

Christ-Our Deliverer



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"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because He hath anointed me . . . to preach DELIVERANCE." Luke 4:18. "Our God . . . is able to deliver us . . . and He will deliver us." Daniel 3:17.

GOD CAME TO DELIVER

As soon as man had fallen, God came down to deliver him. He promised a Deliverer in Genesis 3:15, "The seed of the woman shall bruise the serpent's head."

In the days of Noah when wickedness was rampant and demanding judgment, God planned a way of deliverance. God gave Noah the plans of making the Ark of Deliverance. Then God held back the judgment 120 years so Noah could preach the way of Deliverance from the judgment that was coming.

In the days when the sin of Sodom and Gomorrah became so terrible and so corrupt that God could no longer look upon it, He sent Angels to DELIVER Lot and those with him. The Angels told Lot they could do nothing until they had DELIVERED him and those with him.

Then God came down to deliver Israel. He said, "I am come down to DELIVER them." Oh! What DELIVERANCE God wrought. With an out-stretched arm and signs, wonders and miracles, He DELIVERED them.

He delivered them from the Red Sea, making a dry highway for them to pass through. He delivered them from hunger by sending manna from Heaven. He delivered them from thirst by causing streams of water to flow from Horeb's flinty rock. He delivered them from sickness by a look of faith at a shadow of the cross when Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness.

The Son of God came down to deliver Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego from the fiery furnace. They said in the face of the fiery furnace and the threat of Nebuchadnezzar, "Our God is able to deliver us and He will deliver us". And He did! Jesus walked with them in the fire and delivered them and brought them forth without even the smell of smoke.

Our God sent His Angel into the lion's den and delivered Daniel. The King cried, "My God hath sent His Angel and hath shut the lions' mouths that they have not hurt me"!

Then the King wrote a decree, "That in every dominion of my kingdom men

tremble and fear before the God of Daniel: for He is the living God . . . 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." Daniel 6:25-27. What deliverance God wrought!

JESUS CAME TO DELIVER

The Angel said unto Joseph in a dream, "Thou shalt call His name Jesus for He shall save (DELIVER) His people from their sins". Matthew 1:21.

The night Jesus was born in Bethlehem's manger, the Angel of the Lord brought that glorious message to the Shepherds, "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people, for unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, 'DELIVERER,' which is Christ the Lord".

Then as Jesus entered His earthly ministry, He read Isaiah 61 in the synagogue of Nazareth, Luke 4:18, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because He hath anointed me . . . to preach DELIVERANCE"!

What deliverance Jesus wrought. His ministry was deliverance from the beginning to the end. He went forth to deliver the people from their sins, from sicknesses and diseases of every kind, of blindness, deafness, leprosy, insanity, demon possession and even death.

Then He went to the cross and sealed with His life's blood the deliverance He came to bring for all mankind and for

whosoever believeth. He arose triumphant with deliverance over death, hell and the grave. Then He ascended into the Heavens and sat down on the right hand of God and as recorded in Hebrews 7:25, "Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them".

This word "save" in the Greek means to save, to heal, to make whole, to preserve and to protect. Hallelujah! What a deliverance Jesus is praying for all those to have, who come to God through Him.

THE HOLY SPIRIT CAME TO DELIVER

Then Jesus sent the Holy Spirit with gifts of deliverance, healings and miracles, faith and all the rest to help us to receive the deliverance Jesus came to bring, died to secure and is interceding now for us to receive!

And it is deliverance all the way from Calvary to Heaven. And as the Psalmist wrote, "Many are the afflictions of the righteous but the Lord delivereth them out of them all".

OUR LAST DELIVERANCE

What a Deliverance we shall soon receive at the coming of Jesus. Deliverance from death and the grave. "This corruptible must put on incorruption and this mortal must put on immortality" . . . "then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death where is thy sting? O grave where is thy victory? . . . thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Cor. 15:51-57. That will be our eternal deliverance Jesus has given to us.

Until then we shall continue to enjoy the deliverance Jesus has given to us.

"I am the Lord that healeth thee"

Is still the same to-day,

"Thine health shall spring forth speedily"

It has not passed away.

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