

The Promise of God's Deliverance – Part 1

Escape Through Dramatic Miracle

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- Tonight – Opportunity to give a Bible study
- Plan – to begin a new series – God's Deliverance – 5 Parts
- Title – The Promise of God's Deliverance – Part 1
- History of these presentations
 - The first time – sermon on 7/25/98
 - In 2009 – I gave a 5-part Bible study series
 - Between 2000 & 2017 – I presented the subject to 30 congregations
 - In 2020 – I gave a 5-part sermon series
- Comment – While the 5 main points are the same, I have changed some of the scriptures on the handout – and the extemporaneous comments are certainly different

1 Cor. 10:13

God is faithful

- Not tempted above what you are able
- Will make a way of escape
- That you may be able to bear it

Part 1 – Escape Through Dramatic Miracle

Part 2 – Escape Through Death

Part 3 – Escape Through Hiding

Part 4 – Escape Through Leaving

Part 5 – Escape Through Coping

- What are some of life's situations from which people ask for deliverance?
- For the purpose of this Bible study – I will focus upon two broad areas
 - Oppressive Leadership – (sometimes abuse – certainly injustice)
 - Health Challenges – and Healing

- First – Let's discuss the concept of oppressive leadership – (injustice)
- Scriptures facing reality – recognizing times when God delayed deliverance from an oppressive government

Gen. 39:19-21

Potiphar wrongly imprisoned Joseph – the Lord was with him

Gen. 41:46

Joseph was 30 when he served Pharaoh – (meaning 13 years in prison)

Exod. 12:40-41

the children of Israel escaped slavery – 430 years

- Scriptures – recognizing quicker deliverance from oppressive government

Exod. 14:21-29	the Lord parted the Red Sea
Esther 3:5-6	Haman was filled with wrath toward Mordecai – and toward the Jews
8-13	Haman convinced King Ahasuerus to decree – the killing of the Jews
Esther 4:15-16	the Jews fasted
Dan. 3:16-26	Shadrach, Meshach & Abed-Nego – fiery furnace
Dan. 6:16-23	Daniel – lion’s den
Acts 5:17-19	12 apostles – angel opened the prison doors
Acts 12:7-11	Peter – angel – escape from prison – chains fell off & iron gate opened
Acts 16:23-26	Paul & Silas – beaten & prison – earthquake – doors opened & loosed
Luke 18:1-5	parable – widow asking for justice

- Now – Let’s discuss the concept of health challenges – (and healing)
- Scriptures – recognizing a time when God delayed deliverance from health challenges

2 Cor. 12:7-8	asked for deliverance
9	the Lord said – “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness”
10	Paul – “when I am weak, then I am strong”

- For your study – notice examples of resurrection back to physical life

1 Kings 17:17-23	God used Elijah to raise – the widow’s son
2 Kings 4:18-37	God used Elisha to raise – Shunamite’s son
2 Kings 13:20-21	when a man was buried in Elisha’s tomb & touched Elisha’s bones – the man was revived
Luke 7:14-15	Christ raised – widow’s son
Luke 8:41-42, 49-56	Christ raised – Jairus’ daughter
Matt. 27:52-53	at Christ’s death
Acts 9:36-43	God used Peter to raise – Tabitha (Dorcas)
Acts 20:9-12	God used Paul to raise – Eutychus

- Scriptures – recognizing quicker deliverance from health challenges

Exod. 32:11-14	the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob – listens to prayers
2 Kings 20:1-6	Hezekiah – 15 additional years
John 9:1-2	physical problems (like blindness) – are not always due to sin
3-4	an opportunity – to reveal the works of God
James 5:14	calls for elders in the congregation
15-16	prayers of faith