
CAPTIVITY AND DELIVERANCE

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THE history I am going to write, proves, that days of *fasting* and *prayer* without reformation, will not avail, to turn away the anger of God from a professing people ; and yet, witnesseth, how very advantageous, gracious supplications are, to prepare particular christians, patiently to suffer the will of God, in very trying public calamities. For some of us moved with fear, set apart a day of *prayer*, to ask of God, either to spare, and save us from the hands of our enemies, or to prepare us to sanctify and honor him, in what way soever he should come forth towards us. The places of scripture from whence we were entertained, were Gen. 32. 10, 11. *I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies, and of all the truth which thou hast shewed unto thy servants :— Deliver me, I pray thee, from the hand of my Brother, from the hand of Esau : For I fear him, lest he will come and smite me, and the Mother*