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## Remembering the God who Remembered Us

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We serve a God who remembered Moses and led him away from the Egyptian army with a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. God remembered Naomi and allowed her daughter-in-law Ruth to comfort her while she was grieving the loss of her husband in a "strange" land. God remembered Daniel and provided him with the unique gift of interpreting King Nebuchadnezzar's dream which ultimately spared the prophet's life. God remembered Hannah and blessed her with a son named Samuel. God remembered priests and prophets, kings and ordinary people throughout much of the Old Testament and even the New Testament. God heard, remembered and answered the prayers of many people throughout salvation history; however, the biblical record also states that many people often forgot about the blessings that God had bestowed upon them. Indeed, God loved the Israelite

people. The bible refers to them as the chosen people (Deuteronomy 7:6); however, both the Major and Minor prophets often had to remind them that God delivered them from the hand of the Egyptians. In short, God remembered them, but their thoughts and behaviors indicated that they had forgotten about God.

The previous year was a challenging year for many individuals and families throughout the world. Many people were unemployed or underemployed. Some people endured serious health challenges in 2011, and some of us had family members and friends who went on to be with the Lord. Even in the midst of our political, economic and spiritual challenges, we had something to thank God for in 2011. We found the time to thank God for our family, friends, jobs, our health and strength and for an opportunity to come to Him in prayer. Times were challenging, but God did

not abandon us. The key to our success in 2012 is remembering the God who remembered us. We should remember God when the sun shines, and remember God when the rain falls. Moses is often credited with writing the first five books of the bible, and in the fifth book called Deuteronomy he writes: "But thou shall remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he swear unto thy fathers, as it is this day (Deuteronomy 8:18)." As one year draws to a close, and another year is poised to begin, let us always remember and give thanks for the miracles that God has performed for us throughout the previous year. Remembering the past is key to a future in which God can do "exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think according to the power that worketh in us (Ephesians 3:20)."