

Deliverance

Part 1: Delivering a People

What is deliverance?

1. The act of delivering or the condition of being delivered. 2. Rescue from bondage or danger.
3. A publicly expressed opinion or judgment, such as the verdict of a jury.

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Who is deliverance for?

How are we assured of deliverance?

- ❖ By Christ Himself – Luke 4:18, Col. 1:13-14; Gal. 5:1; John 8:36
- ❖ It is the result of the Power of God and not our strength – Exo. 6:6-7; Eze. 20:34-38; Mark 9:29; 2 Cor. 12:10

Why is deliverance so important?

- ❖ It frees us to walk in God's purpose for our lives – Gal. 5:1
- ❖ It is a testament to the Power and Glory of God – John 9:1-3; Psa. 50:10-23 (KJV & MSG)
- ❖ It is a testament to the love, mercy and protection of God – Psa. 34:17; Psa. 32:7
- ❖ It draws others to Christ – Acts 16:27-33; Mark 16:17
- ❖ It reminds the believers of Whose they are – Psa. 91:1-16

Misconceptions about deliverance

- ❖ Deliverance is a sign of weakness
To the contrary, deliverance is a sign of faith and dependence upon God – Psa. 40:1-2; Col. 1:13;
- ❖ Some say believers don't need to be delivered after coming to faith. However, look at the Word:
 - Paul and Silas delivered after prayer and praise – Acts 16:25-34
 - Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the fiery furnace – Dan. 3:16-28
 - Paul needed to be delivered from sin and temptation – Rom. 7:24-25

Text to Ponder: The Exodus Experience – Delivering a People

- ❖ In order to deliver this people, God first delivers His leader – Exo. 2-4
 - God heard the cries of the people in bondage and remembered His covenant – Exo. 2:23-25
 - Moses burning bush experience with God – Exo. 3
 - The calling – Exo. 3:7-14
- ❖ God will come through even when the situation seems insurmountable – Exodus 14

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Part 1: Delivering a People (continued)

- ❖ A free mind is crucial to freeing a people
 - Before your circumstances change, your mind must change
 - Are you seeking God – Psa. 34: 1-7
 - Do you want to be delivered? John 5:1-9
 - Begin to realize that there is more to life than your bondage – 1 Cor. 2:12; 2 Kings 6:17
 - You must refuse to romanticize your bondage – Numbers 11:5
 - How you see yourself often determines how you are seen and handled – Num. 13:33
- ❖ A bound people will fight their deliverers and idolized their taskmasters
 - Will often obey the slave master and fight the deliverer
 - Note God reminded of their deliverance before He giving 10 Commandments – Exo. 20:2
 - The enemy doesn't want you to realize that submission and resisting are parts of the enemy fleeing from you – James 4:7
- ❖ The ultimate deliverance of a people is by God and His Christ and not mere man – 2 Sam. 22:2; Psa. 34:19; 2 Pet. 2:9; Col. 1:13; Gal. 5:1; 2 Cor. 1:10
- ❖ It's important for leadership to be free – Exo. 4:27-31
 - Just remember, even those God uses to deliver others aren't perfect – Exo. 2:11-15
- ❖ Your deliverance is an opportunity for God to show Himself Mighty and Strong – 1 Chr. 16:9

Let's walk through Exodus experience a little more...

- ❖ The affliction caused by your potency and not your impotence – Exo. 1:8-14
- ❖ God saves and raises up Moses – Exo. 2:1-10
- ❖ God calls Moses – Exo. 3:1-15
- ❖ The plagues
 - Water to Blood – Exodus 7:20-21
 - Frogs – Exodus 8:5-6
 - Gnats – Exodus 8:16-17
 - Flies – Exodus 8:24
 - Livestock Pestilence – Exodus 9:3-6
 - Boils – Exodus 9:10-11
 - Hail – Exodus 9:23-25
 - Locusts – Exodus 10:14-15
 - Darkness – Exodus 10:22-23
 - Death of the Firstborn – Exo. 11:4-7; Exo. 12:1-42 (focus on vs. 29-30)

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Part 2: Leaving the Place of Bondage

- ❖ We should never underestimate our adversary the devil, his agenda, methodology and strategies – Eph. 6:10-12; 2 Cor. 2:11; 2 Cor. 4:1-6; 2 Cor. 11:14
- ❖ At the same time, we should not give the enemy more power than he has – Isa. 14:12-15; Job 1:6-12; Rom. 16:17-20; Rev. 12:10; Phil. 2:10-11
- ❖ If we are not careful, we will be hindering ourselves while blaming the enemy – James 1:13; James 4:7-8
- ❖ The enemy seeks opportunity – 1 Pet. 5:8-9; Eph. 4:23-27
 - One of the greatest opportunities the enemy seizes upon is our lack of knowledge of who and whose we are – Joshua 5:1-9; Mat. 4:1-10; Eph. 3:14-21
 - There is no expectation for better if there is no revelation of greater – Heb. 11:1; Psa. 62:5; 1 John 4:1-7; Eph. 3:20-21; Isa. 40: 21-22
 - If the enemy can arrest your mind, you will keep yourself in bondage when God has already set up free – Num. 13:33-14:31
- ❖ We as a people of God must learn to not despise the fruits of our deliverance – Num. 14:31
- ❖ Your body can be out of free and yet your mind could still be in the same place
 - Whenever we only minister to the physical needs, we are missing the point of deliverance:
 - Healing and deliverance are necessary – Isa. 53:5
 - Jesus delivered physically and spiritually – John 5:1-15; Luke 17:11-19
 - God wants us to be complete in Him – 1 Thes. 5:23-24
- ❖ You must refuse to go back!

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Part 3: Deliverance from being savior when called to be servant

- ❖ Serving others can become addictive
 - Begin to live off the rush and leave reality
- ❖ When we are so focused on ministry in one area, we are bound to neglect others
 - Family – 1 Tim. 3:1-7; 1 Sam. 2:27-36
 - Personal – Phil. 2:12; 1 Cor. 9:27; 3 John 1:2; Rom. 12:1-2; 1 Cor. 3:16
- ❖ It can become a mask to avoid dealing with our own issues – Mat. 23:27-28; 1 John 1:8-9
- ❖ God has not called us to be the Savior
- ❖ God has called us to be His servants – Gal. 5:13
- ❖ Salvation is by grace and not works – Eph. 2:8
 - We serve by His grace – 1 Pet. 4:10-11
- ❖ Signs of the savior complex
 - Frustration when not followed
 - Excessive personal neglect while helping others
 - When the numbers matter more than the ministry
 - Judge self-worth or spirituality on numbers
 - Having a “no one can do it but me” mentality
 - Is actually an indication of pride
 - Validation of others is more important than edification of others
 - Crippling others while trying to help them
 - They become dependent upon you instead of God – Acts 3
- ❖ Some causes of savior complex
 - Selfish ambition – Phil. 2:3-4; Pro. 16:18
 - Thinking more of ourselves
 - Not acknowledging Christ – Isa. 43:11; Psa. 115:1; Eph. 6:7; Phil. 2:5-7
- ❖ Dealing with it
 - Surrender – James 4:10
 - Recognize the honor and privilege God has given you to serve Him – 2 Cor. 4:7-10; Pro. 3:6
 - Repent – Mat. 3:8
 - Rest – Psa. 4:8; Mat. 11:28-30; Exo 33:14

Closing Scripture: Luke 10:38-42