

PRAYER IS A CHANNEL OF DELIVERANCE

By means of prayer, God is delivering us. We can see this in eight different ways:

1. WE ARE DELIVERED FROM TEMPTATION BY MEANS OF PRAYER.

Matthew 26:41 (KJV)

⁴¹ Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

1 Corinthians 10:13 (KJV)

¹³ There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

2. WE ARE DELIVERED FROM DISCOURAGEMENT BY PRAYER

Luke 18:1-8 (KJV)

*¹ And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint; ² Saying, *There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man: ³ And there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary. ⁴ And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man; ⁵ Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me. ⁶ And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith. ⁷ And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? ⁸ I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?**

3. WE ARE DELIVERED FROM ADVERSE CIRCUMSTANCES BY PRAYER

Acts 12:5-18 (KJV)

*⁵ Peter therefore was kept in prison: **but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.** ⁶ And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was **sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison.** ⁷ And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. **And his chains fell off from his hands.** ⁸ And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me. ⁹ And he went out, and followed him; and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel; but thought he saw a vision. ¹⁰ When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith the angel departed from him. ... ¹⁸ **Now as soon as it was day, there was no small stir among the soldiers, what was become of Peter.***

4. WE ARE DELIVERED FROM IGNORANCE OR LACK OF WISDOM BY PRAYER

Colossians 1:9 (KJV)

⁹ For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

James 1:5 (KJV)

⁵ If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

5. WE ARE DELIVERED FROM PHYSICAL SICKNESS AND DEATH BY MEANS OF PRAYER WHEN GOD SO CHOOSES

Acts 28:8-9 (KJV)

⁸ And it came to pass, that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and of a bloody flux: to whom Paul entered in, and prayed, and laid his hands on him, and healed him. ⁹ So when this was done, others also, which had diseases in the island, came, and were healed:

James 5:13-17 (KJV)

¹³ Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms. ¹⁴ Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: ¹⁵ And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. ¹⁶ Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. ¹⁷ Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months.

6. WE ARE DELIVERED FROM NEEDS BY MEANS OF PRAYER

James 4:6-7 (KJV)

⁶ ... God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. ⁷ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Submit yourselves unto God, pray to resist the devil that is fighting against your needs and he will flee from you.

7. WE ARE DELIVERED FROM UNBELIEVERS BY MEANS OF PRAYER

Romans 15:30-33 (KJV)

³⁰ Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me; ³¹ That I may be delivered from them that do not believe in Judaea; and that my service which I have for Jerusalem may be accepted of the saints; ³² That I may come unto you with joy by the will of God, and may with you be refreshed. ³³ Now the God of peace be with you all. Amen.

8. WE ARE DELIVERED FROM SATAN BY MEANS OF OUR PRAYER

Ephesians 6:10-18 (KJV)

¹⁰ Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹² For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. ¹³ Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; ¹⁵ And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; ¹⁶ Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. ¹⁷ And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

¹⁸ Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;