

‘Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth’ .
You should pray for a new heart so that you would not forget God, for it is wicked to be forgetting Him. You should also ask Him for grace so that you would remember His Word and obey it. David said:

‘And, by Thy grace, I never will
Thy holy Word forget.’

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The Huge Catch of Fish

MOST of Jesus’ disciples were fishermen; not the sort of fishermen that go with a rod to the river, but the sort that go out in boats with nets to catch fish. The disciples had been out fishing all night on the lake, but they had caught nothing.

In the morning, when they came ashore, they were washing their nets. Jesus was there and He began to teach the people who crowded round Him on the shore. For safety’s sake and so that the people could better see

and hear Him, He went into a boat of His disciple, Simon Peter. Simon pushed the boat out a little distance from the shore.

You can imagine how tired the disciples would be by this time, having worked hard all night. So when Jesus’ talk was over, they probably expected to get some rest; but no — Jesus told them to push their boats out further and to go fishing!

The disciples would no doubt have been very surprised at this; so Simon Peter, who often did the talking, said, ‘Master, we have toiled all night and have caught nothing’. He seemed to think that there was no point in going fishing, but, being a good man who loved Jesus, he said that they would do so.

So Simon Peter’s boat and another boat went fishing; and what do you think happened? They caught lots and lots of fish! In fact, so many, that their net began to break. What excitement there was! They signalled to the other boat to come and help them, and between them they filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

Now, how do you think Simon Peter felt? He had thought, you will remember, that there was no point in going fishing. Well, he would now be embarrassed and ashamed. So what did he do? He went to Jesus to apologise for his bad thoughts and his unbelief. ‘I am a sinful man,’ he said to Jesus. He felt so bad about it that he seems to have felt not worthy of being one of Jesus’ disciples. ‘Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord,’ he said.