

“Deliverers – Traits and Characteristics”

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**Believers are deliverers. These should be our traits.**

**The contrast of two kingdoms:**

Ephesians 2:1-2 “As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and **of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient**” (Emphasis added.)

John 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.**” (Emphasis added.)

“Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which **Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage**” Galatians 5:1 NKJV (Emphasis added).

2 Corinthians 3:17 “Now the Lord is the Spirit, and **where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.**”

**God is a Deliverer for those in bondage.**

2 Samuel 22:1-3 “David sang to the Lord the words of this song when the Lord delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul. He said: **“The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation. He is my stronghold, my refuge and my savior — from violent men you save me.”**

- True deliverers acknowledge God as their source of strength.

Luke 4:17-19 “The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: ‘The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because **he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.**’” (Emphasis added.)

**Only God raises up Deliverers for those in bondage.**

Judges 3:9 “But when **they cried out to the Lord, he raised up for them a deliverer**, Othniel son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother, who saved them.” (Emphasis added.)

Acts 7:35-36 “This is the same Moses whom they had rejected with the words, **‘Who made you ruler and judge?’ He was sent to be their ruler and deliverer by God himself**, through the angel who appeared to him in the bush. He led them out of Egypt and **did wonders and miraculous signs** in Egypt, at the Red Sea and for forty years in the desert.”

**Look at the signs in Russia – Plague of Locusts destroying their crops**

**Deliverers – Traits and Characteristics**

**Deliverers know how to enter the presence of God.**

Genesis 35:2-3 “So Jacob said to his household and to all who were with him, **‘Get rid of the foreign gods you have with you, and purify yourselves and change your clothes.** Then come, let us go up

to Bethel, where I will build an altar to God, who answered me in the day of my distress and who has been with me wherever I have gone.” (Emphasis added.)

### **Deliverers know how to let God be in charge of His House.**

#### **Jacob**

Genesis 35:7 “There **he built an altar**, and he called the place **El Bethel**, because it was there that God revealed himself to him when he was fleeing from his brother.” (Emphasis added.)

### **Deliverers are often misunderstood and mistreated even by family.**

#### **Joseph**

Genesis 37:28 “So when the Midianite merchants came by, **his brothers pulled Joseph up out of the cistern and sold him for twenty shekels of silver** to the Ishmaelites, who took him to Egypt.” (Emphasis added.)

### **Deliverers know how to be free in spirit even when sold into slavery.**

Genesis 39:1 “Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt. Potiphar, an Egyptian who was one of Pharaoh's officials, the captain of the guard, **bought him from the Ishmaelites** who had taken him there.” (Emphasis added.)

### **Even the world can see God’s favor and prosperity on us.**

Genesis 39:2-4 “**The Lord was with Joseph and he prospered**, and he lived in the house of his Egyptian master. **When his master saw that the Lord was with him and that the Lord gave him success** in everything he did, Joseph found favor in his eyes and became his attendant. Potiphar put him in charge of his household, and he entrusted to his care everything he owned.” (Emphasis added.)

### **Joseph lost two cloaks in his life but saved his dream.**

#### **Losing your cloak - This is a tough concept that takes God’s grace.**

Genesis 39:12 “She caught him by his cloak and said, “Come to bed with me!” But he left his cloak in her hand and ran out of the house.”

- Focus on God’s future plans for you, not the cloak you once wore.
- The cloak of many colors was his childhood cloak –his earthly father’s cloak.
- Potiphar’s cloak was a cloak of God’s favor and prosperity.
- God wanted Joseph to wear a Mantle of Prophecy, Wisdom and Power to Rule.

### **God knows how to raise us from the pit to the palace.**

Genesis 41:41-43 “So Pharaoh said to Joseph, ‘**I hereby put you in charge of the whole land of Egypt.**’ Then Pharaoh took his **signet ring** from his finger and put it on Joseph's finger. He **dressed him in robes** of fine linen and put a gold chain around his neck. **He had him ride in a chariot as his second-in-command, and men shouted before him, ‘Make way!’** Thus he put him in charge of the whole land of Egypt.” (Emphasis added.)

### **Deliverers are full of forgiveness, recognizing God’s plan.**

- God sends deliverers ahead of others to save their lives.

Genesis 45:4-7 “Then Joseph said to his brothers, ‘**Come close to me.**’ When they had done so, he said, ‘I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, **because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you.** For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will not be plowing and reaping. **But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.**” (Emphasis added.)

**Deliverers become fathers to others because they know their Father's heart.**

- Joseph valued fathering over position = lordship or being ruler of all Egypt.

Genesis 45:8 "So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. **He made me father to Pharaoh**, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt." (Emphasis added.)

**Deliverers prepare a place for others.**

Genesis 45:10 "**You shall live in the region of Goshen and be near me** — you, your children and grandchildren, your flocks and herds, and all you have." (Emphasis added.)

**Deliverers see what God sees about the future, and they warn others.**

- Deliverers prepare and provide for themselves and others.

Genesis 45:11 "**I will provide for you there**, because **five years of famine are still to come**.

Otherwise you and your household and all who belong to you **will become destitute.**" (Emphasis added.)

**Deliverers know how to embrace true brothers in reconciliation.**

Genesis 45:14-15 "**Then he threw his arms around his brother Benjamin** and wept, and Benjamin embraced him, weeping. **And he kissed all his brothers and wept over them.** Afterward his brothers talked with him." (Emphasis added.)

**Deliverers find favor with God and men.**

Genesis 45:19-20 "You are also directed to tell them, 'Do this: Take some carts from Egypt for your children and your wives, and get your father and come. **Never mind about your belongings, because the best of all Egypt will be yours.**'" (Emphasis added.)

Luke 2:52 "And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man."

**Deliverers have the authority to establish peace and unity within God's family.**

Genesis 45:24 "Then he sent his brothers away, and as they were leaving he said to them, '**Don't quarrel on the way!**'" (Emphasis added.)

**Deliverers revive people's spirit and give them purpose again. All is not lost.**

Genesis 45:27-28 "But when they told him everything Joseph had said to them, and when he saw the carts Joseph had sent to carry him back, **the spirit of their father Jacob revived.** And Israel said, 'I'm convinced! My son Joseph is still alive. **I will go and see him before I die.**'" (Emphasis added.)

**Deliverers use godly wisdom to settle God's people and keep them separated from the world.**

Genesis 46:33-34 "When Pharaoh calls you in and asks, 'What is your occupation?' you should answer, 'Your servants have tended livestock from our boyhood on, just as our fathers did.' **Then you will be allowed to settle in the region of Goshen, for all shepherds are detestable to the Egyptians.**" (Emphasis added.)

**"The deliverer will come from Zion..." = Jesus**

Romans 11:26 "And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: '**The deliverer will come from Zion; he will turn godlessness away from Jacob.**'" (Emphasis added.)

- The church as the body of Christ is now the Deliverer in the world.
- God has a Mantle of His Power waiting for you.