

Greetings in the great and powerful name of Jesus Christ,

**SCRIPTURE:**

Jeremiah 31:34 (KJV) – Larger reading: Jeremiah 31:31-37

*“And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin nomore.”*

**STORY:**

A man was taking a pill to help his memory loss. He and his wife were walking along the street one day and meet a friend of theirs. The friend asked about the pill, “Was it working?” The man responded, “That it was working very well.” “What is the name of the pill?” his friend asked. The man thought for a moment and said, “Huh, what is the name of that lovely, beautiful flower which has a good smell and a pink center?” “Rose.” “Yea, Rose” turning to his wife, “Rose what is the name of the pill?”

**OBSERVATION:**

Memory is a great thing until we start losing it. Memory can be a horrible thing when we cannot forget a horrible happening in our life. Sometimes we have selective memory – only remembering what we want to remember and then there are other times that we have “creative” memory, remembering events, places and people that never took place.

As the song Precious Memories states:

Precious memories, how they linger  
how they ever flood my soul  
in the stillness, of the midnight  
precious, sacred scenes unfold.

Precious memories, unseen angels  
sent from somewhere to my soul  
how they linger, ever near me  
and the sacred past unfold.

Precious father, loving mother  
fly across the lonely years;  
and old home scenes of my child-hood  
in fond memory appear.

As I travel, on life's pathway  
know not what the years may hold;  
as I ponder, hope grows fonder  
precious memories flood my soul.

Memories can be precious. Memories can be indifferent. Memories can be fickle ... but thanks be to God that the Divine Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer chooses – emphasis on chooses – not to remember our failures, our shortcomings, our misguided past, our ill shaped reality ... our sin no more!

**QUOTE:**

*“There comes a time in your life when you have to choose to turn the page, write another book or simply close it.”* – Shannon L. Alder

**PRAYER:**

Thank you, Eternal God, for not remembering our past. Help us to forgive ourselves so that we can move on with your Divine purpose for our life. Amen.

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