

## Memorial Day for The Servant of God

A grieving mother expresses her pain for the loss of her son who died in Iraq in July of 2007:

“It has been three months today that he has been laid to rest. The pain still persists and has not ceased one bit...I have cried and cried until my eyes have dried.”

“But because of our loving God and the Grace He provides us, I am able to get out of bed and care for his brothers. I am able, by His Grace, to lift my head high and be proud of my son, Dane, for he is a hero in the minds and hearts of so many.”

This is the mothers, fathers and friends we also honor on Memorial Day. We know of the sacrifice of the soldiers, and it is great, but don't forget the sacrifice of the others. We need to thank them and honor their sacrifice that they feel daily.

In Hebrews 11, we have some of God's heroes. He could not mention them all (v. 32). If God knew what their good deeds were, does He know our good deeds? In Revelation, Jesus told the seven Churches that he knew their deeds. So I think God knows the good deeds and also the bad. Jesus said in John 10:27, “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.”

Don't just think about the bad things you do, but also look at the good. Repent of the bad and God will forgive you. Don't keep them in your mind. God can forgive all sin. That is the thing that gives us hope. Look at how many times Israel sinned - but God was willing to forgive when they repented. He will do the same for you today.

In Hebrews 13:5, God promises to never leave or forsake us. He will be there when we need Him. Be careful that you don't take His promise for granted and neglect to do His will.

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