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LECTURE 5-CHRISTIANS AND DELIVERANCE

MEMORY VERSE: 2 Corinthians 1:8-9 *“For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life: But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raised the dead.”*

SCRIPTURE: 2 Corinthians 1:8-12, Psalm 34:19, Romans 7:14-24; Galatians 5:16-26, Luke 11:24-26, Luke 22:31-32,

INTRODUCTION:

A Christian is someone who God has forgiven, bought back from the slave market of sin, and set free from the domination by the kingdom of darkness through the precious blood of Jesus. With the gift of the Holy Spirit inside of him, the Bible concludes that he cannot sin (1 John 3:9)

Every Christian has an unseen enemy, satan, a real spirit being who is always on the prowl, seeking to cause destruction to all believers and to the work of Jesus Christ throughout the world. He aggressively searches for weakness in our faith and spiritual life, hoping to devour us with deception, temptation, or oppression. Subtly, he manipulates hindering circumstances and inspires evil thoughts or temptations to divert attention and blame for his actions upon others (Ephesians 6:12).

At some points, the Christian realizes that he has a force for evil in him in his daily experience so powerful that all his self-effort cannot deliver him from sin and he is left with no option than to surrender himself wholly to God for deliverance. All aspects of deliverance are available only through the person and work of Jesus Christ.

WHO IS A CHRISTIAN?

1. Ransomed (Set free from the imprisonments of satan and his demons), Healed, Restored, Forgiven - Col 2:13-14, Col 1:13
2. A new Creation - 2 Cor 5:17
3. Allows Christ to live His life through him by the Holy Spirit - Col 1:27; Rev 3:20
4. Full of Faith in God and faithfully doing his duty - Luke 17:6,10
5. Knows his Lord's will, prepares himself and does according to His will - Luke 12:47; John 4:34
6. Humble, patient and meek - Luke 18:13-17; 21:19
7. Worships God in Spirit and in truth - John 4:24
8. In a ministry of reconciliation - bringing others back to God so that they may be made new as well - 2 Corinthians 5:18-19
9. Loves and feeds the sheep of Christ - John 21:15
10. Orders his personal and family affairs in the fear of the Lord
11. Holds the keys to the Kingdom of heaven to bind or loose anything on earth with the corresponding effect in heaven - Matthew 16:19
12. Possesses power to command satan and all his demons to flee - Luke 10:17
13. Empowered to break, damage, destroy and command to be uprooted, all covenants, agreements, statements, promises and all links made with the kingdom of darkness
14. Empowered to cast down, cancel and reject everything the enemy is holding against him - 2 Corinthians 10:5

WHAT IS DELIVERANCE?

1. The process by which God delivers those who are oppressed or possessed by the enemies - Psalm 72:4

2. Pulling down the evil platform prepared for you by your ancestors
3. Dismantling internal and external strongholds militating against you - Jeremiah 17:18
4. Recovering all what the enemy has stolen - 1 Samuel 30:1-8
5. Complete release from the grip and powers of household wickedness
6. Destroying jinxes, enchantments, spells and incantations targeted against you
7. Uprooting, damaging and destroying all covenants, agreements, and links with the kingdom of darkness
8. Destroying all yokes, burdens, fears, oppressions, terrors, plantations and possessions of any kind done by the enemy
9. Purging of self to become a vessel of honour - 2 Timothy 2:19-21
10. The spiritual cleansing of an environment or territory - Psalm 91

THE THREE LEVELS OF DELIVERANCE - 2 Corinthians 1:8-9

1. At our rebirth our human spirit was delivered by regeneration (Titus 3:5), by the *“spirit of life in Christ Jesus”*; thus our spirit is now totally delivered (1 Cor 6:17, Col 1:27).
2. While we live our life on earth our soul is “being delivered” - it is being *“renewed”* (2 Cor 4:16, Rom 12:1-2).
3. We as Christians are yet to “be delivered” in body - in the twinkling of an eye we will exchange these corruptible bodies for incorruptible spirit bodies (1 Cor 15:52, Phil. 3:21)

SIGNS THAT A CHRISTIAN NEEDS DELIVERANCE

1. Taking sins lightly – 1 Samuel 2:12-17
2. Being under control of anger continually - Gen. 49:5-7; Prov. 16:32
3. Compromising with the world – James 4:4
4. Hollow religious philosophies – Colossians 2:8
5. Walking in known disobedience to the Word – Psalm 78:10
6. Unexplainable obstruction to your progress
7. Getting less than reasonable from your efforts in life
8. Dreaming retrogressive and polluting dreams – Numbers 35:33-34, 1 Corinthians 6:19
9. Objects moving in your body.
10. Encountering of chains of problems.
11. All kinds of sexual perversions and lusts. – Ephesians 5:3-17
12. Uncontrollable tongue, emotion/ restlessness. – James 3:8
13. Evil pattern in the family. – Genesis 49:1
14. Hearing and seeing strange beings.
15. Disfavor. – Isaiah 25:7
16. Unbearable poverty, barrenness and hardship – Psalm 34:9-10
17. Ancestral carry-over – Isaiah 52:1-6
18. Destructions and unexplainable deaths in your environment – Romans 1:16
19. Guilt and penalty of sin – Luke 18:9-14
20. Fear – Psalm 34:4
21. Resentment and Bitterness – Acts 7:54-60
22. Pervading Presence of The Power of Evil – Romans 7:18-25

HOW TO BE DELIVERED

1. Realize that you have problem of the demonic that needs the power of God to break.
2. Be genuinely born again. – John 3:3
3. Be prepared for a spiritual battle – Hebrews 4:12
4. Submit yourself totally to God for your deliverance – Ephesians 4:7-10
5. Fast/Pray to receive strength to disarm the spirit in control of your life – Esther 4:16
6. Mortify the deeds of the flesh – Colossians 3:5-7
7. Break every curse upon your destiny – Galatians 3:13, Romans 8:12
8. Allow the Holy Spirit to change you in order to bear fruit and reign over circumstances in this life. – Luke 6:43-45
9. Profess your belief in Jesus as the Son of God and in the power of the Holy Spirit – Romans 10:9
10. Command the contrary spirits to loose their hold on you – Colossians 1:13, Revelations 12:11
11. Order sickness, diseases and bad luck out of your life – James 4:7
12. Pull down every stronghold – 2 Corinthians 10:4
13. Cast off all evil and negative imaginations troubling your mind – Matthew 11:12
14. Prophecy breakthroughs into your life – 2 Corinthians 8:9
15. Command Happiness and joy to be restored to your life – Deuteronomy 33:29-30, Isaiah 12:2-3

SOME BIBLICAL EXAMPLES OF THOSE WHO BENEFITED FROM GOD'S DELIVERANCE

1. Abraham – Genesis 16:3

2. Moses – Exodus 2:11-15
3. Jacob – Genesis 32:22-32
4. David – 1 Corinthians 21:1
5. Peter - Luke 22:31-34

BENEFITS OF DELIVERANCE – (Often, lives of people change dramatically after deliverance)

1. Provides the foundation for solving a believer's problems
2. Dismantles every barrier and hindrances to your progress
3. Every stronghold is pulled down
4. Many people blessed and their destinies transformed
5. Power of your enemies utterly broken to the extent you will have rest from past fears and anxieties for the future (Matthew 11:28-30, John 14:27)
6. Demonic oppression will cease and bondages broken – Psalm 34:4, Prov. 1:33
7. Guilt and penalty of sin will be removed – Luke 18:9-14, Acts 13:38-39
8. Elimination of the power of evil – Romans 7:18-25, Romans 6:14
9. Expulsion of evil spirits from a place, person or thing to set free those who are in bondage
10. Deep hidden things from the past harbored in the soul are healed.

KEYS TO MAINTAINING YOUR DELIVERANCE

It is the will of God for you to be delivered from satanic bondage. The steps below will really help if followed strictly

1. Remain connected - 1 Peter 5:8, Eph. 2:20, Heb. 10:24-25
2. Separate yourself from the accursed thing - Josh. 6:18, 2 Kings 7, Judg. 3:1
3. Study the Word of God, and Pray - 2 Timothy 2:15, 2 Tim. 2:16-18, 2 Timothy 2:16,
4. Break old ties and soul ties – 2 Corinthians 5:17, Romans 12:2, Heb. 12:1
5. Guard your thought life - Prov. 23:7

CONCLUSION

Regardless of whether you realize it, satan has targeted believers as a victim but he has no rightful authority over them. You, as a believer, has authority over satan through Christ. It is therefore your responsibility to put a stop to satanic harassment of your life.

Although deliverance may not be the answer to all human problems, it certainly provides the foundation for you as a Christian to fulfil your destiny as the salt of the earth and as the light of the world such that your sweetness and light will deliver the captives.

PRAYERS

1. Evil fire assigned to quench the fire of God in my spirit, be extinguished in the name of Jesus
2. I command all foundational strongmen attached to my life to be paralyzed in the name of Jesus
3. Any power that does not want to see me alive, arise and go to where you want me to go in the