

Forget the Past(*Philippians 3:13*)

We can be so grieved by the mistakes and galled by the failures of the past that we have no heart for the present or future. We prefer to sit alone by life's roadside, to hug the heartbreak and the aches to ourselves, to review our recklessness, to weep over opportunities, to berate our embittered heart. The long shadow of the past allows no sunshine on our path. Repeated failures predict new ones in the future, old flaws can never be mended. The past has swallowed up the present and the future.

So we reason with morbid memory, not remembering that we are to **FORGET THE PAST!** It is gone. It is under the Blood, cast into the deepest ocean and separated from you as far as the east is from the west in the *universe*. The past is committed to Him who has said in His word:

Who is a God like You, who pardons iniquity and passes over the rebellious act of the remnant of His possession? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in unchanging love. He will again have compassion on us; He will tread our iniquities under foot. Yes, You will cast all their sins into the depths of the sea. (Micah 7:18-19)

The past with its pride and its shame alike are cast into the sea of God's forgetfulness so that we, forgetting those things that are behind and reaching forth unto those things that are before, will **press** toward the mark, for the prize of the high calling of our Father in Messiah, our Master Yahshua (Phil 3:7-16).