

DELIVERANCE. 1 Sam. 17:37; 2 Kn. 20:6; Ps. 7:2; 17:13; 18:16.

In Praise Generation Christianity, deliverance refers to the activity of cleansing a person of demons and evil spirits, in order to address problems manifesting in their life as a result of the presence of satanic entity and the root cause of their authority to oppress the person. Scripture teaches that God's ultimate goal in history is to rescue people from the cause of sin, death, Satan and hell. The O.T. Depicts God as saving his chosen people from Egyptian slavery, from Babylonian captivity and from oppression at the hand of various Palestinian tribes. To Christians those deliverance foreshadow the coming of Jesus Christ as supreme deliverer. Other use of deliverer refers to God himself as personal deliverer of his people 2 Sam.22:2; Ps. 18:2; 40:17; 70:50; 144:2. The basic O.T. Is based on the Hebrew word of "next of kin", a close relative was responsible to aid and individual in distress and to redeem him or her from slavery. God sent deliverance when his people were in danger and forcefully in the Exodus from Egypt (Ex. 3:7-8). In the N.T. Jesus quotes a Messianic passage (Isa. 61:1-2) as describing his own mission. "to proclaim release or deliverance to the captives" (Luke 4:18) in Acts7:35 Moses is called a deliverer of Israel, in Rom. 11:26 the Apostle Paul paraphrased Isiah 59:20 saying a deliverer will come from Jerusalem, referring to Jesus Christ. Deliverance is a Supernatural transference of God's people from a place of oppression to a place of freedom; a rescue from bondage or danger. This oppression could be internal or external. If one has not sinned but still sense demonic influence around the soul and body the oppression is external. If one has sinned and senses or perceives demonic influences in his soul and body, the oppression is internal and should be dealt with by acknowledging, naming, confessing the sin (1 John 1:9) repent and be cleansed, from it. Then thank God for cleansing him or her from dead works to serve the living God (Heb.9:14). Fill your spirit with the power of God's scriptures (Eph.3:16-17; Colossians 1:11; John. 10:10; John 2:14; 1John 4:4; John7:37, 38 in that sequence.) External oppression; what to do when sick: Break the demonic influence of the sin then pray the healing scriptures Ps. 107:20; Isa.53:4-5; Jeremiah 3:6; Matt. 16:17; Rom 8:11; 1Pet. 2:24.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. Can a demon possess a Christian? Explain why and how?
2. What is the danger if not believing that the devil and demons exist?
3. What is the greatest danger to you personally, from the world, the flesh, the devil?
4. What can hinder you from making the difficult decision necessary for victory?
5. What happens if you don't realize the Christian life is a walk of faith.
6. Name the three other battle fronts in spiritual warfare. Explain them.
7. What is the Dimension of Salvation? How many dimensions are there?
8. What should the heart true loyalty be? How should it be done.
9. Can Christians still love the things of the world. Explain your answer.
10. What are we referring to when we say the flesh? What is the character of the flesh?
11. How does passion relate to our desires? And how does it affect us as Christians?
12. When we become a Christian, we are no longer after the flesh. How can we protect ourselves from the flesh?
13. What would u say to someone who said he or she didn't believe the devil exist?
14. What can happen to us if we don't realize the danger of the world and the flesh?
15. What is the sword of the spirit? How do we keep our sword sharp?
16. If Jesus was to visit you personally today what do you think he might tell you concerning your preparation for spiritual warfare (Eph. 6:10-12 and13-18)