins, and never remember them again. God did not forget them as we forget, but He chooses never to remember them again.

- B. It is only “In Christ” that our sins can be forgiven. **Hebrews 10:4** “*For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.*”
1. There is a necessity for sin to be taken away, otherwise it will be remembered.
 2. The truth is in the verse, there is no relation between the physical blood of animals and man’s moral offence. Animal sacrifices are not sufficient for cleansing us of our offences against God.
 3. Water baptism will not cleanse you from your sins. Some people differ because of **Acts 22:16** “*And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.*” You cannot use this scripture without debating the Campbellites or “Church of Christ” **that is by name only.**
 - a. If you look at the verse correctly, these are separate acts, first you arise, second you get baptized, and third you get your sins washed away by calling on Jesus Christ.
 - b. Second, notice **1 Peter 3:21** “*The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:*” Your sins cannot be cleansed by the outward washing.
 - c. Third, the word “baptism” does not always mean the act of water baptism, it means immersion, you can be immersed in many things.
 - d. Fourth, Paul wrote to Titus these words, Titus 3:5 - 7 “***Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; (6) Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; (7) That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.***”
 - e. Fifth, **Ephesians 1:6 - 7** “*To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. (7) In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;*” Only a poor lost soul would ever compare the power of the blood of Jesus to city water in a baptistry. And Jesus was baptized, and He did not need cleansing nor salvation.

4. **Hebrews 9:14** “How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?”

C. Conclusion

How does the Holy God in heaven ever, not only forgive our sins but also never remembers them again? He chose too. While it is true that God cannot never forget anything He can choose never to remember them again. Therefore, God said, I “*will not remember thy sins.*”