

AND GOD LIFTED OFF THE CAPTIVITY

Psalm 130

5 I Wait For The LORD, My Whole Being Waits, And In His Word I Put My Hope.

6 I Wait For The Lord More Than Watchmen Wait For The Morning, More Than Watchmen Wait For The Morning. 7 Israel, Put Your Hope In The LORD, For With The LORD Is Unfailing Love And With Him Is Full Redemption. 8 He Himself Will Redeem Israel From All Their Sins.

PSALM 12:5

5 "for The Cause Of The Oppressed And The Groaning Of The Needy, I Will Now Arise," Says The LORD. **"I Will Bring Safety To Him Who Yearns."**

Psalm 9:9

The LORD Is A Refuge For The Oppressed, A Stronghold In Times Of Trouble.

**So, there is every reason to be convinced that He lifts off captivity.
Question is what should we be doing when we are waiting?**

Quote

“The Ultimate Tragedy Is Not The Oppression And Cruelty By The Bad People But The Silence Over That By The Good People.” Martin Luther King, Jr.

Isaiah 54:14

"In Righteousness You Will Be Established: Tyranny Will Be Far From You; You Will Have Nothing To Fear. Terror Will Be Far Removed; It Will Not Come Near You."
(Some people are taking advantage of this hour over others, this is bad seed.)

Psalms 55:22

"Cast Your Cares On The Lord And He Will Sustain You; He Will Never Let The Righteous Be Shaken."

Psalms 62:8

"Trust In Him At All Times, You People; Pour Out Your Hearts To Him, For God Is Our Refuge."

Let us continue to pray until God establishes and delivers us based on His promise.

Psalm 14:6 The Wicked Frustrate The Plans Of The Oppressed, But The LORD Will Protect His People.

(Sometimes it may look like your prayers are not working BUT they are. The efforts of Moses were working even though Pharaoh was unyielding))

Psalm 55:22 Give Your Burdens To The LORD, And He Will Take Care of You. He Will Not Permit The Godly To Slip And Fall.

There are two affected groups of people in time of trouble:

1. Those who are on the frontline of battle
2. Those who effectively bring support of some sort for victory.

PETER's BATTLE TIME (ACTS 12)...

Act 12: ²King Herod had James, the brother of John, put to death with the sword. ³when he saw that this pleased the Jews, he proceeded to seize peter also. this happened during the feast of unleavened bread. ⁴ .., he put him in prison, handing him over to be guarded by four squads of four soldiers each. ⁵so Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him. ⁶the night before Herod was to bring him to trial, ... ⁷suddenly an angel of the lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. ... and the chains fell off peter's wrists. ⁸then the angel said to him, "put on your clothes and sandals." and Peter did so. ¹⁰they passed the first and second guards and came to the iron gate leading to the city. it opened for them by itself (With God, nothing shall be impossible), and they went through it. when they had walked the length of one street, suddenly the angel left him. ¹¹then Peter came to himself and said, "now I know without a doubt that the Lord sent his angel and rescued me from Herod's clutches and from everything the Jewish people were anticipating."¹² when this had dawned on him, he went to the house of Mary the mother of John, **..where many people had gathered and were praying.**

MOSES IN EXODUS 17:10-12

10Joshua did as Moses had instructed him and fought against the Amalekites, while Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. 11as long as Moses held up his hands, Israel prevailed; but when he lowered them, Amalek prevailed. 12when Moses' hands grew heavy, they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it. then Aaron and Hur held his hands up, one on each side, so that his hands remained steady until the sun went down.

Keep praying even when the plague is sent by God.

THANK GOD FOR DEBORAH – JUDGES 4

“The Israelites did evil in the eyes of the LORD, .. ² so the LORD sold them into the hands of Jabin king of Canaan... Sisera, the commander of his army, was based in Harosheth Haggoyim. ³ because he had nine hundred chariots fitted with iron and had cruelly oppressed the Israelites for twenty years, **they cried to the LORD for help.**

2 CHRONICLES 7: 13-14

¹³ “when I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, ¹⁴ if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then i will hear from heaven, and i will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

Under Deborah’s leadership (she was a prophet and God used her), God answered Israel as they prayed (JUDGES 4)

⁴ now Deborah, a prophet, the wife of Jappidoth, was leading Israel at that time. ⁵ ... ⁶ she sent for Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali and said to him, “the LORD, the God of Israel, commands you: ‘go, take with you ten thousand men of Naphtali and Zebulun and lead them up to mount tabor. ⁷ I will lead Sisera, the commander of Jabin’s army, with his chariots and his troops to the Kishon river and **give him into your hands.’” (God always delivers when the righteous prays).**

CONCLUSION

Even when we know that God made promises through His word, our work and commitments are still required:

God said to Solomon (2 chro. 7): ¹⁷ “as for you, if you walk before me faithfully as David your father did, and do all I command, and observe my decrees and laws, ¹⁸ I will establish your royal throne, as i covenanted with David your father when i said, ‘you shall never fail to have a successor to rule over Israel.’

Psalms 56:9 (by David)

When I Cry Unto Thee, Then Shall Mine Enemies Turn Back: This I Know; For God Is For Me. (though God is for David, David stills to cry to get the promise).

Luke 18:1

And He Spake A Parable Unto Them To This End, That Men Ought Always To Pray, And Not To Faint;

1 Timothy 2:8 “I Will Therefore That Men Pray Everywhere, Lifting Up Holy Hands, Without Wrath And Doubting.”

Brethren, as we wait for God to lift off the captivity on nations, let's continue to lift up holy hands everywhere and without ceasing. God bless You!

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