

# Deuteronomy 7:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thou shalt not be afraid of them: but shalt well remember what the LORD thy God did unto Pharaoh, and unto all Egypt;

## Analysis

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The command 'Thou shalt not be afraid' addresses the fear anticipated in verse 17. Fear is conquered by remembrance: 'shalt well remember what the LORD thy God did unto Pharaoh.' The Hebrew zakar tizkor (emphatic remembrance) means to recall with full attention and application. Past redemption provides confidence for present challenges. Pharaoh and Egypt were the ancient world's superpower—if God defeated them, He can defeat any enemy. This principle of remembrance permeates Scripture: remembering God's past faithfulness strengthens present faith (Psalm 77:11-12; 105:5). The Lord's Supper embodies this—'do this in remembrance of me' (1 Corinthians 11:24-25)—recalling Christ's redemptive work to strengthen faith.

## Historical Context

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The Exodus had occurred 40 years prior to Moses' address in Deuteronomy. The current generation witnessed God's provision in the wilderness but many were children during the Exodus itself. Moses calls them to remember (through teaching and testimony) what God did to Pharaoh—the plagues, Red Sea crossing, and Egypt's destruction. This corporate memory would sustain Israel through conquest. Later biblical writers repeatedly invoke the Exodus as paradigmatic proof of God's saving power (Psalms 78, 105, 106, 136; Isaiah 43:16-19). Remembering God's mighty acts is essential to maintaining faith.

## Related Passages

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**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## Study Questions

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1. What specific acts of God's faithfulness in your past should you 'well remember' when facing current fears?
2. How does corporate remembrance (church history, testimonies) strengthen individual faith?
3. What practices help you cultivate remembrance of God's past faithfulness to combat present fears?

## Interlinear Text

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H3808		<b>Thou shalt not be afraid</b>	H1992	<b>of them but shalt well</b>	H2142	<b>of them but shalt well</b>	H2142
		H3372					

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H853	H834	did	what the LORD	thy God	unto Pharaoh	H3605
		H6213	H3068	H430	H6547	

מְצֻרָּם:  
**and unto all Egypt**  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 105:5** (Parallel theme): Remember his marvellous works that he hath done; his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth;

**Deuteronomy 31:6** (References God): Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

**Psalms 77:11** (References Lord): I will remember the works of the LORD: surely I will remember thy wonders of old.

**Deuteronomy 1:29** (Parallel theme): Then I said unto you, Dread not, neither be afraid of them.

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