

My son, Dr. Mark Friend of Dallas, Texas planted this thought in a telephone call Wed. 7/15/09 10:30pm

Talk about Jesus ~ A Book of Remembrance will be made about you.

Malachi 3:16 Then they that feared the LORD **spake often one to another**: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and **a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name.**

17 And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.

18 Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not.

When you speak a person's name they feel loved. God built that into us to let us understand that He feels loved when you speak His Name. The worst thing a person can do is speak His Name in vain. I remember a time, as a young man, working with another man. He spoke the Name of Jesus and my heart leaped for joy at hearing that Name. Then that good feeling went away as I realized he was cursing. WOW! What a disappointment I had that time.

God revealed His thinking toward us through the Prophet Malachi. Vs. 16: Then they that feared the LORD **spake often one to another**: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it. God is listening to every word we say. God is looking for a people who **think upon His Name and speak His Name**. When you say His Name love responds to you. God is so moved by your talking about Him that He writes a book of remembrance and keeps it before Him. Do you want to get God's attention? Just speak His Name!

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Spake, feared and thought.

A book is written about, 1. our words spoken, 2. our emotion of fearing we will not please Him and 3. our thoughts of love for His Name.

As a young man, in a church 250 miles from my home, there were a few of us who loved to talk about the Bible, Paul Schafer being one of them. We had church Tue – Thur – Sat – Sun Morn - Sun 7pm Youth - 8pm reg. We were not quick to leave the Altar of Prayer at the end of the service. When we had to leave we would go somewhere and talk Bible. A few times on Sat. it was all night. This pattern I followed has been my strength in my weakness. I was single and on my own, away from home. It was just God, the church and me. Having a book of remembrance written about you ~ pays off with longsuffering when you need it. It was in this church I met my wife of 56 years as of June 26, 2009, which is also her 75th birthday.

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Your book is not only written in heaven but He will write a book on the hearts of people about you. You will have many friends who love you because of your love for God. If you love God, then, they love you.

There are many people in the church I have a strong love for. God has written them on my heart because of the times we have talked, and feared, and thought, about how good God is. When I see these people the love of God swells up in my heart and I want to talk about Jesus. I have some thoughts I want to share with them and I have a fear I will displease God if I don't bring it up.