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I will worship toward Your holy temple, And praise Your name For Your loving kindness and Your truth; For You have magnified Your word above all Your name. (Psalm 138 : 2)

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The Observance of Days Memorial Day

Tomorrow, the American flag will fly half-staff, grave stones will be decorated with flowers and small American flags, and families will flock to the grave of their loved ones. Why? Because tomorrow is Memorial Day. What is Memorial Day all about and what does this day mean to us as Christians? Can a day such as this fit together with Christianity?

Memorial Day, or Decoration Day as it is called in a few places around the country, is associated with the cost of freedom. We sit in the greatest nation that this world has ever known. We enjoy freedoms and liberties that others dream they would have. We are here today, because other were willing to make the sacrifice. This is what has been lost throughout generations.

This morning we continue our study on the holidays. What in this holiday can we, as Christians, take away and learn from? What is in the celebration of this event? And what should we take from this day and reflect back to what truly was done for us?

Most people view this weekend as nothing more than a three day holiday in which one can travel. But that which was lost, for this day in particular, is also what is lost on most Christians. Do you truly understand the memorial we have just partook in, or have you let it slip by? Have a grateful but solemn Memorial Day.

The Observance of Days Memorial Day

- * The observance of days, months, seasons, and years
‘paratereo’ - to inspect alongside; the religious observance of
- * Memorial Day—What you didn’t know
The day began after the Civil War and was originally dubbed Decoration Day.

What’s in the celebration of this day today?

- * A day to remember what was done for us
The Rainbow and the Passover are both memorials
- * A day of remembrance of those who have willingly given their lives for what they believed in.
Stephen was stoned, James was executed, and Antipas died for what they believed in. (Revelation 2 : 10)
- * A remembrance of what it takes to be free.
The Ark and The Exodus serve as a reminder to us that it takes Baptism, a passing through water for us to be saved.
- * A day to give honor to all of those who have made these things happen.
We give honor to God the Father for all that He has done.
- * The one true memorial

Matthew 26 : 26—30; I Corinthians 11 : 23—26

Its Purpose?—To remember the ultimate cost for our freedom.

Matthew 27 : 27—54

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