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When a person commits a sin and does not turn in repentance, when that person forgets the sin, the Holy One remembers it. When a person fulfills a commandment by doing a good deed, and forgets about it, the Holy One remembers it.

When a person commits a sin and later turns in repentance, remembering the sin, the Holy One grants atonement, and forgets the sin. When a person fulfills a commandment and is constantly filled with self-praise because of it, the Holy One forgets it. What a person forgets, God remembers; what a person remembers, God forgets.

—THE HASIDIC MASTER SHMELKE OF NIKOLSBERG