

“God’s Deliverance Through Dramatic Miracle”

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BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I began a five-part series about God’s deliverance. I love talking about this subject.

In 2009, I gave a similar series in consecutive Bible studies. In 2020, I gave a similar series in consecutive sermons. Although the five main concepts remained the same, those presentations used a variety of different verses from the Bible.

Foundational verse

This series is based upon 1 Corinthians 10:13—stressing how God is faithful.

- God will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able.
- God will make a way of escape.
- God will make you able to bear it.

Dramatic miracles

Part 1 of this series discusses “Escape Through Dramatic Miracle.”

For the purpose of this Bible study, I focused upon two specific areas—dealing with oppressive leadership (sometimes abuse, certainly injustice) and dealing with health challenges.

Delayed deliverance from oppression

It is important to notice that God sometimes delayed deliverance from an oppressive government. Notice two examples.

- Considering the age difference between the time when Potiphar wrongly imprisoned Joseph (Genesis 39:19-21) and the time when Pharaoh elevated Joseph to his assistant (Genesis 41:46), it appears that Joseph could have spent up to 13 years in prison.
- The sojourn of the children of Israel who lived in Egypt was 430 years.

Quicker deliverance from oppression

Notice some of the quicker deliverance from oppression.

- Exodus 14:21-29—Israel was delivered from Pharaoh.
- Esther 3:5-13—After Haman convinced King Ahasuerus to create a decree to eliminate the Jews among them, Queen Esther and the Jewish people turned to God for deliverance.
- Daniel 3:16-26—Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-Nego were delivered from the fiery furnace.
- Daniel 6:16-23—Daniel was delivered from the lion's den.
- Acts 5:17-19—The apostles were delivered from prison.
- Acts 12:7—Peter was delivered from prison.
- Acts 16:23-26—Paul and Silas were delivered from prison.

Delayed deliverance from health challenges

Although many preachers give an erroneous perspective about God's requirement or intention to always heal quickly, the Bible reveals that there are times when God sometimes says "not yet."

- 2 Corinthians 12:7-10—The Lord gave Paul a positive reason why his deliverance from a health situation would be delayed.

Quicker deliverance from health challenges

- 2 Kings 20:1-6—God added 15 years to the life of Hezekiah.
- Luke 4:40—The Son of God laid His hands on many and healed them.
- Luke 7:1-10—The Son of God healed the servant of a centurian.
- Luke 13:11-17—After the Son of God laid His hands on a woman with an infirmity for 18 years, she was made straight.
- Luke 14:1-5—The Son of God healed a man who had dropsy (swelling because of excess water in the body).
- Acts 5:12-15—Many wonders were done by the hands of the apostles—with people desiring the shadow of Peter passing on them.
- James 5:14-16—The fervent prayer of righteous people avails much.