

“DELIVERANCE!”

Mark Chapter 9:14-50

> OBSERVE FIVE SPECIAL DELEVERIES:

> DELIVERY #1 – DELIVERED FROM SATAN’S AUTHORITY (v14-29)

- **Three steps to victory: (1) COME to JESUS!**

(2) CRY out in PRAYER!

(3) CONQUER in POWER!

- **PRAYER and FASTING produces spiritual power to overcome the enemy (Satan and demons).**

F – Deny the FLESH!

A – All ATTENTION on God!

S – SPIRITUAL power!

T – TRUTH in God’s Word!

(Matthew 4:1-11 - Jesus prayed, fasted, quoted the Word of God; Paul in Acts 16:16-18)

> DELIVERY #2 – DELIVERED FROM DEATH! (v30-32)

- **RESURRECTION OF CHRIST** - A central doctrine of Christianity that affirms that God raised Jesus from the dead on the third day. Without the resurrection, the apostle Paul declared, Christian preaching and belief are meaningless (1 Cor 15:14). The resurrection is the point at which God's intention for Jesus becomes clear (Rom 1:4) and believers are assured that Jesus is the Christ. So significant is the resurrection of Jesus that without it there would be no church or Christianity, and we would still be in our sins (1 Cor 15:17). (**1 Corinthians 15:20-50**)

> DELIVERY #3 – DELIVERED FROM PRIDE! (v33-37)

- **HUMILITY** - A freedom from arrogance that grows out of the recognition that all we have and are comes from God. The Greek philosophers despised humility because it implied inadequacy, lack of dignity, and worthlessness to them. This is not the meaning of humility as defined by the Bible. Jesus is the supreme example of humility (Matt 11:29; Mark 10:45; John 13:4-17; Phil 2:5-8), and He is completely adequate and of infinite dignity and worth. Biblical humility is not a belittling of oneself (Matt 6:16-18; Rom 12:3), but an exalting or praising of others, especially God and Christ (John 3:30; Phil 2:3). A humble person, then, focuses more on God and others than on himself. Biblical humility is also a recognition that by ourselves we are inadequate, without dignity and worthless. Yet, because we are created in God's image and because believers are in Christ, we have infinite worth and dignity (1 Cor 4:6-7; 1 Peter 1:18-19). True humility does not produce pride but gratitude. Since God is both our Creator and Redeemer, our existence and righteousness depend on Him (John 15:5; Acts 17:28; Eph 2:8-10).
(from Nelson's Bible Dictionary)

> DELIVERY #4 – DELIVERED FROM DIVISION! (v38-41)

- **What divides? Sinfulness and false doctrine - 2 Cor 6:14-7:1** - *Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people." Therefore "Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you." "I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the LORD Almighty." Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.*

- Galatians 1:6-10 - *I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed. For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ.*

> DELIVERY #5 – DELIVERED FROM HELL! (v42-50)

- NO EXCUSES! LIVE FOR CHRIST or THERE WILL BE HELL TO PAY! (Revelation 21:8)

- “HANDS” – Are for worship and service!

- “FEET” – Are to walk with God - Romans 10:14-15 - *How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!"*

- “EYES”- John 4:35-36 - *Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together.*

> John 3:16-17 - *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.*