

Deliverance

DEFINITION OF DELIVERANCE

Deliverance is the elimination of evil or demonic forces of Satan which impress, depress, oppress, or seemingly possess people, thus allowing them to be free to live under the influence of the Holy Spirit and enjoy the benefits of Christ and the Kingdom of God.

MAN HAS A SPIRIT

The Hebrew word for spirit is RAUCH. The Greek word for Spirit is: PNEUMA.

The primary meaning of both words is INVISIBLE FORCE. Just like God or even demon spirits, the spirit of man is invisible in the natural realm. The Spirit and Soul make up the inner man and are immortal.

REALIZATION OF THE SPIRIT REALM

It is necessary to realize the existence of that which we cannot see. In theology, this is referred to as the UNSEEN REALITY... the realm of "Spirit Beings". In John 4:24 we are told that "*God is Spirit*". The words "spirit" or "spirits" are found more than 500 times in Scripture. "Angel" or "angels" (spirit beings) appear in Scripture almost 300 times and "God", who is a spirit being, is mentioned 20,000 times.

SATAN HAS INFLUENTIAL POWER IN THE SPIRIT REALM

Lucifer/Satan/Beelzebub/the Devil are but a few names for the prince of demons who rebels against God's love and laws. Lucifer is a fallen angel that led a rebellion of one third of the angels in heaven. He remains the source of inspiration for evil in our known world. His realm is divided into organized principalities and powers in the heavenly realm. His subjects are fallen angels, fallen men, and demons. The Greek word for "devil" as used in connection with Satan is "diabolos" meaning adversary, false accuser and slanderer. The 76 Biblical references where demons are mentioned, are derived from "diamonion" and "diamon" meaning "evil spirits". There is only one prince of devils but many demons. Satan is an angelic being and cannot bodily enter into anyone, but his messengers, "demons" are "disembodied spirits" who cannot operate in this material world except through the influence, use and occupation of the bodies of men or beasts.

THERE IS A CONFLICT GOING ON IN THE SPIRIT REALM

Satan's purpose is to slander and destroy mankind and the plan of God is to give us abundant life.

The thief comes only to steal, and kill and destroy... John 10:10 HCSB

The war first begins in the spirit realm. Our spirits are influenced by the principalities and powers in heavenly places; both good (The Holy Spirit) and evil (demonic spirits). This unseen war that Satan bitterly wages on those who are unsuspecting, unbelieving or those who are even well aware, influences our thoughts, then consequently, our actions in the physical world.

For WE WRESTLE NOT AGAINST FLESH AND BLOOD, but against principalities, against powers, against rulers of darkness in high places. Ephesians 6:12 AKJV

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds.

2 Corinthians 10: 3-4 NKJV

There exists an inner conflict between man's spirit and flesh which adds to the war of good against evil.

For the flesh desires what is against the spirit, the spirit desires what is against the flesh.

Galatians 5:17 HCSB

Deliverance from the influence of the evil spirit realm comes only through BLOOD SACRIFICE as illustrated by the Biblical stories about Abel, Abraham, Moses, and Jesus.

DELIVERANCE LEVEL ONE: OBEDIENCE TO GOD'S WORD

God Delivers Man through man's obedience to His WORD; and knowledge of His Word. Just do it!

MAN IS MADE IN GOD'S IMAGE WITH THE ABILITY TO CHOOSE

God created man in His image and likeness to have dominion over the earth... to be fruitful, and multiply, to replenish the earth and subdue it.

Gen 1:26-31 HCSB

We ultimately choose sides by conscious effort or default: "no decision" is still a decision.

Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision.

Joel 3:14 HCSB

Choose this day life or death. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live

Deuteronomy 30:19

...choose for yourself today whom you will serve.

Joshua 24:15 NASB

If you abide in Me and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish

and it shall be done for you.

John 15:7 NASB

UNDERSTAND THE POWER OF MAN'S WILL

The Gerasene demoniac is the most powerful Biblical example of the power of man's will.

No one was strong enough to subdue him and yet ...seeing Jesus from

a distance, he ran up and bowed down before Him.

Mark 5:5:4 NASB

This man's will overcame a legion of demons (6000) even though he was seemingly totally possessed, he ran to Jesus and was delivered. On the other hand, the rich ruler said,

All these things (The Commandments of God) I have kept from my youth

Luke 18:21 NASB

He was asked by Jesus to go and sell all that he had and give to the poor, yet he did not. One demon influenced the rich man's choice to not give up his possessions for a position as one of Jesus' disciples. Yet, the Gerasene's "will" overcame 6000 demons opposing him when he ran to Jesus and was delivered. Man's will exists and we must choose who he will serve.

KNOWLEDGE OF GOD IS ETERNAL LIFE

... this is eternal life that you should know thee...

John 17:3 NIV

To know God is to actually experience ETERNAL LIFE; not just in word, but in deed.

Knowledge of God leads to deliverance and eternal life, not death. To know good and evil as Adam and Eve did, and choose evil, results in spiritual death.

Take my instruction & not silver and knowledge rather than choicest gold.

Prov. 8:10 NIV

listen to counsel and accept discipline.

Prov. 19:20 NIV

Most people live defeated lives because they do not know right from wrong.

My people are destroyed from lack of knowledge...

Hosea 4:6 NIV

MASTER HIS KNOWLEDGE AND TAKE PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

God Himself speaks to Cain and says:

Why is your face downcast? If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door, it desires to have you, but YOU must master it.

Genesis: 4:6-7 AMP

YOU, not God, not your pastor, not your family or friends, but YOU must master evil influence. It is up to YOU.

YOU will make your way prosperous and YOU will have success.

Joshua 1:8 NKJV

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Matt 6:10 KJV

Note "be done". You must take action.

But prove yourselves (YOU) doers of the word, not merely hearers.

James 1:22 NASB

Acknowledge that the purpose of Satan is to destroy God's plan of redemption.

He began by changing God's words in the Garden of Eden and continues to lie and deceive today.

Read Genesis 3:1-5

Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

1 Peter 5:8 HCSB

UNDERSTAND GOD'S WORD-THEN ACT UPON IT-YOU MUST MASTER IT.

DELIVERANCE LEVEL TWO: OBEDIENCE TO PERSONAL PRAYER

God Delivers Man through man's obedience to the Holy Spirit through life style and prayer.

REVEALED SECRET FOR PERSONAL DELIVERANCE

1. <i>God Tested Abraham</i>	Test of obedience (choice)	Genesis. 22:9 HCSB
2. <i>Here I am</i>	Abraham Listens	Genesis. 22:9 HCSB
3. <i>Take your son... sacrifice him</i>	God Speaks of sacrifice	Genesis. 22:9 HCSB
4. <i>We will worship... and come back</i>	Abraham Acts in Faith	Genesis. 22:9 HCSB

STEPS TO RECEIVE GOD'S DELIVERANCE BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. *Then they came to the place of which God had told them.* Genesis. 22:9 HCSB
There is a place and time for deliverance. Do as God directs:
2. *Abraham built the altar there (upon a rock).* Genesis. 22:9 HCSB
Build your deliverance on to the Word of God (Rock).
3. *Arrange the wood* Genesis. 22:9 HCSB
Arrange surroundings and relationships to prevent falling again.
4. *And Abraham bound his son Isaac* Genesis. 22:9 HCSB
Spiritually bind the influence of Satan in prayer. Isaac represents the love of Abraham's flesh. God wants our love above all things.
5. *He laid him on the altar.* Genesis. 22:9 HCSB
Offer up the influence, sin which your flesh desires or exhibits.
6. *Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son,* Genesis. 22:10 HCSB
take action to eliminate your problem.
7. *But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said Abraham,*
Abraham, and he said, "here I am." And the angel said, "do not stretch out your hand against the lad and do nothing to him. For now I know that you fear God since you have not withheld your son, your only son from me.
Abraham looked up and saw a ram caught in the thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son.

Genesis 22:13 HCSB

When we obey God, the destructive desire and influence of Satan will be replaced by God with a spiritual desire as a substitute. When a problem seems as impossible to be separated from us as our own son or daughter, that is, what our flesh loves more than anything else, we must take the above steps to be delivered. When we listen and obediently act, the Holy Spirit will then move in our life and deliver us from evil. It is a necessity for God's children to understand God's plan with their MINDS, HEARTS, and SPIRITS. Surrender to His truth, and ACT UPON IT in faith.

You are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

John 8:32 NLT

WHY YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO OVERCOME

You do not seek God and have not listened, prayed, fasted, and acted in faith.

You are unwilling to sacrifice. *If you abide in My Word...*

John 8:32 NLT

You base your deliverance on human understanding and man's wisdom, not God's Spirit.

You do not change your environment: surroundings, relationships, habits.

You do not take authority by *binding and loosing*

Matthew 18:18 NIV

You do not take action. *Resist the devil and he will flee..*

James 4:7 KJV

You have not received a substitute by faith: *bread of life.. living water..* John 6:35 VOICE

You DO NOT BELIEVE. Jesus said, *Oh you of little faith.*

Matthew 6:30

You DO NOT BELIEVE God wants to deliver you. *What is impossible with man is possible with God.*

Matthew 19:26 NIV

UNDERSTAND THE POWER OF PRAYER OF FAITH AND ACT UPON HIS DIRECTION.

DELIVERANCE LEVEL THREE:

God's sovereign power delivers man through his obedience to God's designated authority: one who exercises spiritual authority over evil spirits and deliverance from their evil influence over others by the power of the Holy Spirit and God's Word.

God delivers individuals through the power of the blood of Jesus.

At the time of Moses, the firstborn son in Egypt, died except those in households where blood was applied on the sides and top of their door frames.

When I see the blood, I will Passover that household.

Exodus 12:13

Passover has been celebrated to this day to commemorate the deliverance of the Israelites. So it is with the blood of Jesus, when the blood of Christ is applied, we are delivered from Satan and demons that harass or influence us. This level of deliverance requires a minister as described next.

God's Deliverance Minister must:

Come under spiritual authority of God (Be a friend of God).

Exodus 33:1-23 NIV

Completely abide in God's Word and obey it.

John 15:7 BSB

Hear the voice of God and rely completely and obediently on His directions.

Jeremiah 33:3 HCSB

Operate in the gifts of the Holy Spirit:

1 Corinthians 12:7-11 KJV

Recognize the effects of Satan, his principalities, powers, and demons on man's environment, his body, soul and spirit. Deliverance from the Plagues in Egypt represent the evil spirits Egyptians worshiped that brought plagues upon them all (Satan's influence, oppression, depression, possession). God's ultimate purpose:

Let my people go so that they may worship me.

Exodus 8:20 HCSB

Those Who are Obedient to God's authority are given provisions and more.

The Hebrews passed through the Red Sea: a symbol of the blood and covenant of God.

They did not experience the plagues that oppress, depressed or possessed the victim's spirit.

God's power through the saints can be deliverance via prayer and spiritual warfare.

For He delivered us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son.

Colossians 1:13 AMP

The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons.

1 Timothy 4:1 AMP

The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.

Luke 10:17 HCSB

Finally brethren, BE STRONG IN THE LORD, and in the power of HIS might. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye might be able to stand against the WILES OF THE DEVIL.

Ephesians 6: 10-20 KJV

DELIVERANCE LEVEL FOUR: HEAVEN.

Our ultimate deliverance will finally be found in the joy and presence of our Heavenly Father in Heaven through faith in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. (View Quick Note on Salvation)

We are more than conquerors.

Romans 8:37 NASB1995

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Revelation 21:4 AKJV



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