

REMEMBER GOD'S GOODNESS



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Scripture shows us that David, Job and other Old Testament saints came out of their dark times by remembering God's faithfulness to past generations. David wrote that whenever his heart was desolate, "I remember the days of old; I meditate on all thy works; I muse on the work of thy hands" (Psalm 143:5). Indeed, multitudes of godly saints throughout history have emerged from their depression and discouragement in just this way.

It's a wonderful blessing to remember all our past deliverances. Deuteronomy tells us, "Thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee. . . . Beware that thou forget not" (Deuteronomy 8:2, 11).

Yet, remembering God's deliverances was more than just a blessing to the Old Testament saints. It was a necessary discipline. The Israelites devised all sorts of rituals and observances to recall the Lord's deliverances in their lives.

Likewise today, the Church is called to remember God's past deliverances. Yet, we've been given a way to remember that's much better than in Old Testament times. You see, since the days of David, God has poured out His Holy Spirit. And the Spirit now abides in our human bodies.

The Holy Spirit not only comforts us in our dark times. He doesn't just bring to our remembrance God's past faithfulness. The Spirit also gives us an understanding of the purpose behind our fiery trials. And He does this so our faith won't fail.

Dear saint, God has not forgotten you in your deep, dark trial. I leave you with this encouragement from the Psalmist: "Thou, O God, hast proved us: thou hast tried us, as silver is tried. Thou broughtest us into the net; thou laidst affliction upon our loins. Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water: but thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place.... Verily God hath heard me; he hath attended to the voice of my prayer. Blessed be God, which hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me" (Psalm 66:10–12, 19–20).

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