

Remembering the Righteous

Scripture Reading — Proverbs 10:1-11

The name of the righteous is used in blessings, but the name of the wicked will rot. . . . The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life. — Proverbs 10:7, 11

Practical wisdom for righteous living comes to us through the Bible, especially in Jesus' example, and also by way of the people around us—wise leaders and mentors of all kinds in our family and community. Our memories of good, helpful people and their ways of dealing with life can be a great blessing. Righteous people often share wisdom by word and example in ways that make an impact on us. Remembering how a friend dealt wisely with difficulties in his life can be instructive. Remembering how someone walked with and trusted God in her final days can be deeply encouraging.

We are truly blessed when we can remember righteous people who have imparted wisdom to us. Among those coming to my mind is a dear friend who in his last days held tightly to the words of Scripture in Isaiah 55:8: “My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord.” He challenged me to share them with others upon his death.

People's words accompanied by righteous living make for blessed memories. Jesus' example of living by the way of wisdom—and the good examples of people who have followed him—make all the difference for us, in life and in death.

Prayer

Lord God, thank you for blessing us by way of all who have been examples of living as your children. Lord Jesus, thank you especially for showing us—and sharing with us—your true righteousness. Shape us to be like you. Amen.

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