

Ministering to Christians Seeking Spiritual Freedom and Deliverance



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Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

Greetings!

May went so quickly! Didn't I just send out the May newsletter? The weather has warmed up and the many outside summer activities have begun for my family. I hope that this summer will be a joyful time for you.

Praises:

I praise God for His provision. I shared in prayer concerns last month of the financial need, and many responded! Contributions are still lower than average, but what a blessing!

In the last few weeks, I've been blessed with the opportunity to meet with some new clients from various places in the United States. It has been a joy to lend a hand to these families.

Short Report:

This gentleman's view of himself was not very high. When speaking about himself, he would often put himself down. In fact, when pretending to do the superstitious act of "knocking on wood," he would hit his own head. In essence, he was cursing his own head to be wood! In ministry sessions, we prayed through the many hurts and pains of his life. The Holy Spirit brought healing to him, and he learned that he did not need to beat himself up. He also learned that he didn't need to be a doormat to people, especially women, anymore. We looked at Scriptures as well that emphasized his worth and value in Jesus Christ. For the first time, he felt free, and the anger that he had for life disappeared.

Something to Consider:

Psalm 51:10-12—¹⁰ *Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. ¹¹ Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. ¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.*

John 10:10—¹⁰ *The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.*

The newsletter for the month of May focused on joy, especially maintaining joy during times of difficult circumstances. For June, the focus will continue to be about joy. However, the emphasis will be on how the enemy of believers in Jesus Christ tries to steal our joy. Satan and his host want to steal from all people. Some may debate whether they steal from non-Christians. I believe they do, as the demonic realm will do all they can to prevent a person from surrendering to Jesus Christ and coming to saving faith. Certainly, the evil spirits appear to “bless” those who serve them. In the end, the people are robbed of the eternal joy of being in God’s presence. Demons *only* “steal, kill, and destroy.”

For Christians, who are blessed with the presence of God every moment with the Holy Spirit residing in their hearts, the enemy still does whatever he can to steal the joy of salvation. In looking at the passages noted above, three things stand out for me. First, in Psalm 51, David is praying to God in regard to his sinfulness. This psalm is his response to being called out by the prophet Nathan in regard to his sin of adultery with Bathsheba. David’s big time sin caused him to lose the joy of his salvation, and David longed to know he was forgiven and could again sense

the joy of the Lord. The evil spirits want to entice believers to sin. Then they can accuse, accuse, and accuse some more. The guilt and shame from the sin robs Christians from the joy of salvation.

Second, David's sin caused him to feel separated from God. He did not want God to take away His Spirit from him. Perhaps he was remembering how God's Spirit left King Saul, and instead an evil spirit tormented him. He was pleading that God not do that to him! King Saul sinned like David did, but never really repented. David's heart was different from King Saul's, but it probably helped him to know the consequences of not repenting. The Bible promises in Ephesians 1:13-14 that the Holy Spirit resides in the hearts of believers. The demonic spirits love to cause people to believe that the Holy Spirit has left, and in some cases accuse the person of committing the "unpardonable sin." Even with the Holy Spirit present, when a believer thinks that He is not there, it is very difficult to have joy!

Finally, as David is asking for the joy of salvation, he also prays for a "willing spirit, to sustain" him. Other words for sustain would be support, prop up, bring relief, nourish, and nurture. When the enemy comes to bring destruction, it is only by God's work in a Christian, sustaining the Christian that we can have joy. Whether a person faces difficult circumstances or is trying to overcome strongholds of sin, one needs to have a willing spirit and desire to be obedient. How necessary it is for us to pray for a continued willing spirit so that God can sustain us against the works of the enemy!

Prayer Concerns:

Events: *Life of Freedom Bible Studies*—The next monthly Bible study will be on Monday, June 10th at 6:30pm. We will study more of the topic of joy. All are invited to attend.

Last month, I asked for prayer support for new contributors. The financial status of *Life of Freedom Ministries* had been at the lowest point in five years. Contributions have helped very much, but we are still behind. Please continue to pray for new contributors and for me to be able to reach people who would like to support LFM. Also, I ask that if you are not a regular financial contributor, that you prayerfully consider donating.

Tragedies seem to be occurring often, and there are many hurting people. Please pray for those who are need of God's healing and comforting hand.

Final Thoughts:

Jesus said in John 10:10 that He came to bring life, a life that a believer can have to the fullest. Other translations use words like: rich, abundant, satisfying, and everything they need. Satan wants us to think that God does not do that! Satan and his helpers try to take advantage of sin in the world to rob us of whatever they can. My prayer is for Christians to be blessed with willing hearts to surrender to God and trust Him and His blessings, no matter what the enemy says. May God restore to you the joy of your salvation!

Serving the Lord Jesus Christ,

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