



Never Forgotten

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When I was a preschooler, I once went with my parents to visit a relative of my father's. This elderly gray-haired lady lived in a white two-story house close to a highway. I faintly remember being in a dimly lit room listening as my parents visited with her. I don't recall her name or how she was related to us. By now she's been gone for many years. I can't ask my parents because they're also gone.

The psalmist said it forthrightly. "As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth. For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more" (Psalm 103:15, 16).

The verse emphasizes the brevity and passing of life. A person is born, lives, and passes off the scene. My parents were dear to me, and I'll never forget them. My children appreciated them too. Our older grandchildren also knew them. But except for photographs and stories, the younger grandchildren and the great-grandchildren don't remember them at all. For most people, it's as though they never existed.

It will be the same for me. If the Lord tarries, fifty or sixty years from now I may be faintly remembered by only a small handful of old people. One hundred years from now, I'll only be a name on a gravestone and a listing in a genealogy book. Unless I do something remarkable that gets me into history books, I'll have been forgotten by mankind. "And the place thereof shall know it no more."

It's the same for all of us. Life is like smoke, a vapor, or mist, carried away by the wind. Not only are the dead

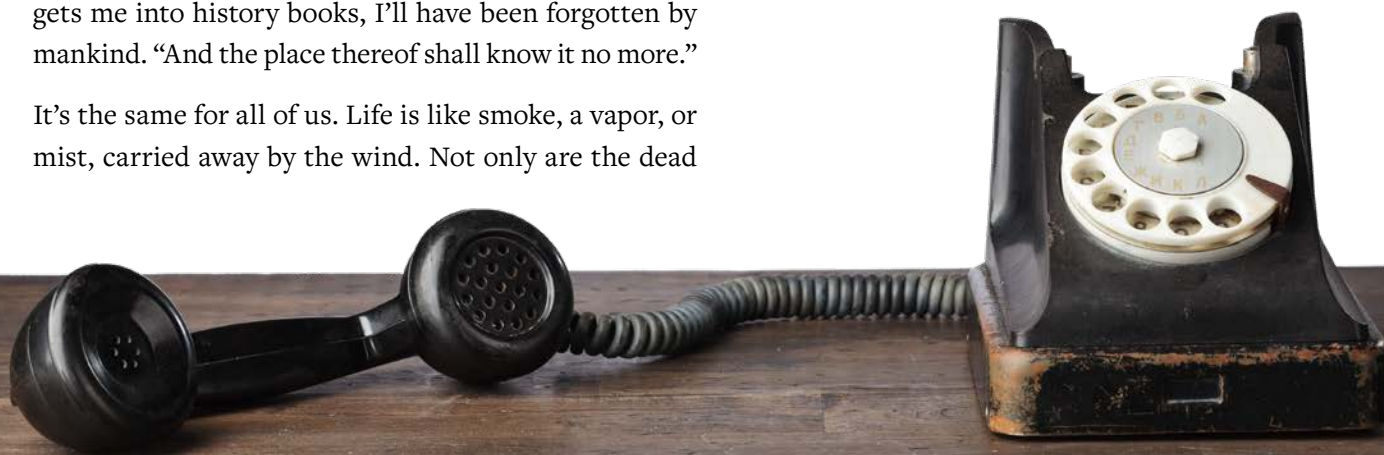
no longer living, but with time and a few generations, they are forgotten.

Pondering this is discouraging to some folks. In Ecclesiastes, Solomon observed that generations come and go, that the past is forgotten, and before long the present will be forgotten as well. The idea was depressing to him.

Some people become quite anxious at the thought and go to great lengths to keep their memories alive. Pharaoh Rameses II had huge statues of himself and colossal temples built all over Egypt to "ensure" his memory. Wealthy people may donate great sums of money to worthy causes and build libraries and hospitals engraved with their names. But in reality, it's wasted effort. The names may be remembered, but the people aren't.

Christians have a much better perspective, a heavenly understanding that includes God. What a tremendous difference that makes in one's outlook. While people on earth may forget us, we'll never be forgotten by God.

Not only does He know who we are, He is always with us and knows every intimate detail about us. "O LORD, thou hast searched me, and known me. Thou knowest



my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off. Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways” (Psalm 139:1-3).

Jesus has promised that when we leave this life, we’ll be with Him. “I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also” (John 14:2, 3).

What could be more amazing than that? God really *does* care about us. That’s true security. How meaningful it is

to know the love of God (Ephesians 3:17-19); to experience the care of God, even to old age (Isaiah 46:4); and to be confident of spending eternity with Him and all the host of believers (1 Thessalonians 4:17).

When you think of that, how long we’ll be remembered here isn’t all that important. Forget history books and statues! God is with me, and I’m with God. I want to live for Him, and with Him. Forever!

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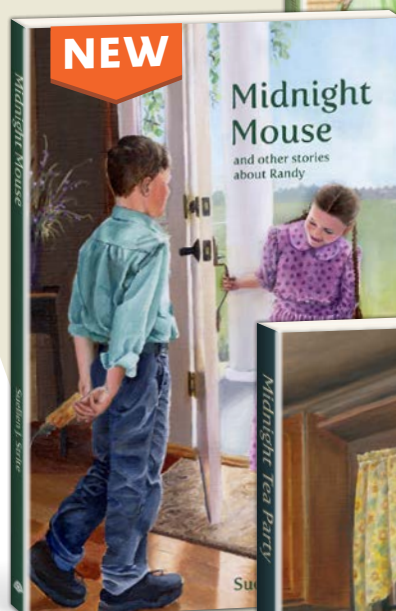


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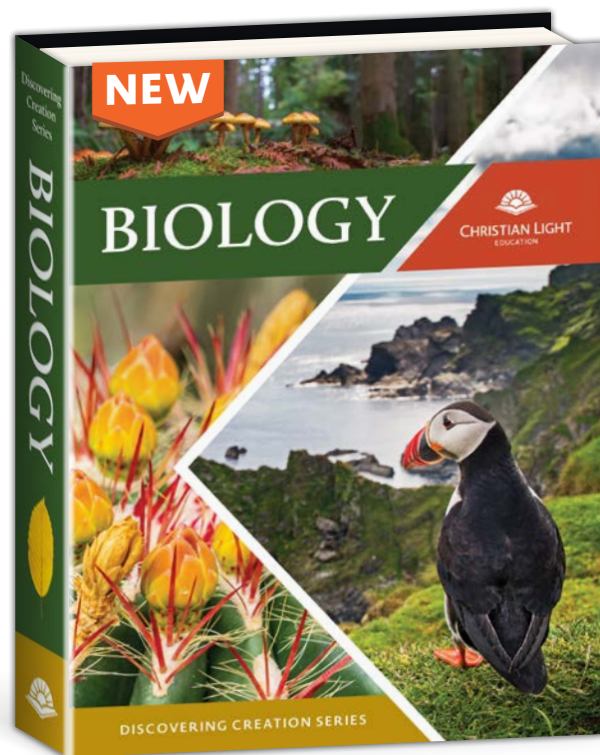


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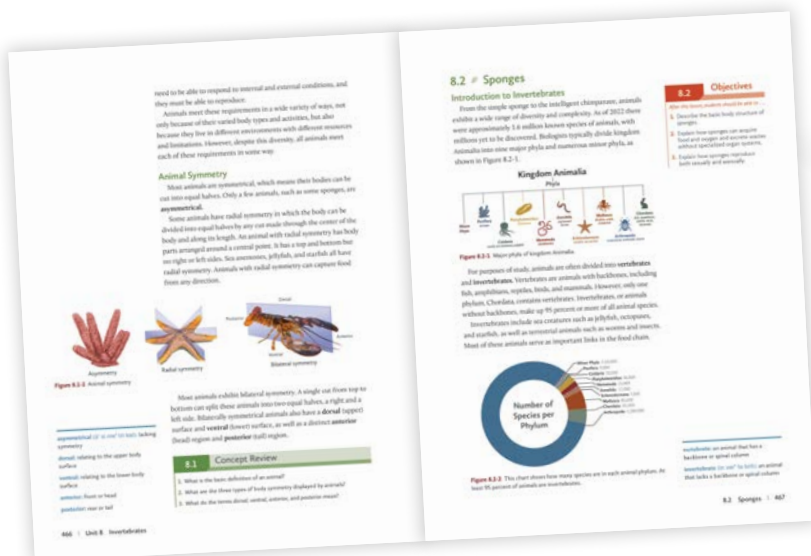
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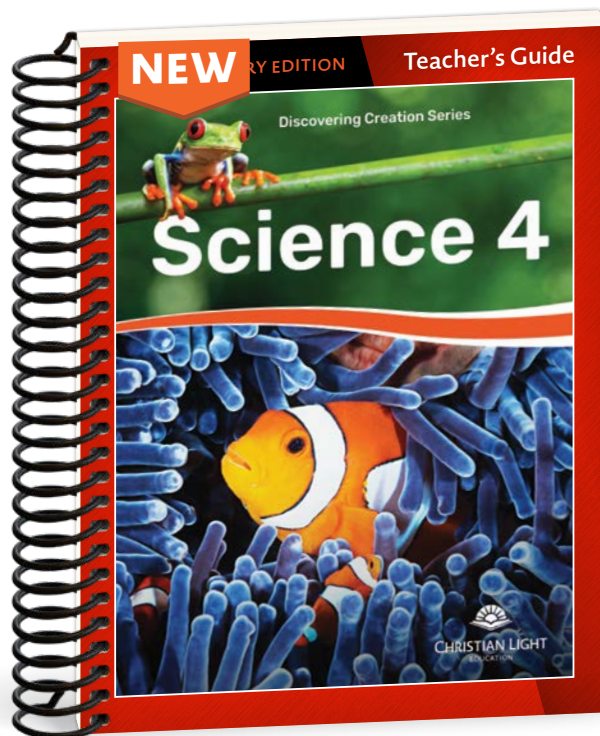


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