

**Book  
Of  
Remembrance**

**9-27-20**

Malachi 3:16 (ESV)

Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a Book of Remembrance was written before HIM of those who feared the LORD and esteemed HIS NAME.

**God pays attention and hears those who speak together about their awe of the LORD. Isn't that incredible! This means that when we speak to one another about the LORD, God pays attention and hears us! God pays attention and hears us because we are those who fear the LORD meaning we are those who are in awe of HIS Power, Truth, and Majesty. God sees us as those who esteem HIS NAME over every other name. **Therefore, God writes our name in HIS Book of Remembrance!** This Book of Remembrance is the heavenly roster, "The Book of Life". At the Great White Throne judgment in Revelation 20:12, we see that books will be opened. At that time all whose names are not found written in the ONE book, "The Book of Life," will be doomed to the lake of fire.**

Revelation 20:15 (ESV)

And if anyone's name was not found written in The Book of Life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

**In the NT we see that this Book is "The Lamb's Book of Life"!**

Revelation 21:27 (ESV)

(In heaven are) only those who are written in "The Lamb's Book of Life."

**In the next verse in Malachi, we see what God thinks about us who are written in HIS Book of Remembrance or The Lamb's Book of Life.**

Malachi 3:17 (ESV)

They shall be **MINE**, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up **MY treasured possession**, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him.

**God says, "They shall be MINE, MY treasured possession!" God desires a people of HIS own! These words were quoted in the earliest days when God called out HIS people.**

Exodus 19:5 (ESV)

You shall be **MY treasured possession** among all peoples, for all the earth is mine.

**The whole earth belongs to the LORD, but God wants a people who esteem HIS NAME; a treasured possession.**

Deuteronomy 7:6 (ESV)

For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for **HIS treasured possession**, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.

**We see Israel as God's chosen race, a holy nation, and a people of HIS own possession. This glorious picture of people called God's treasured possession is "fulfilled" in the NT. Peter explains that the church is the people that God will call HIS people from every nation of the world.**

1 Peter 2:9 (ESV)

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for HIS own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of HIM who called you out of darkness into HIS marvelous light.

**The church is God's called out people, HIS treasure possession.**

1 Peter 2:10 (ESV)

Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

**Great statement, "Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people." *We are God's treasured possession.* As God's own possession, we have a commission. We are to proclaim the excellencies of Jesus who called us out of darkness into HIS marvelous light.**

**Dear brothers and sisters, we are in a world that is telling us don't speak, don't meet, keep Jesus to yourself. This is the same thing they told the church at the very beginning.**

Acts 4:18 (ESV)

So they called them and charged them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus.

**Don't be surprised when are told to be silent! However, as people written in the Lamb's Book of Life we boldly answer the same way Peter and John did!**

Acts 4:19-20 (ESV)

<sup>19</sup> But Peter and John answered them, “Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, <sup>20</sup> **for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard.**”

**When challenged to stop teaching about Jesus, they refused!**

Acts 4:29 (ESV)

But Peter and the apostles answered, “**We must obey God rather than men.**”

**With the early church, we continue to proclaim truth!  
As those written in The Lamb’s Book of Life, we speak!**

Acts 4:12 (ESV)

And there is salvation in no one else (but Jesus), for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.