

2017

The Year of God's Deliverances Crowned with His Goodness

*God is to us a God of deliverances;
And to God the Lord belong escapes from death.*
Psalm 68:20 NASB

Dictionary Definition from Strong's:

h4190. – deliverances -הַפְּסוּיִם moshahh; from 3467; **saving acts** --rescues

I. God is to us a God of deliverances as illustrated in scripture

a. Deliverance from danger –

And David said, "The Lord who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." 1 Sam. 17:37 NASB

"He delivers and rescues and performs signs and wonders in heaven and on earth, Who has also delivered Daniel from the power of the lions." Daniel 6:27 NASB

...for he said, "The God of my father was my help, and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh." Exodus 18:4

b. Deliverance from trouble –

For He has delivered me from all trouble, And my eye has looked with satisfaction upon my enemies. Psalm 54:7 NASB

c. Deliverance from difficulties with people –

You have delivered me from the contentions of the people...Psalm 18:43 NASB (strife, dispute, controversies)

...persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra - what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me. 2 Timothy 3:11 NKJV

d. Deliverance from fear –

I sought the Lord, and He answered me, And delivered me from all my fears. Psalm 34:4

... deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. Hebrews 2:15 ESV

e. Deliverance from death –

He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us again. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us... 2 Corinthians 1:10 NASB

We think you ought to know, dear brothers and sisters,^b about the trouble we went through in the province of Asia. We were crushed and overwhelmed beyond our ability to endure, and we thought we would never live through it. In fact, we expected to die. But as a result, we stopped relying on ourselves and learned to rely only on God, who raises the dead. And he did rescue us from mortal danger, and he will rescue us again. We have placed our confidence in him, and he will continue to rescue us. 2 Cor. 1:8-10 NLT

*Many adversities come to the one who is righteous,
but the Lord delivers him from them all.*

Psalm 34:19 Holman Christian Standard

The righteous person faces many troubles, but the Lord comes to the rescue each time.

Psalm 34:19 NLT

II. God Crowns the Year with His Goodness

*You crown the year with Your goodness,
And Your paths drip with abundance.*

Psalm 65:11 NKJV

- a. God's heart for you is to "crown" your new year with His goodness – (meaning of goodness from the Hebrew is bounty, prosperity, good things, benefits)
- b. The key to receiving this promised goodness is found in the second part of the verse: *Your paths drip with abundance.* The goodness, bounty, prosperity and abundance is found in GOD'S PATH not our own path that we choose or create for ourselves. The word "paths" in that verse actually means "tracks." Imagine a dirt road where someone has gone before you and left tracks that you can follow, that is the idea from this verse. We must follow the tracks God has left for us, and in those we will find His abundance.
- c. God's path might not look as appealing as another, but that is the place where blessing and provision will be found. Consider this translation of Psalm 65:11 from the New Living Translation: *You crown the year with a bountiful harvest; even the hard pathways overflow with abundance.* If you were lost in the woods and came upon a path that split into two different directions, how would you chose the way to go? One path looks smoother and more passable and the other harder and more difficult to traverse. But if God's way was the harder looking pathway – and you chose it rather than the one that looks easier - you would find that God's abundance would be overflowing on that "hard pathway."

IMPORTANT NOTE for 2017:

Be careful not to be snared into the trap of asking, "WHY WHY WHY...does this have to happen?" when you face adversities. Jesus told us in John 16:33- *"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."*

If you allow your mind to go down that road, the enemy will have you circling the drain of despair and will steal your victory. Be on guard and simply respond to every situation you face with "Thank God You are my God of deliverances!"