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Introduction to Deliverance

THERE IS NO CREATURE HIDDEN FROM HIS SIGHT,
BUT ALL THINGS ARE NAKED AND OPEN
TO THE EYES OF HIM
TO WHOM WE MUST GIVE ACCOUNT.
(Hebrews 4:13)

Changing your heart--this is the real aim of deliverance. The heart of man cannot be changed except in accordance with the word of God. The mind can be changed by man, but not what is truly deep inside the heart. The heart and how it changes is a major theme of the Bible. In this book we look at what the Scriptures say is required in order to have a new, clean, and pure heart. This is deliverance.

The heart of man cannot be truly known except through the Spirit of God. A man's heart is hidden from himself because it is covered by his desires and his thoughts. This is the nature of the earthly, flesh man..

He cannot know what is truly down inside until God reveals it.

(Heb 4:13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.)

1Co 4:5 Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one's praise will come from God.)

Ps 44:21 Would not God search this out? For He knows the secrets of the heart.

1Ki 8:39 “then hear in heaven Your dwelling place, and forgive, and act, and give to everyone according to all his ways, whose heart You know (for You alone know the hearts of all the sons of men.)

In deep deliverance, the hidden things of the heart are revealed by the Spirit of truth (the Holy Spirit). After this revelation, deliverance can occur.

...He (the Holy Spirit) who searches the hearts...Ro.8:27

However, the revelation of the heart's secrets does not come unless it is sought after with all diligence and faith. *(Pr.25:2 It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, But the glory of kings is to search out a matter.)* Otherwise, the heart remains hidden. Nonetheless, all those things hidden in darkness in the heart will come forth to (pg 2) judge you on the last day. When the physical body dies you will be what is in your spirit, not what is in your mind.

For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, nor hidden that will not be know.

Lu.12:2₅

What is a man's heart? It is what makes him do what he does. It is the center of his personality. It is something written within that causes him to react under pressure in a particular way. It is something he didn't see inside that caused him to do a foolish thing. It is what makes him unable to communicate in a given area. It is the things inside that cause him to seek after something, to laugh at something, to cry, to be annoyed at particular things, to be hurt, to get angry, to strike out, to be sullen, cruel, proud, jealous, fearful, hasty, hateful, etc. under varying circumstances.

The heart of the earthly man is unknown to himself. He thinks one thing while his heart does another. He thinks he loves someone, while his heart shows everyday that he hates them. He thinks he is serving others when in his heart he is really worshiping himself. He thinks he is telling the truth when he is actually lying. He thinks he is giving when he is really taking. He thinks his intent is to help, while in his heart his intent is to hurt. He thinks he is big when deep inside he feels small. He thinks he serves God, but he never does anything but what he really wants to do himself. He thinks he would never deny Christ, but, if he was tested, he would deny Christ, just as Peter did...

(M't.26:69-75 Now Peter sat outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came to him, saying, "You also were with Jesus of Galilee. But he denied it before them all, saying, "I do not know what you are saying." And when he had gone out to the gateway, another girl saw him and said to those who were there, "This fellow also was with Jesus of Nazareth." But again he denied with an oath, "I do not know the Man!"

Immediately a rooster crowed. And Peter remembered the word of Jesus who had said to him, “Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.” So he went out and wept bitterly.) This is guile. Guile comes from a heart that is covered. The man with guile cannot truly repent and thus will not come before the throne of God.

**Blessed is the man to whom
The LORD does not impute iniquity,
And in whose spirit there is no guile.**

Ps.32:2

**And in their mouth was found no guile,
For they are without fault (iniquity)
Before the throne of God.**

Re.14:5

Guile is hypocrisy. It is the same hypocrisy that Jesus revealed to the Pharisees.

**Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!
For you cleanse the outside of the cup and dish,
But inside they are full of extortion
And self-indulgence.**

M't.23:25

(pg. 3) When you are delivered (made free) by the truth, your heart is revealed. This is the beginning of cleansing the inside of the cup and dish. The things hidden in darkness are uncovered. The darkness is dispelled in the light of the truth. As the covers of the mind are stripped, your heart is exposed and you become naked and without guile. You are no longer condemned by your heart.

(1Jo.3:19-20 - And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him. 20 For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things. Jo.3:19; “And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. M’t.23:33 “Serpents, brood of vipers! How can you escape the condemnation of hell?).

You can speak the truth in your heart (*Ps.15:2 He who walks uprightly, And works righteousness, And speaks the truth in his heart;*) and walk in the truth continually. The Spirit of truth is born within you. (*Jo.3:5,6 Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.*)

**For everyone practicing evil hates the light
And does not come to the light,
Lest his deeds should be exposed.**

**But he who does the truth comes to the light,
That his deeds may be clearly seen,
That they have been done in God.**

Jo.3:20,21

When you "come to the light" on the inside, you are delivered from the "powers of darkness" (*Eph.6:12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.*), and then the outside (mind and body) will become clean automatically.

Who needs deliverance? Anyone in the lineage of Adam has inherited the iniquity (ungodly desire) of his father (*Ex.20:5,6:5 you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.*),

Without deliverance by Truth this person is in bondage, unreality, deception, negativity, foolishness, sickness, and evil, and he doesn't even know it. The iniquity in his heart is like a computer program writing his life story. His iniquity brings unseen spirits into his life. He comes to believe that these desires and spirits are his own identity and that they are inseparable from what he is. His entire personality is formed by their influence. He is unable to know godly love, righteousness, peace or joy. He has worldly, sensual, and demonic counterparts for these things, but their satisfaction is illusory and he has to pay a price for them. In this condition he cannot know, see, or understand the truth. But with

deliverance his eyes can be opened and his heart can be changed.

In deliverance we are released from the spirits and desires that twist our heart and deceive our mind. What is a “spirit”? Anger is a spirit. Irritation and self-pity are spirits. Hatred, jealousy, illness, worry, deception, conceit, confusion, smugness, sadness, accusation, addiction, pride, cruelty, legalism, homosexuality, religiosity, complaining, lying, are all names of spirits. Every word in the dictionary that describes any kind of evil, wicked intent, or sin against God is the name of a demon or evil spirit. (Pg.4)

The words that I speak to you are spirit

Jo.6:63₁₅

And for every ungodly spirit, there is a corresponding ungodly desire (iniquity). If the desire was not there the spirit could not come.

If at any time in your life you have ever expressed any such spirit or desire, then you still have it hidden inside, unless you have been delivered of it. If there is any stress, pressure, trial, test, or circumstance that could ever bring out one of these spirits or iniquities in you, then you have it inside and your heart is not pure.

The purpose of deliverance is that a man might rid himself totally of all such evil and unclean spirits and desires. These things hold a man in bondage and prevent him from becoming one with the Spirit of Christ (*Jo.17:21; "that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. Ro.8:1,10 There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. 10 And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.*). And unless a man becomes one in Christ, he cannot know the Father or come into His presence.

**I am the way,
The truth,
And the life.**

No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Jo.14:6

The kingdom of God is entered by cleansing and purification (deliverance) here on earth. The kingdom of God is not a place, it is a condition of the heart. This is why Jesus said, “The kingdom of God is in your midst (center=heart).” Thus your heart must be changed before you enter the kingdom of God.

Salvation is only the beginning of the way to the Father. Many people think that if they have salvation they have basically everything God has to offer. Thus they believe that when their physical body dies they will automatically become pure and perfect in their spirit. However, this is not what the Scriptures say:

In the place where the tree falls, There it shall lie. Ec.11:3

This means that at physical death every impure desire (iniquity) you have in your heart will go with you. If on earth you have in your heart greed, cowardice, depression, loneliness, annoyance, anguish, violence, hate, etc., these things will still be in you as you enter everlasting life.(Pg.5)

**He who is unjust, let him be unjust still;
He who is filthy, let him be filthy still;
He who is righteous, let him be righteous still;
He who is holy, let him be holy still.**

Re.22:11

(see 2Ti.2:20 for four types in a great house) But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour.)

Jesus showed us the way to deliverance. In His walk upon the earth He cast out “foul”, “unclean”, and “evil” spirits. If we follow Jesus’ example, we may be cleansed of the spirits that hold us in bondage. Jesus showed us the way to be cleansed of our iniquities through the baptism of fire (*M’t.3:11 “I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”*)

Scripture show in many places that we must be cleansed of both spirits and iniquities to come into the Father’s presence.

Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD?

Or who may stand in His holy place?

He who has clean hands (without evil spirits)

And a pure heart (without iniquity)

Ps.24:3,4

THE PRACTICE OF THIS BOOK

The basic instructions for deliverance are given in chapter two. But before any deliverance is attempted, you should first read and understand chapters two through eleven. The later chapters are to increase your understanding of the basic instructions given in chapter two. These later chapters should be read and re-read as you progress and obtain witness in your deliverance. Then in chapter twelve, “Becoming the New Man”, you may begin a new stage in your deliverance.

You are ready to begin “putting on the new man” as described in chapter twelve after you have identified and been delivered of the greater portion of the iniquities and spirits found within. Whereas in the beginning phase of your deliverance you are occupied mainly with identifying and casting out spirits, in this later phase your chief concern is confessing the nature of the “old man”, repentance, and declaring by the Word the new man. But let the Holy Spirit, and not your mind, lead you in all matters in the practice of this book.

But unless you believe in Jesus Christ do not attempt to follow anything in this book lest you end up worse than you were before *(M't.12:45 “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. So shall it also be with this wicked generation.”)(Pg.6)

Before beginning any deliverance by the word of God, you must first believe in Jesus Christ as the Son of God and verbally accept Him as your savior. You need verbally confess this belief to someone and then believe it in your heart according to *Romans 10:9,(9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.)*

Jesus Christ is our Deliverer. But Jesus Christ is the Living Word (*Jo.1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.*)

Therefore, it is the Living Word that delivers us. The Living Word is the word revealed by the Spirit of truth (*M't.11:25-27; At that time Jesus answered and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes "Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight "All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.*

Jo.15:26; “But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.

Heb.4:12 For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.)

Thus we are delivered by the Truth in the Word. (Jo.14:17,26; 15:26; 16:14; 17:17; Eph.4:21).

(Jo.14:17,26; 17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. 26, But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

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John 17:17 "Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

Eph. 4:21 if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus:)

This book will instruct you in how to apply the Living Word, that you may be delivered. It was prepared under the direction of the Holy Spirit and in accordance with the written word of God. It has been assembled from spoken prophecies, from revelations, dreams, visions, the voice of the Holy Spirit, and from the written word.

The Spirit was tested according to 1 John 4:1-3, quoted below, to make sure it was the “one from the Father” (*Jo.15:26*
“But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.”)

**Beloved, do not believe every spirit,
But test the spirits, whether they are of God;
Because many false prophets have gone out into the world.**

**By this you know the Spirit of God:
Every spirit* that confesses that Jesus Christ
Has come in the flesh is of God,
And every spirit that does not confess
That Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God.**

1 Jo. 4:1-3

(see also 1Co.12:3-11: Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit. 4 There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. 5 There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord.

6 And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. 7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: 8 for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, 10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.)

*Note that this verse does not say “every ‘mouth’ that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God.”

It is the same Spirit also that will give witness to you of the truth of what is contained in this book, if you truly seek Him.

**And it is the Spirit who bears witness,
Because the Spirit is truth.**

1Jo.5:6

This book is intended to be brief. There is no intent to offer scriptural proofs because the Spirit will bear witness to what has been written. In each area discussed more Scripture could be cited and more explanation given. But there is no end to the revealing of the Scriptures. In each area, just enough has been given to indicate the way to deliverance. Those who truly seek it with all their heart can find deliverance through this book. God will answer you if you put into practice the instructions given. Herein is the key to the Kingdom of God.

(pg 7) When we have the key, true spiritual growth begins. We continue growing in the word for eternity. The Kingdom of God, the Kingdom of Heaven, and life everlasting are a continuation of life as we know it now, but in greatly enhanced terms. As we continue to grow, God continues to roll back the doors of understanding. He rolls back more doors throughout the ages and the eons so that we can see more and more, and further and further, and greater and greater things. He doesn't give you everything in one day because you couldn't stand it.