

GOOD NEWS OF DELIVERANCE

People need deliverance from fear, worries about today and the future, emotional stress, frustration, pressure, financial difficulties, enemies, danger, sickness and suffering, feeling of hopelessness.

Is it possible to be delivered from all these troubles? Or do we have experience life-long suffering. Some religions teach that it is “fate” for some to suffer continually or that is “God’s Will”.

What does God’s Word teach us about deliverance?

Our Almighty God is our deliverer

In Psalm 144:2 King David says, “He is my loving God and my fortress, my stronghold and my **deliverer**, my shield, in whom I take refuge, who subdues peoples under me.”

Let us take a look at God’s Word of cases of deliverance

Deliverance from all harm

Genesis 48:16, Joseph realized that God sent angel to deliver him, “The Angel who has **delivered** me from all harm.”

Deliverance from those who oppress you or take advantage of you

1 Samuel 10:17, Samuel said to them, “This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ‘I brought Israel up out of Egypt, and I **delivered** you from the power of Egypt and all the kingdoms that oppressed you.’”

1 Samuel 17:37, David said, “The LORD who **delivered** me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.”

Deliverance from all trouble

2 Samuel 4:9, David answered, “As surely as the LORD lives, who has **delivered** me out of all trouble,

Deliverance from fears

Psalm 34:4, I sought the LORD, and he answered me;
he **delivered** me from all my fears.

Deliverance from distress

Psalms 107:6, Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble,
and he **delivered** them from their distress.

Psalms 108:6, Save us and help us with your right hand,
that those you love may be **delivered**.

Deliverance from pressure and stress in life today

2 Corinthians 1:8-10, "We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about the hardships we suffered in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired even of life.⁹ Indeed, in our hearts we felt the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. He has **delivered** us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us,¹¹ as you help us by your prayers."

Note the great suffering of the Apostle Paul

Hardships

Great Pressure beyond ability to endure

Despaired of life

Feel the sentence of death

Deadly peril

Note the reasons Paul gives for all this suffering...

"But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God"

Note what Paul says we must do in order to experience this wonderful deliverance

RELY ON GOD AND NOT ON OURSELVES

SET YOUR HOPE ON GOD, TRUST HIM FULLY

THE PRAYERS OF THE BELIEVERS

Deliverance from hell and everlasting suffering

Daniel 12:1, At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people--everyone whose name is found written in the book--will be **delivered**.² Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt.³ Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

Often Deliverance comes through a God-appointed man or woman

Acts 7:35, “Moses, He was sent to be their ruler and **deliverer** by God himself, through the angel who appeared to him in the bush. ³⁶ He led them out of Egypt and did wonders and miraculous signs in Egypt, at the Red Sea and for forty years in the desert.”

After some hesitation Moses submitted himself to God and was totally available to become the deliver of God’s people.

So now God is appealing to you and me to be available and be His Representative in this work of reconciliation and deliverance.

2 Corinthians 5:17, “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. **And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God we re making his appeal through us.** We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. ²¹ God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”