

REMEMBERING GOD'S FAITHFULNESS



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Scripture shows that David, Job and other Old Testament saints came out of their dark times by remembering God's faithfulness to past generations. David writes 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). Asaph, who wrote twelve of the Psalms, did the same: "I will remember the works of the Lord: surely I will remember thy wonders of old" (77:11). Indeed, Asaph says that all of Israel "remembered that God was their rock" (78:35).

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 of Jesus Christ is called to remember God's past deliverances. We have been given a way to remember that is much better than in Old Testament times. You see, since the days of David and Asaph, God has poured out His Holy Spirit, and the Spirit now abides in our human bodies.

The Holy Spirit comforts us in our dark times and brings to our remembrance God's past faithfulness. But He does more than that. The Spirit often gives us an understanding of the purpose behind our fiery trials so that our faith will not fail.

When we look at Asaph's life we see that this devoted, godly man does not share any kind of understanding with us in Psalm 77. Simply put, we don't know what his dark hour accomplished in his life. All he could tell us was, "Thy way [of God] is in the sea, and thy path in the great waters, and thy footsteps are not known" (Psalm 77:19). Asaph's conclusion was, "God's ways aren't known. I don't know why He allowed me to fall into such depression and discouragement. I only rejoice that He has made me free."

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