

GOD MAKES A WAY OF ESCAPE

“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”; 1 Corinthians 10:13 (KJV)

“For no temptation – no trial regarded as enticing to sin no matter how it comes or where it leads – has overtaken you and laid hold on you that is not common to man – that is, no temptation or trial has come to you that is beyond human resistance and that is not adjusted and adapted and belonging to human experience, and such as man can bear. But God is faithful to His Word and to His compassionate nature, and He can be trusted not to let you be tempted and tried and assayed beyond your ability and strength of resistance and power to endure, but with the temptation He will always also provide the way out – the means of **escape** to a landing place – that you may be capable and strong and powerful patiently to bear up under it”; 1 Corinthians 10:13 (Amplified)

God delivers us IN AND THROUGH our trials, not FROM OR OUT OF, our trials.

All through Scripture, we see that our Heavenly Father makes a way of escape for His repentant, OBEDIENT PEOPLE, and delivers them from destruction; 2 Timothy 2:25-26; Luke 21:35. “Our soul is **escaped** as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers, the snare is broken, and we are **escaped**”; Psalm 124:7

1. The Ark provided an **escape** for Noah and his family during the flood; Genesis 7:7-8
 - a. Noah followed God’s instructions and built the Ark according to God’s specifications.
2. God answered Abraham’s prayer, and sent angels to help Lot **escape** from Sodom just prior to its destruction; Genesis 19:15-30
 - a. Abraham interceded in behalf of Lot (who was carnal), knowing that God would honor his prayer on the basis of covenant relationship; Genesis 18:17-33; Acts 16:31
3. Moses **escaped** death as an infant, and then grew to become a deliverer of God’s people; Exodus 1:22; 2:1-4
 - a. Moses’ parents trusted God to protect their infant son, and so they released him into God’s hands, where he was safely delivered to the Pharaoh’s daughter; Exodus 2:5-10
4. Israel **escaped** death and destruction during God’s judgments, when they prepared a lamb and applied its blood upon the entrance of their houses; Exodus 12:3-13, 22-23
 - a. During the plagues of Egypt, God’s people were kept and preserved as they obeyed the Lord’s commands; Exodus 8:22-23, 9:4-6, 26; 10:23; 11:7
5. God divided the Red Sea by the rod of Moses, causing Israel to **escape** from the Egyptian army which pursued them; Exodus 14:13-31
 - a. The angel of God and the pillar of the cloud came between the camp of Israel and the Egyptians, and delivered the Israelites. The Egyptians were destroyed in the sea.

6. Rahab the harlot and her household **escaped** destruction by hanging a scarlet cord from her window in the wall at Jericho; Joshua 2:3-21

a. The “scarlet cord of Redemption” is a token that points to the Blood of Jesus Christ; deliverance and salvation comes to those who trust in its power to save; Exodus 12:13

7. Ehud, a judge in Israel, killed the king of Moab, and then **escaped** from his enemies; Judges 3:26-30.

a. When Israel cried out to the Lord, Ehud was raised up as a deliverer of the people, and he led Israel to a great victory against the Moabites; Judges 3:15

8. David **escaped** many times from Saul, who wanted to kill him. Others also gathered themselves unto David, and he became their captain; 1 Samuel 19:9-10; 21:10; 22:1

a. God chose David and anointed him to be king of Israel, therefore, God Himself protected David so that he could come to the throne; 1 Samuel 16:1, 13

9. God miraculously protected Elijah and sustained him; he **escaped** from Ahab and Jezebel who wanted to kill him; 1 Kings 19:1-8

a. Elijah challenged Ahab’s 450 false prophets to a contest on Mount Carmel, and the God of heaven answered by fire. All the prophets of Baal were slain.

10. Esther, who became a queen, prayed for divine intervention for her people. As a result, Mordecai and the Jews **escaped** annihilation from Haman’s gallows; Esther 4:14

a. Esther and her people fasted and prayed to God; Haman was exposed, and was hung on the gallows that he built to destroy God’s people; Esther 7:9-10

11. The enemy tried to kill Jesus prematurely, but He **escaped** from the angry mobs; Luke 4:28-30; John 10:39

a. Jesus was God’s Passover Lamb, Who was to be offered upon a Cross for man’s Redemption at the Father’s appointed time; Matthew 26:2; John 3:14-15

12. Peter and the others **escaped** from prison when God sent His angel; Acts 5:17-25

a. It was God’s will for the Gospel message to be spread, and so the apostles, who escaped from prison, were found teaching in the temple; Acts 5:29; 12:5-11

13. Paul and his companions were on a sea voyage when the angel of the Lord stood beside him; they all **escaped** death on a sinking ship, during a storm; Acts 27:30-44

a. God preserved an entire shipload of passengers who witnessed Paul’s faith, and saw God’s miraculous protection for them; Acts 28:1-10

14. Paul **escaped** arrest through a window in a basket; 2 Corinthians 11:32-33

a. Paul had to complete his divine assignment. He later wrote: “I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith”; 2 Timothy 4:7

15. “Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted **worthy to escape** all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man”; Luke 21:36

PSALM 91 - A PROMISE OF DELIVERANCE (ESCAPE) FOR THE OVERCOMER

This is a hymn of Trust, revealing promises of security and deliverance (**escape** from destructive spiritual forces), for those who have placed their confidence in God. It is the great Psalm of Safety, **sung by the overcomer** during a time of trial and tribulation.

Verses 1-2 reveals the REQUIREMENT necessary for deliverance and safety from the Almighty:

1 – “He that DWELLETH (“sitteth”, Rev. 3:21) in the SECRET (“hidden; concealed; veiled”) PLACE of the Most High (El-Elyon) shall ABIDE (“rest; repose”) under the SHADOW (“overshadow as a shelter, refuge, protection”) of the Almighty.

The Overcomer abides in the SECRET PLACE:

- a. It is a spiritual state of being; a union with the Lord in intimacy and deep fellowship.
- b. It is a standing, a present condition, hidden from the carnal understanding of man.
- c. It is where His surpassing love has permeated all my thoughts, actions and desires.
- d. It is the place where His law, His mind, and His secrets are etched upon the heart.
- e. It is life within the veil; REST in The Most Holy Place.
- f. It is the realm where His very Presence, Being and glory are manifested.
- g. It is where my will, the “veil of flesh”, has been rent (torn) from top to bottom, and from the depth of my spirit, Jesus takes His seat upon the throne of my heart.
- h. It is from this dimension, of being seated together with Him in the heavenly place, that we can rule and reign together for the Father’s glory, according to His will.

2 – I will say of the Lord, He is my REFUGE (“to flee; trust; shelter”) and my FORTRESS (“stronghold”); my God; in him will I TRUST (“confide”).

Verses 3-15 reveals a time when God’s people are in the midst of tribulation, and the BLESSINGS secured because they abide in the Secret Place:

3 – Surely **he** (emphatic) shall **DELIVER** (“pluck out of the enemy’s hand; recover”) **thee from the SNARE** (“net”) of the FOWLER (“hunter”; one who traps and kills birds: satan) and from the NOISOME (“devouring”) PESTILENCE (“destruction”).

4 – **He shall COVER** (as a mother hen; Luke 13:34) **thee** with his FEATHERS (“strength of the wing; plumage”) and **UNDER HIS WINGS** (covering, Ark of the Covenant; Ruth 2:11-12) shall thou TRUST (“flee for refuge”); his TRUTH (John 17:17) shall be thy SHIELD (large size covers the whole body) and BUCKLER (“coat of mail”)

5 – Thou shalt not be AFRAID (“dread, terror”) for the TERROR (“fear”) by night; nor for the ARROW (“fiery darts, shafts”; Eph. 6:16) that FLIETH (swiftly) by day;

6 – nor for the PESTILENCE (“destruction”) that WALKETH (“stalketh”) in darkness; nor for the DESTRUCTION (“sickness”) that WASTETH (“devastates”) at noonday.

7 – A THOUSAND shall fall at thy side, and TEN THOUSAND (a large trial) at thy RIGHT HAND (symbol of power and authority); but it shall not come NIGH (near) thee.

8 – Only with thine eyes shalt thou BEHOLD (“look earnestly”) and see the REWARD (“retribution”) of the WICKED (“lawless”).

9 – Because THOU (emphatic) has made the Lord (Jehovah), which is my REFUGE (“to flee, trust, shelter”), even the MOST HIGH (El-Elyon, God of the Melchizedek order) THY HABITATION (“residence” in Him);

10 – there shall NO EVIL (“wickedness; injury”) befall thee, neither shall any PLAGUE (“a scourge”) come nigh thy DWELLING (“tent”, the body; Exodus 12:23).

11 – For he shall give his ANGELS CHARGE (“to dispatch a messenger; command to do”) over thee, to KEEP (“guard; preserve”) thee in all thy ways.

12 – They shall BEAR THEE UP (“prop, sustain, hold up”) IN (“on, with”) their hands, lest thou DASH (“strike, stumble”) thy foot against a STONE (a hard place; Luke 4:11).

13 – Thou shalt TREAD (“trample”) upon the LION (devourer) and ADDER (“asp, cobra”); the YOUNG LION (satan’s whelps are demons) and the DRAGON (Rev. 12) shalt thou TRAMPLE (“tread upon”) under FEET (Luke 10:19; Romans 16:20).

The overcomer prevails over these:

a. the lion - frightens through its “roaring”; predator that stalks its prey; open frontal attack; comes to kill, steal and destroy; 1 Peter 5:8

b. the adder - “to twist; snapping serpent, extrudes the tongue, hiss”; this creature causes a “sting”; injects venom (a poisonous substance) into its victim; Ps. 58:4; Job 20:16

c. the young lion - a “whelp”; symbolic of a demon; lurks in hidden places; seemingly “small attacks” that look innocent

d. the dragon - leviathan-like, reptilian creature; a massive version of the serpent; is associated with Egypt and Babylon; symbol of occultic power

14 – Because HE (Jesus and His brethren, the overcomer) hath SET HIS LOVE (clings to Me with deepest affection) upon me, therefore will I DELIVER (“cause to slip away; **escape wholly**; liberate”) him; I will SET HIM ON HIGH (“lift him beyond danger”), BECAUSE he hath KNOWN (“to see”) My NAME (“nature; character”) 2 Peter 1:1-4).

15 – He shall CALL (“cry out”) upon me, and I will ANSWER (“heed; pay attention to; respond”) him; I (emphatic) will be with him in TROUBLE (“tribulation”; Psalm 81:7); I will DELIVER (“cause to slip away; **escape wholly**; liberate”) him, and HONOR (“glorify”; Hebrews 2:9) him.

16 – With LONG LIFE (“length of days”) will I SATISFY (“to be filled”) him and SHOW (by revelation and experience) him my SALVATION (complete deliverance of man’s spirit, soul and body; 1 Thessalonians 5:23).”

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