3—Prayer That Delivers

1/26/24

INTRO:

I. → Psalms 71:1-6

1 In you, Yawheh, I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame.
2 In your righteousness, rescue me and deliver me;
turn your ear to me and save me.
3 Be my rock of refuge,
to which I can always go;
give the command to save me,
for you are my stone and my fortress.

→ 4 Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the grasp of the evil and cruel.
5 For you have been my hope, Lord Yahweh,
my confidence since my youth.
6 From birth I have relied on you;
from my mother's womb you have been my portion.
I will praise you forever.

II. Heb (*palat*) to slip out, escape, be delivered (19/27 in Psalms) Heb (*paliyt*) fugitive, survivor

BODY:

I. Delivered by Protection

2 In your righteousness, rescue me and **deliver** me; turn your ear to me and save me.

- A. There is no Deliverer for our children like the Lord our God.
 - 1) Genesis 48:15-16

"May the God before whom my fathers
Abraham and Isaac walked faithfully,
the God who has been my shepherd
all my life to this day,
the Angel who has **delivered** me from all harm

- may he bless these boys."
- 2) CASEY'S WATCH STORY
- B. He is the Rock of Refuge to whom we can always run.
 - 1) 2 Thessalonians 3:2-3

And **pray** that we may be **delivered** from wicked and evil people, for not everyone has faith. But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and **protect** you from evil.

2) NOT KNOWING HOW TO PRAY

II. Delivered by Purpose

3 Be my rock of refuge, to which I can always go;

- A. We need a new narrative that adds meaning and purpose.
 - 1) JOSEPH TO HIS BROTHERS
 - 2) Genesis 45:7-8

"But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great **deliverance**. So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God."

- 3) DR. HUBERMAN—THE POWER OF NARRATIVE
- B. Prayer helps us find the purpose for each and every day.
 - 1) 2 Timothy 3:10-11

You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my **purpose**, faith, patience, love, endurance, persecutions, sufferings—what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord **delivered** me from all of them.

2) TRUMP BELIEVING HE WAS SAVED FOR A PURPOSE

III. Delivered by Prayer

5 For you have been my **hope**, Lord Yahweh, my confidence since my youth.

A. We never know from where our deliverance will come.

1) **Psalms 32:6-7**

Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found; surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them.
You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.

- 2) MARCUS LUTTRELL—LONE SURVIVOR
 - a) Mohammad Gulab Khan rescuing him
 - b) Pashtunwali custom of Nanawatai (sanctuary)
 - c) Going back for a second tour
- B. As long as we can pray there is hope for deliverance.
 - 1) 2 Corinthians 1:10-11

He has **delivered** us from such a deadly peril, and he will **deliver** us again. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to **deliver** us, as you help us by your **prayers**.

2) PRAYING WITH THE EMPLOYEES AT WALMART

OTHER SCRIPTURES:

Psalms 91:14-16

14 "Because he loves me," says the Lord, "I will **rescue** (palat) him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.
15 He will call on me, and I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble,
I will deliver him and honor him.
16 With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."

Matthew 6:13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Philippians 1:18-19

Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, 19 for I know that through your **prayers** and God's **provision** of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my **deliverance**.

2 Timothy 4:18

The Lord will deliver me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.