

Psalm 59

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Sometimes the enemy walks right through the front door. David is at home after dodging a sword Saul hurled at him as he played the harp. Saul's troops are stationed outside his house waiting to follow orders to kill him (1 Sam.19:1-10). Michal, David's wife and Saul's daughter, discovers the plot and warns David. With her help, David climbs out the window narrowly escaping the troops as they enter the house (1 Sam.19:11-17).

Have you noticed how often David prays for deliverance? What a great example for us! Life is not easy and needs constant prayer.

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:17-19.

How often should we pray? What else should do?

Without hardships, would we pray continually? David practiced the truth of 1 Thessalonians, both the praying and praising, long before Paul ever penned the words. He demonstrates full confidence in his deliverance whether it was immediate or eventual.

Immediate Deliverance

The Hebrew word for deliverance is *natsal* (naw-tsal) and means to snatch away, rescue, save, and strip. David was snatched away from the impending danger of Saul's troops. It was immediate. The Psalm is a praise for his immediate deliverance and a prayer for permanent deliverance.

He longed be free from the threat of danger. Looking over his shoulder (verse 3) and living life on the defense had gotten old. He took his concerns to his Deliverer. David confirms his confidence in God's deliverance in verse 9, repeating it in verse 17.

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David is so sure his deliverance will come that he makes a commitment to watch for it. What a great word for those who live in the uncertainty of an egg-shell world, carefully watching each step taken and word spoken as not upset the situation. "O Strength, I will watch for you. [I know you will deliver me if not immediately, eventually.]

If you are currently in need of deliverance, pause and cry out this prayer to your Deliverer. Perhaps you have experienced God's delivery, pause and praise Him for His watchful care of your life.

Read Exodus 15:11.

Write the attributes of our Deliverer?

Eventual Deliverance

Perhaps for our greater good and God's glory an *eventual* rather than *immediate* deliverance is best. The truth of Jeremiah 29:11, is just as trustworthy when our circumstances are ideal as it is when our circumstances are less than ideal.

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

This is our hope: God's plans are always good! During times of eventual deliverance and when we are tempted to believe something other than the truth. This has be to our go-to script

Lies

God does not care about you
God has forgotten about you.
You will die waiting here. Take action.

Truth

God's plans are always good.
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Making this statement of truth part of our belief system will make our eventual deliverance bearable. God's Word is powerful. It does not return void and will accomplish what it sets out to accomplish (Is.55:11).

Deliver Me

When I hear the word or any variation of the word *deliver* my mind conjures stories of individuals in perilous situations. Not all deliverance is related to physical danger and life-threatening circumstances.

This concept was foreign to me until a few years ago when a friend had a request for deliverance from something that was keeping her from surrendering her life fully to Christ. She was not in physical danger but her weakness threatened her spiritual life. My friend was held captive by habitual sin. She did not ask for us to pray for the power to resist the sin. She wanted to be delivered, snatched away and completely removed from its grip.

When we are trapped in a mine of sin, we can boldly ask God to deliver us. We have the power to ask and He has the power to deliver. Contrary to a popular school of thought, asking for help is a sign of strength not weakness.

Read Hebrews 4:16.

What will we receive and find as we approach God with confidence?
