



Deliverance



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Scriptures

- ▶ *And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:*
Matthew 6:13
- ▶ *How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him. [Acts 10:38]*
- ▶ *He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. [1st John 3:8]*
- ▶ **Spiritual bondage and oppression is the work of the devil**

Scriptures

- ▶ Psalms 74:12 Yet God is my king from of old, Who works deeds of deliverance in the midst of the earth
- ▶ Psalms 54:7 For he hath delivered me out of all trouble: and mine eye hath seen his desire upon mine enemies
- ▶ Daniel 6:27 He delivereth and rescueth, and he worketh signs and wonders in heaven and in earth, who hath delivered Daniel from the power of the lions
- ▶ Joel 2:32: And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered...
- ▶ **Colossians 1:13: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:**

What is Deliverance?

- ▶ **Deliverance** is being set free from spiritual bondages and barriers that hold us back from walking in the victory that Jesus won on the cross for us at Calvary
- ▶ The Process of driving out of evil spirits, abolishing strongholds, healing and recovering people by the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- ▶ **Christian deliverance** means God rescuing someone from bondage, oppression, hardship, or domination by evil.
 - ▶ It is God who brings deliverance. “Deliver us from the evil one,”
 - ▶ God may also deliver you from the hands of some people or something (e.g. oppression) – 2nd Peter 2:7

What is Deliverance?

- ▶ To cause a person or thing to have no further efficiency; to deprive of force, influence or power; (Romans 6:14: Sin shall have no dominion over you)
- ▶ To cause to cease; put and end to; severe from power (**Psalms 91:3: “Plots and unseen Perils”**)
- ▶ **Deliverance ministry** is believers carrying out Christian biblical principles that enables the Spirit of God to set others free from bondage, oppression, hardship, or domination by evil.

*All Believers are commissioned to be involved in delivering others for the kingdom of God (**Mark 16:17,18; Mark 6:7,12,13**)*

Deliverance or Miracle?

- ▶ Is there a difference between a Miracle and Deliverance?
 - ▶ Miracle is an event usually for the unbeliever
 - ▶ An event that appears inexplicable by the laws of nature and so is held to be supernatural in origin or an act of God
 - ▶ Naaman experienced a miracle (2 Kings 5:1-19) – he was healed and yet he went back to his idols
 - ▶ Miracles can be events or an activity that reflects Divine Intervention
 - ▶ Jesus performed miracles to include healings (**John 9:2,3**)
 - ▶ **Miracles are usually spontaneous and often viewed as a sign that God uses to point to Himself**
- ▶ Deliverance focuses more on the root of a spiritual, emotional, or physical nature involving an individual and his needs to be recovered, redeemed, or restored from something or someone

What are we delivered from?

- ❑ Powers of darkness, evil spirits (Acts 10:38; Colossians 1:13)
- ❑ Evil people or Entities (Environments) (Galatians 1:4; 2nd Thess 3:2)
- ❑ Sins (and Sin Influence: Romans 6:4))
- ❑ Infirmities (e.g. sickness)
- ❑ Emotional Setbacks (Unforgiveness, Anger, Resentment)
- ❑ Trials of life (2 Peter 2:9)
- ❑ Fear (2nd Timothy 1:7)
- ❑ Financial Lack (III John 1:2)
- ❑ Generational Curses
- ❑ From the curse associated with the Law (Galatians 3:13; Romans 7:6)
- ❑ Dangers: Present and Unforeseen (2 Thess 4:17)

Deliverance from sin, rescue from trials, and escape from the influence of a world in the control of the evil one come only through Christ, the Son of God

Who Needs Deliverance?

- ▶ Can we assume that Christians are already delivered through the precious blood of Jesus and now complete and whole?
- ▶ It is wrong to assume, that once you give your life to Jesus Christ and receive the Holy Spirit, that you are automatically delivered from those demonic strongholds that hold you down
- ▶ Can an unsaved person be delivered or is it just a waste of time, if they do not become born again? **(Matthew 12:43-45)**
- ▶ Is Deliverance just casting out devils?

Deliverance

- ▶ The purpose of ministering deliverance is to set free those who are in bondage
 - ▶ Casting out demons, is just part of the overall ministry of deliverance
 - ▶ In **Luke 9:42**, we are told a story of how Jesus not only rebuked demons in a boy who was mentally affected by evil spirits
 - ▶ Jesus rebuked the spirits, and he also healed the boy
 - ▶ The word, “healed” means, “to free from errors and sins...”
 - ▶ Jesus removed the boy's legal grounds for satanic attack (sins) and freed him from errors (strongholds) in his thinking that held him bondage. This case of deliverance required more than just rebuking demons!

Elements of Deliverance

- ▶ **Emotional Healing:** Many times when a person has been abused, rejected, wounded, or hurt in some way, there is an emotional wound that needs to be healed.
 - ▶ Demons will use these wounds and weaknesses against the person, as leverage to hold them in bondage and get them to re-open doors so that they can re-enter
 - ▶ Seen in areas of bitterness, anger, unforgiveness, rage, rejection
- ▶ **Tearing down strongholds:** Strongholds are incorrect thinking patterns that people develop over time, and are often set up and nurtured by demons through lies and deception.
 - ▶ Seen in areas of Envy, Accusation, Jealousy, Competition, Fear
- ▶ **Removing legal rights:** Legal rights are things that give demons permission to enter and remain in our lives. Before demons can often be cast out, it is important to address and remove these legal rights.
- ▶ **Demonic Oppression and Possession** – A person may be influenced or under the power (influence) of a demon (i.e. Mental illness)

What You Cannot See

- ▶ Some Deliverance is required for things that you cannot see or may not even be aware of
 - ▶ Generational Sins: Sins of your father, mother, ancestors
 - ▶ Words spoken against you
 - ▶ Witchcraft

***The process of deliverance often consists of three main parts:
Tearing down strongholds, removing legal rights and then
casting out the remaining demons and/or oppressive spirits***

Legal Rights

- ▶ A legal right is something that can give demons an opportunity to enter or harass us, or gives them the right to remain in us even when we try to cast them out. Examples are:
 - ▶ Sin
 - ▶ Soul Ties: spiritual bridges that connects two persons. Some of the most popular and destructive soul ties are formed during an adultery or fornication.(1 Corinthians 6:16)
 - ▶ Unforgiveness
 - ▶ Ancestral Sins
 - ▶ Childhood Rejection
 - ▶ Points of weakness – Emotional or Physical Trauma; fearful experiences during childhood
 - ▶ Self- Spoken curses - *"I wish I could just die,"*
 - ▶ Cursed objects and participation in the occult: Ephesians 19: 17-20
 - ▶ **Many believers do not know they are involved in demonic activity**
 - ▶ **They saw their actions in a far more innocent light, until they knew the reality of the demonic**

Deliverance From

- ▶ Spiritual Bondage
- ▶ Spiritual Oppression
- ▶ Spiritual/Emotional Strongholds
- ▶ Possession

Ephesians 4:27 not to *give place* to the devil.

Spiritual Bondage

- ▶ The state of being “bound” i.e. “bound in sin”
- ▶ Being bound in such a way that you cannot properly function or operate emotionally, spiritually, and sometimes physically or live the way you were designed to function or live
- ▶ Some people may be set free but still held in bondage due to sin, the words they say, rebellion, or association with evil entities

Spiritual Bondage: Henry Wright

“We are a people of God who are in bondage, We are paying an incredibly high price. God’s people are being sent back into the world for help when the answer to setting them free is waiting in His Word. I am more interested in getting you into a better life, not just getting you into heaven.”

- ▶ A missing ingredient is discernment (Hebrews 5:14) – Most Christians do not recognize that they are in bondage
- ▶ God has provided you pastors and members of the body of Christ to loose you from bondage (Galatians 6:1,2; Jeremiah 3:14,15)

Bound Through Entanglement

- ▶ Many people are bound because they are so entangled with the world's desires and affairs (2 Timothy 2:4)
- ▶ 2 Timothy 2:25, 26: Ensnared against their will
 - ▶ Bondage is not something that people choose, but they can become entangled and snared by their words, participation, submission to, and choices made
- ▶ Those who are in opposition to God's work, whether they know it or not, are bound in a demonic deception, and are doing the devil's work. They need to escape the snare of the devil, and God is ready to set them free.

Do Not Give Place to the Devil

- ▶ **Ephesians 4:27 - and do not give the devil an opportunity.**
 - ▶ Your adversary will strive to influence your mind, and irritate your spirit; watch and pray that he may not get any place in you, or ascendancy over you
 - ▶ Satan can't gain an advantage over you if you are diligently bearing godly fruit and exercising spiritual discipline
 - ▶ That is why the whole chapter of Ephesians 4 is important because it is as we exercise Christian character, we give no place for satan to operate
- ▶ **Example: “No one is going to control me!” Gives place to a spirit of rebellion**

Oppression

- ▶ **Oppression: to hold down by exercising spiritual power against, to exercise over**
 - ▶ Evil spirits **hold people down** by exercising spiritual power over them
 - ▶ It requires the **exercise of a greater spiritual power** to set people free from evil spirits
- ▶ Oppression is ungodly force or pressure upon a person's spirit that affects his body and mental state (Example: Saul 1st Sam 16:14-15 (Because of Saul's disobedience an evil spirit troubled him))

Oppressed

- ▶ Acts 10:38: “Oppressed of the Devil”
 - ▶ Oppression is satanic
 - ▶ to exercise harsh control over one, to use one's power against one
 - ▶ *“a sense of heaviness or obstruction in the body or mind, weight down, to burden spiritually or mentally by abuse of power or authority.”*
- ▶ There is a physical oppression that a person, usually in authority exercises over another (e.g. a king) Acts 7:24, 34
- ▶ Usually spirits and sin are associated with infirmities and oppression (Matt 8:16; 10:1)
- ▶ Oppression can always be broken, no matter how serious the sin that caused it or how long it has gone on.

Oppression Sets in



Addictions

Rebellion



Sinful Choices

Occult

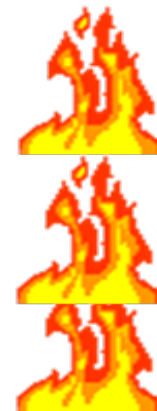
Fears

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Bad Associations



Isolation



Powers of Darkness

- Opens Door to:**
- Demonic, Oppressive, Spirits
 - Soul Ties
 - Infirmities
 - Generational Curses
 - Deception
 - Terrorizing Spirits

Can Lead to Possession

As we improperly cope with life by making sinful choices, bad associations, falling into addictions, and suffering from past hurts and actions from others, we open ourselves up to ²⁰ oppression from satanic forces that seeks to torture and control us (1st Peter 5:8)

Signs (A few symptoms)

- ▶ Strongholds (any thought pattern that controls our emotions and behavior)
- ▶ Recurring nightmares
- ▶ Spiritual deadness that includes apathy and anger towards God
- ▶ Feeling a constant *compulsion* to do something you know is a sin
- ▶ Irrational fear, anxiety, anger
- ▶ Irrational behavior - outburst
- ▶ Constant feelings of worthlessness, shame, guilt, suicidal thoughts
- ▶ Physical Ailments
- ▶ Sexual compulsions

Strongholds

- ▶ 2 Corinthians 10:4 - (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)
 - ▶ Improper thoughts and patterns of thinking (arguments, reasoning, and logic) that are resistant to the truth of God's Word
 - ▶ Casting down imaginations
 - ▶ Pulling down strongholds: Strongholds in this context are wrong thoughts and perceptions, contradicting the true knowledge of God and the nature of God.
 - ▶ Carnal, worldly ways of thinking and doing are arguments against the mind and methods of God. They want to debate God, saying they have a better way. They exalt themselves against the knowledge of God.

Strongholds (2nd Corinthians 10:4)

- ▶ Strongholds are birthed and dwell in deception (reasoning's) usually settled in my minds (which are lies and false beliefs), so naturally the cure is to bring the truth in God's Word on the scene
- ▶ Strongholds also gain legal presence in your life due to false teachings and rebellious thinking
- ▶ A believer must be willing and desiring to be free of strongholds and trust in God's delivering power to set them free. Then comes the daily walk of casting down imaginations and pulling down strongholds by **refuting thoughts that come with the Word of God**

Possession versus Oppression

- ▶ In demonic oppression, the demon does not directly attack the person but influences his behavior and the person's entire life. The person under demonic oppression might exhibit abnormal or changes in personality, attitude, and manners. Even with demonic influence, the person retains control over his physical body and mind.
- ▶ On the other side, demonic possession is the state where the demon gains full command of a person's body. The demon takes away the person's ability to use his physical body, will, consciousness, and freedom. The body adopts the personality, voice, and actions of the demon. By using the person's body, the demon communicates to other people by using a different voice and ways like shouting profanity and taunts.
- ▶ Both demonic oppression and possession need a certain degree of latitude or "acceptance" into the human person's body. For many religions and religious people, disobedience, committing sins, having temptations, participating in an occult religion, and a lack of faith are major reasons why demon oppression and possession happen.

Possession (Mark 5:2-13; Acts 19:1-16)

▶ Signs of Demonic Possession

- ▶ Supernatural strength (Mark 5:4), Acts 19:6
- ▶ Self destructive behavior
- ▶ Personality split
- ▶ Multiple voices

▶ How Do People Become Possessed

- ▶ Family practice and power handed down by inheritance or transference
- ▶ Contact with the Occult
- ▶ Open and blasphemous sin

Who Can Administer Deliverance?

- ▶ We are all called to do so as believers (**Mark 16:15-18; Luke 9:1-6**)
- ▶ Those who are called in Ministry and in the Ministry Gifts (**Acts 5:14-16**)
- ▶ Those who are spiritually mature and Elders (**James 5:14,15**)
- ▶ You can deliver yourself at some level (**James 5:13,16**) – through praise and worship, prayer, and repentance
- ▶ Does a person has to be “spiritually cleaned” in order to minister to another?

Keys to Effective Deliverance Ministry

- ▶ Know Your Authority given to you by Jesus Christ
 - ▶ Matthew 28:18, "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth."
 - ▶ Luke 9:1, "Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils..."
 - ▶ Matthew 10:8, "Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give."
 - ▶ Mark 16:17-18 tells us that healing can come through the laying on of hands: "And these signs shall follow them that believe... they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."
 - ▶ The laying on of hands can encourage the transferring of power from us into the person and heal them

Authority

- ▶ Your authority is grounded in your faith in the one who gave you authority (Acts 19:13-20)
 - ▶ At that time, there were Jewish exorcists who practiced their “trade” with a lot of superstition and ceremony. Here, a group of **itinerant Jewish exorcists** try to imitate Paul’s “formula” for success. (Guzik’s Commentary)
 - ▶ Some people try to act in authority with no personal relationship with Jesus Christ
 - ▶ Because the **seven sons of Sceva** had no real relationship with Jesus, they had no spiritual power against the **evil spirit**. They left the encounter **naked and wounded**. It was dangerous for them to take the reality of spiritual warfare lightly.

Authority

- ▶ Your authority is strengthened by a spiritually disciplined life – **Matthew 17:21**
 - ▶ God looks for steadfast warriors who are willing to discipline themselves, sacrifice and fight until the battle is won.
 - ▶ Ensure that you have adequate amounts of prayer, meditation, praise and worship in your life

You Are Called: Now Go Forth

- ▶ We are all called of God to minister to the oppressed, heal the sick, and deliver those who are in bondage and snared by the traps of the enemy
- ▶ People need deliverance more than ever, yet many churches are abandoning the practice and the ministry altogether
- ▶ Go forth as Jesus commissioned you to do the works that he did and even greater works shall you do is promised in the scriptures