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REASONS FOR THANKING GOD: DELIVERANCE

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCE
Deuteronomy 8:7-16

ADDITIONAL STUDY
Psalm 124:6-8
Psalm 66:12
Job 5:21

TO DO

Think back, get a pen and write down what you escaped this year and, from your heart, give God thanks for His timely intervention and mighty deliverance.

...the LORD your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage; who led you through that great and terrible wilderness, in which were fiery serpents and scorpions...
- Deuteronomy 8:14&15

This year may have come with several challenges; you may have gone through a terrible wilderness experience and you may have passed through the waters and the fire, but the fact that you are still standing shows that you made it out – You are a testimony of God’s deliverance; and for that you ought to give Him thanks.

To deliver simply means, to save, rescue or set free. A wilderness experience is that season of life when everything looks dark, dank and dangerous around you. For many people, it is a season of joblessness and intense lack. Do you remember those days when you were a job applicant and things were so difficult for you? The times when you couldn’t afford to pay your rent, so you had to squat from one place to another, and you couldn’t even afford transport fare. But today, you have a job; you now pay rent or even have a house of your own. Today, you can afford your transport fare or you even have a car; that is a mighty deliverance!

Don’t forget how God delivered you from a fraudulent business deal that could have sunk you and your business, or how that dragging court case was finally ruled in your favor by God, and you were delivered from its dire consequences. This year, God brought you through certain battles and opposition and you miraculously made it through a trying time – that calls for praise! Remember the way God delivered you when men rose up against you with slander, gossips and defamation of character – you came out unscathed. If you forget anything, remember the addictions to illicit sexual behaviors, drugs, and many other damaging lifestyles; but here you are with a sound mind – God brought you out, while many of your friends didn’t make it out.

The devil meant to keep you bound in the prison of shame, fear, sin, depression, and addiction; he meant for that accident to kill you or that health condition to take your life, but you escaped like a bird out of a fowler’s cage. So, if you can’t thank God for what you received, thank Him for what you escaped. Truly, unto God belongs escapes from death!

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