

THE LORD HAS BEEN MINDFUL OF US; HE WILL BLESS US

Psalms 115:12 (NRSV) ¹² The LORD has been mindful of us; he will bless us;
he will bless the house of Israel;
he will bless the house of Aaron;

The heart always rejoices when someone remembers us. We feel happy to receive a personal mail or an sms just for the simple reason that somewhere, somebody had remembered us and taken the time to make it known.

Even before the year could begin, this verse was popping up in unexpected places and it underlined the fact that God is giving His word to remember us.

In Jewish culture, remembering is a tradition. All the festivals signify an event they had passed through and every festival is a remembrance. That is why Jesus at His Last Supper with His friends instituted it to observe in remembrance of Jesus and His Sacrifice.

But how gratifying it is to know that God remembers us!

That is why David marvels :

Psalms 8:3-4 (NRSV) ³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;
⁴ what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
mortals[£] that you care for them?

Yet the Sovereign God takes time to remember us, take care of our needs and is patient to hear all our sighs and groans.

When God's eyes focus in on us, there is deliverance in sight.

Rachel was childless for long and she worried her husband about her barrenness. Jacob in his frustration asked her what he could do when God has shut her womb. (Gen 30,1-2)

But God had His own time for Rachel's life and He remembered her!

Genesis 30:22-24 (NRSV) ²²Then God remembered Rachel, and God heeded her and opened her womb. ²³She conceived and bore a son, and said, "God has taken away my reproach"; ²⁴and she named him Joseph, saying, "May the LORD add to me another son!"

It is the same in the case of Hannah. She had been barren for long but when God remembered her, she conceived.

1 Samuel 1:19-20 (NRSV) ... the LORD remembered her. ²⁰In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the LORD."

When the Lord promises to remember us, a blessing blocked will be released. Not only will we have personal blessings, when God remembers us, there will be national blessings as well.

In the case of Sodom and Gomorrah, God told Abraham that He intends to destroy the sinful cities. And Abraham pleads for God's grace on the town because of his nephew Lot who lives there. (Gen 18 : 22-33)

The destruction starts in both the cities, and God in His mercy sends His angels to pull Lot out of that burning town. God did this not because of Lot but because of His friendship with Abraham. It was for the sake of Abraham Lot was saved.

Genesis 19:29 (NRSV) ²⁹So it was that, when God destroyed the cities of the Plain, God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when he overthrew the cities in which Lot had settled.

When God's favour and remembrance is upon our lives, God will surely deliver those who are bound in darkness.

Because God remembered the cry of a nation, He chooses a deliverer for them. Moses!

Exodus 2:24-25 (NRSV) ²⁴God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. ²⁵God looked upon the Israelites, and God took notice of them.

He despatched Moses to deliver a nation and bring them to a Promised Land flowing with milk and honey.

My dear Friend, I pray that in this year the Lord will remember you specially and look on you with favour.

It is when God remembers us, the blocked blessings will be released, a man marked in a fallen city is saved, a whole nation is delivered.

We have only God's thoughts towards us, His remembrances of us, that can bless us, deliver us, and save us.

Take hold of the Promise which the Lord has given you. It is the time of God's remembrance in your lives. God bless.