

DELIVERANCE

TEXT: Luke 4:18: *The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He hath anointed Me to preach the Gospel to the poor; He hath sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,*

Introduction:

Webster definition of Deliverance: *The act of rescuing, releasing from captivity, slavery, or oppression.*

Preacher: God can liberate anybody out of any place, and from anything out of anybody, at anytime.

Only God can set you and me free. Many people are living under the yoke of bondage to oppressing nations, oppressing spirits of demons, and bondage to sins and sinful habits. Are you bound by drink, cigarettes, drugs, bad temper, lying, or hate? Or are you bound by fear, worry, bitterness, grudges, evil desires, lust, pride, or deceitfulness of heart? You can be free from all these evil forces.



I serve the DELIVERER. This Deliverer liberated the children of Israel out of bondage which they had been in for 430 years from the oppressive nation of the Egypt. How did God get Israel out of their bondage? How does God go about to get you and me free from our bondages? How does God get things out of you and me that we can't get free from by ourselves? Let us look at several examples found in the Bible of God's great delivering power. This is how God did it in the yesterdays, and He is just the same today.

Hebrews 13:8: Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

I. The Children of Israel — God promised them deliverance after they prayed and cried out to Him for help. God spoke to Moses In:

Exodus 3:8a: And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey.

First, God raised up a deliverer, prepared him for the liberating of His people out of their prison-house. Moses was that person. He is a wonderful type of The Lord Jesus whom God sent to redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people zealous of good works.

Titus 2:14: Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

Paul found Christ's deliverance to be real and declares so in:

2 Timothy 4:18: And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto His Heavenly Kingdom: to Whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Jesus said:

John 8:34-36:

³⁴ Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.

³⁵ And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever.

³⁶ If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

Moses served this great DELIVERER — Almighty God — and He used Moses to bring Israel out of their slavery. Moses represented The Deliverer, and proclaimed deliverance to them —often before the people believed and then experienced that great liberation. Here you can see the miracle working power of God. When Pharaoh saw this old man, 80 years of age, he wasn't worried at his message:



Exodus 8:1: And the Lord spake unto Moses, Go unto Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord, Let My people go, that they may serve Me.

What Pharaoh did not know was: Who was backing up Moses with His

supernatural power. Moses knew how to lean on The Lord, and God always uses those who depend upon Him.

This deliverance of Israel from the bondage of Egypt is one of the greatest miracles of all time. Think of it — 2 1/2 million people enslaved and under bondage to a cruel nation. Then one day, without an army, without ranks, aircraft, bombs, guns, grenades, or any ammunition whatsoever, they come out of that bondage as free men and women. How quickly the Lord can set you free from your hang-ups, your bondages, your sins, and your habits.

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WHAT IS DELIVERANCE? It is one being set free from, saved from, and liberated from anything in anybody at anytime as one turns to the Lord in simple trusting faith with all of their heart.

You can be set free today — yes TODAY — from that evil temper, those filthy habits, that wicked slashing tongue, those evil desires, that old hatred, bitterness, all pride, deceitfulness, adultery, stealing, lying, and a guilty conscience. God can put a song in your heart, even praises to our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

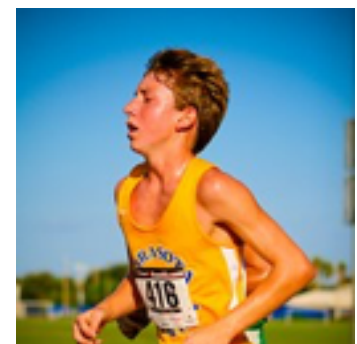
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There are Christians who do not have a strong testimony, nor do they have a good influence in their homes, on their jobs, or in their communities, because they need deliverance from some besetting sin or weakness in their lives. What they need is to get that out of them — and that is what deliverance really is. Getting out of us what is holding us down, holding us back from spiritual progress.

Hebrews 12:1-2:

1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

2 Looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the Cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the Throne of God.



I don't know what is holding you down, and pushing you back into the old life of bondage. But I know the Deliverer, and that is all that is important. I may not know what is causing your marital troubles, but it's got to come out of there, or your home will go on the rocks. Jesus came to deliver us from this present evil world.

Galatians 1:4: Who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the Will of God and our Father:

This is one of the hindrances in Christians being what they ought to be. Worldly associations, worldly pleasures, worldly habits have poked holes in your glory bag and all the glory-juice of the Spirit has leaked out.

TODAY, Jesus can patch up, mend, and fix up all those holes in your glory-bag, and fill you up with His presence and power through the Holy Spirit. It was through the anointing of the Spirit of God on Jesus that He made this great promise of deliverance for you.

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18 The spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He hath anointed Me to preach the Gospel to the poor: He hath sent Me to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

19 To preach the acceptable Year of the Lord.

God never ordained that you or I should be under the control of anything but the power of the Holy Spirit. You will never be what God wants you to be until you recognize your need, admit that you cannot deliver yourself, and turn to Him in full surrender of your heart and life in order to let Jesus do it for you. You can never be satisfied with yourself or bear to live with yourself until that evil desire — that low down passion and lust — comes out. That is what Jesus, alone, can do; He can make you free indeed.

This is the good news of the Gospel. We are commanded to proclaim liberty to all the people through all the land.

Leviticus 25:10: And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be

a jubilee unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family.

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II. DELIVERANCE HAS BEEN PROMISED and PROVIDED

A. PROMISE: *Exodus 3:8: And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians.*

PROMISE FULFILLED:

Exodus 14:13-15:

¹³ *And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the Salvation of the LORD, which He will shew to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever.*

¹⁴ *The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.*

¹⁵ *And the LORD said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto Me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward:*

(1) Psalms 41:1-2:

¹ *Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble.*

² *The LORD will preserve him, and keep him alive; and he shall be blessed upon the earth: and Thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of his enemies.*

(2) Psalms 50:15: And call upon Me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify Me.

(3) Psalms 91:14: Because he hath set his love upon Me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known My Name.

- (4) ***Jeremiah 1:8: Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the LORD.***
- (5) ***2 Timothy 4:18: And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto His Heavenly Kingdom: to Whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.***
- (6) ***2 Peter 2:9: The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:***
- (7) ***John 8:32: And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.***

B. DELIVERANCE PROVIDED FOR:

(1) Children of Israel

Exodus 3:7: And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of My people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows;

Fulfilled

Exodus 18:8-10:

8 And Moses told his father in law all that the LORD had done unto Pharaoh and to the Egyptians for Israel's sake, and all the travail that had come upon them by the way, and how the LORD delivered them.

9 And Jethro rejoiced for all the goodness which the LORD had done to Israel, Whom he had delivered out of the hand of the Egyptians.

10 And Jethro said, Blessed be the LORD, Who hath delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of Pharaoh, Who hath delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians.

(2) Hebrew Children

Daniel 3:15-29:

15 Now if ye be ready that at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of music, ye fall down and worship the image which I have made; well: but if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and Who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands?



16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter.

17 If it be so, our God Whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us out of thine hand, O king.

18 But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

19 Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the form of his visage was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego: therefore he spake, and commanded that they should heat the furnace one seven times more than it was wont to be heated.

20 And he commanded the most mighty men that were in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace.

21 Then these men were bound in their coats, their hosen, and their hats, and their other garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

22 Therefore because the king's commandment was urgent, and the furnace exceeding hot, the flames of the fire slew those men that took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

23 And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

24 Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste, and spake, and said unto his counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king.



25 He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.

26 Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the mouth of the burning fiery furnace, and spake, and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, ye servants of the Most High God, come forth, and come hither. Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, came forth of the midst of the fire.

27 And the princes, governors, and captains, and the king's counsellors, being gathered together, saw these men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was an hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them.

28 Then Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, Who hath sent His angel, and delivered His servants that trusted in Him, and have changed the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God.



29 Therefore I make a decree, That every people, nation, and language, which speak any thing amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made a dunghill: because there is no other God that can deliver after this sort.

(3) Daniel from the Lion's den

Daniel 6:16-20:

16 Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast him into the den of lions. Now the king spake and said unto Daniel, Thy God Whom thou servest continually, He will deliver thee.



17 And a stone was brought, and laid upon the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords; that the purpose might not be changed concerning Daniel.

18 Then the king went to his palace, and passed the night fasting: neither were instruments of musick brought before him: and his sleep went from him.

19 Then the king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste unto the den of lions.

20 And when he came to the den, he cried with a lamentable voice unto Daniel: and the king spake and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the Living God, is thy God, Whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions?

(4) All mankind

Acts 3:26: Unto you first God, having raised up His Son Jesus, sent Him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.

III. DELIVERANCE COMES FROM THE LORD JESUS CHRIST ONLY.

Matthew 11:28: Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Acts 26:18: To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in Me.

Colossians 1:13: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the Kingdom of His dear Son:

1 Thessalonians 1:10: And to wait for His Son from Heaven, Whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

Romans 11:26: And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

IV. SOME REQUIRE MANY DELIVERANCES

Nehemiah 9:26: Nevertheless they were disobedient, and rebelled against Thee, and cast Thy Law behind their backs, and slew Thy prophets which testified against them to turn them to Thee, and they wrought great provocations.

Job 5:19: He shall deliver thee in six troubles: yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee.

Psalms 106:43: Many times did He deliver them; but they provoked Him with their counsel, and were brought low for their iniquity.

V. SIN BINDS AND MAKES SLAVES OUT OF SINNERS

Psalms 40:12: For innumerable evils have compassed me about: mine iniquities have taken hold upon me, so that I am not able to look up; they are more than the hairs of mine head: therefore my heart faileth me.

Proverbs 5:22: His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be holden with the cords of his sins.

Acts 8:23: For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity

Romans 6:16: Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

Romans 7:23: But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

2 Timothy 2:26: And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

2 Peter 2:19: While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage.

VI. CONDITIONS TO BE MET FOR DELIVERANCE — REPENTANCE OF SIN AND FORSAKING OUR EVIL WAYS

1 Samuel 7:3: And Samuel spake unto all the house of Israel, saying, If ye do return unto the LORD with all your hearts, then put away the strange gods and Ashtaroth from among you, and prepare your hearts unto the LORD, and serve Him only: and He will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines.

Nehemiah 9:28: But after they had rest, they did evil again before Thee: therefore leftest Thou them in the land of their enemies, so that they had the dominion over them: yet when they returned, and cried unto Thee, Thou heardest them from Heaven; and many times didst Thou deliver them according to Thy mercies;

Psalms 39:8: Deliver me from all my transgressions: make me not the reproach of the foolish.

Proverbs 28:13: He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.

Isaiah 55:6-7:

⁶ Seek ye the LORD while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near:

⁷ Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

Luke 13:3: *I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.*

Romans 10:9: *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him [Jesus] from the dead, thou shalt be saved.*

Romans 10:10: *For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

Romans 10:13: *For whosoever shall call upon the Name of the Lord shall be saved.*

VII. CONDITIONS TO BE MET TO STAY DELIVERED and FREE

A. Pray for daily deliverance.

Matthew 6:13: *And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.*



B. Look for God's way of escape from temptation.

1 Corinthians 10:13: *There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, Who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.*

C. Flee from temptations.

1 Corinthians 6:18: *Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.*

2 Timothy 2:22: *Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.*

D. Resist the devil.

James 4:6-8:

⁶ But He giveth more grace. Wherefore He saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

⁷ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and He will flee from you.

⁸ Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

1 Peter 5:8: Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

E. Rest your faith in Jesus' blood to overcome.

Revelation 12:11: And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

F. Testify of Jesus' delivering power.

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G. Keep your soul well fed on the Word of God.

1 John 2:14: I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known Him Who is from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the Word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one.



H. Use it as your weapon of defense like Jesus did.

Matthew 4:1-13: Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

² And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He was afterward an hungered.

³ And when the tempter came to Him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

⁴ But He answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceedeth out of the Mouth of God.

⁵ Then the devil taketh Him up into the Holy City, and setteth Him on a pinnacle of the Temple,

⁶ And saith unto Him, If Thou be the Son of God, cast Thyself down: for it is written, He shall give His angels charge concerning Thee: and in their hands they shall bear Thee up, lest at any time Thou dash Thy foot against a stone.



⁷ Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

⁸ Again, the devil taketh Him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth Him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;

⁹ And saith unto Him, All these things will I give Thee, if Thou wilt fall down and worship me.

¹⁰ Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve.

¹¹ Then the devil leaveth Him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto Him.

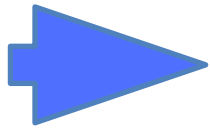
¹² Now when Jesus had heard that John was cast into prison, He departed into Galilee;

¹³ And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zabulon and Nephthalim:

Ephesians 6:17: And take the Helmet of Salvation, and the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God:

CONCLUSION:

This church is but one of God's great deliverance centers (stations). Jesus is our DELIVERER. Whatever sinful habit, questionable desires, taunting fears, or worry, sins of the soul such as lying, deceitfulness, hate, pride, murder, stealing, evil thoughts, adultery, covetousness evil eye — God is able to DELIVER you.



You can never fully enjoy your salvation until you are free in your inner being from these evil influences. These are things in your life which make you a prisoner and a slave. These things God is not pleased with, and neither are you. They are stumbling blocks to others, and especially to your family.

I am longing for you to pray so that you can be set free. You need to pray through to real victory. The Holy Spirit has put His finger on your sins and habits. He has convicted you of secret sins which no one but you, the Lord, or the devil know anything about. God is your DELIVERER and you can be set free in Jesus' Name. He will release you from satan's bondage, and the power of the enemy will be broken. This is the purpose of Jesus' coming into the world. If the Son shall make you free, you shall be free indeed. He promises it. Jesus will forgive you, cleanse you of your sins, and give you a brand new start in your heart.

Pride is one of our worst enemies that tries to hold us back from fully surrendering our life to Christ and from confessing our sins and our need for DELIVERANCE.

2 Corinthians 6:2: (For He saith, I have heard Thee [Jesus] in a time accepted, and in the Day of Salvation have I succoured Thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the Day of Salvation.)

The following is a prayer you can pray that will help you get set free. Won't you bow your head now and pray this with a sincere heart?

“Father in Heaven, I come to you now. I confess that I am a sinner. I know that I have done many wrong and sinful things. I cannot change myself, but YOU can change me. Thank you JESUS for dying for my sins. Thank you for taking my punishment for me. Please forgive me now.

Please take my sins away. Make me a child of GOD. I accept YOU as my own Saviour. I will love you all my life. I will live for you; and if necessary, I will die for you. Change my life and make me as pure and holy as YOU are. In Jesus Name, I pray.”

Amen

If you have prayed this prayer and meant it, God has heard the cry of your heart. He is faithful, and He will guide you and help you from this day forward.

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