

Title: What if there is so much more III – liberty to the captives
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An appointed time: A turning point in the lives of the Hebrews after 430 years of bondage.

Exodus 2:23-25 (NKJ)

Now it happened in the process of time that the king of Egypt died. Then the children of Israel groaned because of the bondage, and they cried out; and their cry came up to God because of the bondage. So God heard their groaning, and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. And God looked upon the children of Israel, and God acknowledged them.

Moses speaking to Pharaoh

Exodus 5:1,2,9,22,23 (NKJ)

Moses and Aaron went in and told Pharaoh, "Thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'Let My people go, that they may hold a feast to Me in the wilderness.' " And Pharaoh said, "Who *is* the LORD, that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I do not know the LORD, nor will I let Israel go."

Let more work be laid on the men, that they may labour in it..."

So Moses returned to the LORD and said, "Lord, why have You brought trouble on this people? Why *is* it You have sent me? For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in Your name, he has done evil to this people; neither have You delivered Your people at all."

God confirming His plan of deliverance

Exodus 6:6 (NKJ)

Therefore say to the children of Israel: 'I *am* the LORD; I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, I will rescue you from their bondage, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments.

God's love and protection

Exodus 8:22 (NKJ)

And in that day I will set apart the land of Goshen, in which My people dwell, that no swarms *of flies* shall be there, in order that you may know that I *am* the LORD in the midst of the land.

Exodus 9:6 (NKJ)

So the LORD did this thing on the next day, and all the livestock of Egypt died; but of the livestock of the children of Israel, not one died.

- This action send out two messages: one to Pharaoh that God is in control and another to the Hebrews that God cares for them.

The Red Sea crossing

Also symbolises baptism. Baptism is part of our deliverance process.

Exodus 14:13&14 (AMP)

Moses told the people, Fear not; stand still (firm, confident, undismayed) and see the salvation of the Lord which He will work for you today. For the Egyptians you have seen today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace and remain at rest.

How do we get free? We need to determine why we are bound. We need to get to the root.

Isaiah 61:1 (NLT)

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is upon me, because the Lord has appointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to comfort the broken hearted and to announce that **captives** will be released and **prisoners** will be freed.

Prisoner – criminals whom a judge sentences to jail. People who have invited demonic oppression into their lives through a lifestyle of sin. It takes a court order from the Judge to release spiritual prisoners.

Captives – people who have been imprisoned through lies and deception

1. Prisoners – because of a lifestyle of sin

If we have invited demonic oppression into our lives through a lifestyle of sin, **we need to repent**. Once a prisoner has repented, the evil spirits no longer have authorization to oppress that person, because the roots of sin have been dealt with.

Matthew 18:21-25

Unforgiveness imprisons our souls and opens the door to evil spirits in us

Forgiveness inspires a decree from the King, which in turn gives us authority to command these evil spirits to release their prisoner.

We need to forgive others, but we also need to **forgive ourselves**...

2. Captives – believing the lies of the devil

We give the devil permission to punish us, because **we think his lies are true**. When we are tormented because of lies, we need a revelation of the truth of God.

2 Corinthians 10:4&5 (NKJ)

For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalt itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.

3. Negative covenants

How do we stay free?

Filling our house with God's presence and His word

Luke 11: 24-26 (NKJ)

When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he says "I will return to my house from which I came". And when he comes he finds it swept and put in order. Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first.

Walking in our authority

Luke 10:19 (NKJ)

Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.