

Lord, Deliver Us from Evil

Key Scripture:

“Deliver me, O LORD, from the evil man: preserve me from the violent man; which imagine mischiefs in their heart; continually are they gathered together for war. They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent; adders' poison is under their lips. Selah. Keep me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked; preserve me from the violent man; who have purposed to overthrow my goings. The proud have hid a snare for me, and cords; they have spread a net by the wayside; they have set gins for me. Selah. I said unto the LORD, Thou art my God: hear the voice of my supplications, O LORD. O GOD the Lord, the strength of my salvation, thou hast covered my head in the day of battle.” Psalm 140:1-7 (KJV)

Portion for the Journey:

In the Lord’s Prayer, Jesus taught His disciples to pray that God would “*deliver us from evil,*” or “*deliver us from the evil one.*” This is the seventh and last petition of the LORD’s Prayer and it brings us to the spiritual warfare form of prayer. This prayer is actually a prayer for God to deliver us from evil in all of its forms. We are not to fear the “evil one” but instead to fear the LORD. Deut. 31:12. We are never to be intimidated by our opponent but we need to be aware of the fact that we are engaged in a war and our enemy is powerful and evil. We need to have a realistic view of Satan’s power but put our faith in God’s greater strength and power to deliver. While Satan’s name means “adversary,” God and Satan are not equally matched opponents. Note Satan’s strategies and characteristics: Phil. 1:28; 2 Cor. 2:10,11; John 8:44; 1 John 4:4; 1 Pet. 5:8; 2 Cor. 4:4; Luke 8:12; 2 Cor. 11:13-15; Luke 22:31,32; Eph. 6:11,12

The key to spiritual warfare prayer is not in learning strategies or techniques, but to KNOW YOUR GOD! He is our deliverer!! Ps. 121:7, 8; Ps. 71:4; Ps. 97:10; Gal. 1:4; 2 Tim. 4:18; 2 Sam. 22:2, 49; Ps. 18:2, 48; Ps. 40:17; Ps. 144:2; Rom. 11:26; Job 5:19, Job 36:15; Ps. 49:17; Ps. 70:5; Ps. 34:7, 17, 19; Isa. 46:4; Jer. 1:8 (Ex. Of His Deliverance: Daniel: Dan. 6:22, 27; Lot: Gen. 19:16; David: 1 Sa 17:37; Acts 12:7

Psalm 140 is an example of such a prayer! I have always loved the image of God as our “deliverer” thundering to our rescue on a white horse, a mighty warrior with sword drawn, removing us far from the enemy’s reach! The Word does say that He rides the heavens to our help but His greatest act of deliverance for His people was not on a white horse, it was on a cross at Calvary. It is not always His main purpose to remove us from the battle but to equip us to stand in His strength and fight victoriously. The most important characteristic of His deliverance always entails drawing us closer to Himself! Deut. 33:26-27; Ps. 68:32-35; Rev. 6:2

Definitions:

- The Greek word for “deliver” that is used in The Lord’s Prayer in Matt. 6:13 is “*rhuomai*” (Strong’s #4506). This word means ‘*to deliver, rescue, set free, draw to oneself, drag or snatch from danger.*’ Zodhiates’ Complete Word Study Dictionary of the New Testament states that the

emphasis of this word is upon drawing to oneself more than merely rescuing from someone or something. Jesus is referred to as “The Deliverer.” (See Rom. 11:26, quoted from Isa. 59:29) This word is considered to be synonymous with the Greek word, “sozo” which is translated “salvation or preservation.”

- The Hebrew word for “deliver” used in Ps. 140:1, is “chaletz” (Strong’s #2502). It is a military term that means ‘to pull off or pull out, remove or deliver from danger, strip, equip for a fight, ready, prepare, make strong for war, strengthening, fortifying, brace up, invigorate, save.’ This word contains the notion of taking up arms for battle and preparing for a general state of military readiness. This definition contains many of the ways in which God delivers us from evil. While God is the One who delivers us from evil, He also trains our hands for battle and teaches us how to use the spiritual equipment and authority He has given us as His children. (See also Ps. 50:15, Ps. 119:143)
- There are two Greek words for “evil” used in the New Testament. “kakos is one who is evil in himself but does not necessarily propagate evil. The Greek word for “evil” that is used in Matt. 6:13, is “poneros” (Strong’s #4190). This is one who is not only intrinsically evil, but who seeks to propagate evil. The word means ‘evil in a moral or spiritual sense, wickedness, malicious, mischievous (hurtful), noxious (as in inclined to do us harm), pernicious (to kill or causing death), iniquity, destructive, corrupting morals.’ The word is derived from #4192 “ponos” which means ‘hurtful, i.e. evil (properly in effect or influence), an evil that causes labor, pain, sorrow, a malignant or deadly evil.’

This word is used with reference to:

(a) A general state of evil: Eph. 5:11,16; Eph. 6:13; Rev. 16:2; Matt. 12:35,39; Matt. 6:23; Mark 7:20-23; Luke 11:34-35; John 3:19; John 7:7; Gal. 1:4; Col. 1:21; 2 Tim. 4:17-18; Heb. 3:12; Heb. 10:22; Jas. 2:4; Jas. 4:16; 1 John 3:12; 2 John 1:11; 3 John 1:10; Matt. 9:4; Luke 3:19

(b) Of persons, in the moral or ethical sense, "evil," wicked: Luke 6:45; Acts 17:5; 2 Thess. 3:2; 2 Tim. 3:13; Matt. 13:49-50; 1 Cor. 5:13

(c) Evil spirits: Matt. 12:45; Luke 7:21; Acts 19:12, 13, 15, 16

(d) Satan, as the ‘evil’ one: Matt. 5:37; Matt. 6:13; Matt. 13:19, 38; Luke 11:4; John 17:15; Eph. 6:16; 2 Thess. 3:3; 1 John 2:13, 14; 1 John 3:12; 1 John 5:18, 19; Luke 6:45; Rom. 12:9; Acts 28:21. In the Lord’s prayer, there is much consensus that the word is used with reference to “the evil one.”

We are responsible not to place ourselves in the path evil. We cannot presume on God to rescue us when we deliberately expose ourselves to evil. We are instructed to resist evil and to prepare ourselves to fight. When evil finds us, we are not able to fight on our own strength, but pray to God for deliverance. Our part in the fight is to walk in faith and believe God to protect us. Ps. 1:1-3; Tim. 6:11; 1 Thes. 5:22; James 4:7; 1 Pet. 5:9; Mark 14:38; Eph. 6:11

The definition of “deliver” in the Hebrew word “chaletz” contains many of the ways God delivers us from evil. Each portion of this definition also becomes a way in which we can pray for ourselves and others to be delivered from evil.

1. **Pull off or Pull out:** The classic rescue. Apart from His help we would have no hope in this battle against evil. He knows the battle is too much for us and we are ensnared too deeply. In this method of deliverance, He confronts our foes and leads us to a place of safety and rest. The Israelites were slaves in Egypt, held captive to do the Pharaoh’s will. They cried from the depths of their anguish and oppression, but they had no faith in His ability to deliver them. They were so caught in their despondency and cruel bondage that they could not even hear God’s words of deliverance when Moses spoke to them. Despite their lack of faith, God heard their cries and took full responsibility for their rescue. This is a revelation of our God of the Passover, who undertook, through the shedding of blood to deliver and set apart His people. He loves us and saves us when we did not know Him. In a similar manner, God rescued (rhuomai) the righteous Lot who was oppressed by sensual conduct of unprincipled men. 1 Peter 2:7-8 tells us that his righteous soul was tormented day by day by their lawless deeds. Ex. 6:9; Ex. 14:13-14; 30-31

It is not always God’s plan to simply remove His people from evil or the battle. In Jesus’ prayer of intercession, He prayed, *“I do not ask that You will take them out of the world, but that You will keep and protect them from the evil one.”* (John 17:15) The Greek passage is “tereo” Strong’s #5083, which means ‘to hold fast, preserve, keep watch, guard from loss or injury, properly by keeping the eye upon.

2. **To strip:** Many times, in order to save or deliver us from evil, God needs to strip from us our sense of self-sufficiency, pride, and the weapons of the flesh upon which we are relying. It is when we are stripped bare and broken before the LORD that we realize our own inability to help ourselves. This is when we put ourselves completely in His hands and allow Him to equip us with His spiritual armor. Paul describes this beautifully when he said, *“But He said to me, My grace (My favor and loving-kindness and mercy) is enough for you [sufficient against any danger and enables you to bear the trouble manfully]; for My strength and power are made perfect (fulfilled and completed) and show themselves most effective in [your] weakness. Therefore, I will all the more gladly glory in my weaknesses and infirmities, that the strength and power of Christ (the Messiah) may rest (yes, may pitch a tent over and dwell) upon me! So for the sake of Christ, I am well pleased and take pleasure in infirmities, insults, hardships, persecutions, perplexities and distresses; for when I am weak [in human strength], then am I [truly] strong (able, powerful in divine strength).”* 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 (AMP)

Prior to sending Moses to deliver the Israelites from their slavery, God took Moses into the wilderness and I believe this is where He stripped the rash young man who had grown up in Pharaoh’s palace full of confidence in himself, his flesh, his education and royal upbringing. The man who relied on his own strength and murdered an Egyptian to help his people was no more. God brought Moses to the place where he stood before the burning bush and asked, ‘Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh...?’ Num. 12:3 tells us that *“Moses was very humble, more humble than any man on the face of the earth.”* Exod. 3-4; James 4:6

David, the youngest of many brothers was left to care for the sheep while his brothers went to war. But in that time in the wilderness, David learned to rely upon God’s strength. His faith grew. David would not go into battle with the Philistine giant, Goliath, wearing King Saul’s ill-fitted armor. He went into the

battle without the weapons of men, but in the name of the LORD his God, Jehovah Sabaoth, filled with the knowledge the LORD of Hosts who would fight for him. *"Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, a spear, and a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have taunted. "This day the LORD will deliver you up into my hands, and I will strike you down and remove your head from you. And I will give the dead bodies of the army of the Philistines this day to the birds of the sky and the wild beasts of the earth, **that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that the LORD does not deliver by sword or by spear; for the battle is the LORD'S and He will give you into our hands.**"* 1 Sam. 17:45-47; (see entire ch.); Ps. 78:70-72; Ps. 20:7; James 4:6; John 15:5

3. Prepare or make strong for war: God is very sensitive to our level of maturity as believers which prepares us for warfare. His preparation is a process through which we come to know Him and develop our faith and dependency on Him. As we grow, we are transformed from walking in the flesh to walking in the spirit. We learn to digest the meat in His Word. Paul said he wanted to speak to the Corinthians as spiritual men, but he could not because they were still walking in the flesh. He gave them milk to drink, not solid food, because they were not yet able to receive it. He said they were still walking around like "mere men." Hebrews 5 also speaks of the need for believers to have milk, not solid food because solid food is for the mature *"who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil."* Ask the LORD to help us grow in maturity and to train our senses to discern between good and evil! 1 Cor. 3:1-3 Heb. 5:12-14

Our preparation comes as we fill ourselves with the knowledge of our Father, His power, His kingdom and His ways. God did not prepare Joshua to assume leadership of the Israelites by training him to wield a sword or drive a chariot. Joshua's preparation came through spending time alone with the LORD and meditating in His Word. *"This book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success."* Ex. 33:11; Josh. 1:1-9

When God led Israel from slavery in Egypt and through the wilderness to bring them to the Promised land, it is said that they "journeyed by stages." In the Hebrew, this word means to pull up and break camp, to set out on a journey in an orderly march with set stages. (Ex. 17:1) The Lord was supremely conscious of their weaknesses and level of preparation for war. When they first left Egypt, He did not immediately take them through the land of the Philistines, even though it was closer, because He knew they were not yet ready to face war. (Exodus 13:17) In Ex. 23:29-30, He said "I will not drive them [the evil inhabitants of the land] out in a single year, that the land may not become desolate and the beasts of the field become too numerous for you. I will drive them out before you little by little, until you become fruitful and take possession of the land."

It is important as believers, that we do not rush too quickly into battle or to enter warfare without the leading of the LORD. Christians are often fascinated with "spiritual warfare." Since the serpent enticed Eve in the Garden of Eden, mankind has been fascinated with knowledge and power. We must be careful because spiritual knowledge not coming from the LORD is occultism. Satan loves to ensnare God's children through an inordinate interest in his realm. He wants us to take our eyes off our LORD and Savior and give attention or glory to Satan. He is able to deceive and ensnare believers today with the same promise of enlightenment that seduced Eve. He encourages us to place confidence in our knowledge and our own abilities. He tempts us to enter battle without the leading and backing of our

Mighty Champion God. He tricks us into thinking we are powerful in our own strength. We must be careful not to engage in confrontation with darkness unless we are led by the LORD and filled with His Spirit and knowledge of His Word and ways. 2 Cor. 11:3-4; Jude 1:8-11; Acts 19:13-20.

For many years, I thought the warfare in which we are engaged as believers was to destroy the Evil One and possess the world. God will do this in His time. Our true battle is to remain standing with our eyes on the LORD in faith and complete His calling despite all obstacles. We are to remain full of faith in Him all the way to the finish line. We battle in the spirit realm, but our fight is not to defeat the enemy, our battle is enter His Kingdom, to keep our focus on our Savior and not be distracted, thwarted or intimidated by the enemy's schemes. Our part is to seek the LORD with all of our hearts, to walk by faith in His Truth. It is God's part to "Deliver us from Evil," through whatever means He knows would be best. "Some trust in horses, some in chariots, but we will put our trust in the LORD our God!" Matt.11:12; Phil. 1:28-29

4. Equip for a fight, arm: Pray for the LORD to teach us how to use the spiritual weapons He has provided for us. The weapons of our warfare are not our weapons. They are supplied by our Father, who knows exactly what we need to be victorious. David met Goliath with five smooth stones. Jehoshaphat faced the huge army of their enemies with praise and worship. Joshua took down the walls of Jericho with the sound of a trumpet blast and their shouts. "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses..." 2 Cor. 10:1-10; 2 Cor:6-7; Eph. 1:19-20; 1 Sam. 17; 2 Chron. 20; Judges 6:1-20

All of Our Weapons Are Summed Up in Jesus:

The Name of Jesus: All of our weapons are summed up In Jesus' name which is the name above all names. In Jesus is revealed the exceeding greatness of His power. The name "Jesus" comes from the Hebrew word, "Yasha" or "Yeshua." The word means, "to be open, wide, free, to be safe, deliverer, help preserve, rescue, bring or having salvation, get victory." The mere utterance of His name in the mouth of a believer is powerful! His name carries the authority of the Kingdom of God and every knee must bow, and every tongue confess that He is LORD. In His name we are saved, baptized and receive the forgiveness for sins. It is in the mighty name of Jesus that prisoners are delivered from demons, healed and set free. It is in His strength that we find all deliverance from evil. Phil. 2:9-11

- "Finally, be strong in the Lord and the strength of His might." Eph. 6:10
- "Not by might nor by power but by My Spirit..." Zech 4:6
- "...but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Cor 15:57-58
- "You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world." 1 John 4:4

The Cross, called the 'Fixed Point in Eternity,' is the central place from which everything in the Christian's life flows. Jesus's death completed all that we need for atonement and His Resurrection gives us new life in Him. Through His death and resurrection Jesus defeated Satan, sin, the world, the flesh and death. Satan was completely disarmed. Jessie Penn Lewis in her book "The Centrality of the Cross" said, "If men and women would be utterly willing for the deepest work of the cross to be wrought

in or applied to them, there would be a trembling of the powers of hell, a shaking of the kingdom of darkness." Rom. 6:5-7; Col 2:8-15,20; John 12:31-33

The Blood: Jesus' blood is continually at work to cleanse and set man free from the power of sin!! We overcome because of the blood of the Lamb. The blood frees us and cleanses us from the power of sin and its punishment. Note that the oil, representing the Holy Spirit never goes where Jesus' shed blood has not gone first. Rev 12:10-12; Ex. 12:7,13; Heb. 9:22; Rom. 5:6-11; 2 Cor. 5:16-19; 1 John 1:7-9

Our Spiritual Armor: Christian, take care not to trust in the armor of God, but in the God of the armor! This armor is not meant to be simply prayed on like a formula, these truths are meant to be lived out. Each piece of the armor is Jesus Christ in whom we must abide.¹ Eph. 6:10-17; Rom. 13:12-14

- **Belt of Truth:** Jesus is the way, the truth and the life.... Truth is the foundational piece of this armor to which all other pieces of the armor attach. The belt of truth surrounds our middle (our innermost being). It protects us from lies and deception. When we know the truth, we will have freedom." Our identity in Christ is established in the Truth. The truth provides us with His authority and the ability to stand firm as believers in Jesus Christ. Though Satan appears as an angel of light, truth equips us to recognize deception. When we know the truth, we will know the covenant by which God has promised to fight all of our battles. Ps. 51:6; 2 Cor. 6:7; John 8:32; John 14:6
- **Breastplate of Righteousness:** Jesus is our righteousness. His righteousness must fill and cover our hearts. Victory over the flesh is essential in aggressive warfare against the power of darkness. We do not walk in our righteousness; we are to clothe ourselves in His Righteousness. His righteousness guards our hearts from temptation. Isa. 59:17; 1 Thes. 5:8
- **Feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of Peace** Jesus is the Prince of Peace. The level of peace we feel in our hearts is a thermostat by which we can determine our nearness to the LORD. We are to walk in peace at all times. The Gospel is literally good news of great peace. John 20:21-23 (NASB)
- **Shield of Faith:** Jesus is our shield. Our faith comes through the Word and is based on our knowledge of God's faithfulness and power. The size of our faith is not the issue, but the direction of our faith must be in the Almighty God. Where do we place our faith? It is by faith in Him that we are to live and be enabled to fight the good fight. This piece of our armor has the power "to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one." His flaming missiles come in many forms: anxiety, worry, fear, discouragement, doubt, rebellion, lust, self-confidence, condemnation, jealousy, anger, pride, greed, despair. This shield of faith will extinguish each one! Eph 6:16; 1 Tim. 1:18; Ps. 33:18-20
- **The Helmet of Salvation:** Jesus is our Savior. His salvation which includes freedom, healing deliverance, safety, prosperity, liberty. All in Jesus!! The helmet covers our head and protects our thinking which is the battleground for enemy conflict.
- **The Sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God:** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word is God. The Word is the only offensive weapon in our spiritual armor. As Jesus used the word to stand against Satan's lies in His temptation in the wilderness, so are we equipped as we stand upon the truth of the Word. When God prepared Joshua to assume leadership to bring the Israelites into the Promised Land, He did not direct

¹ For a more in-depth study of the Christian's Spiritual Armor, see Portion's for the Journey series on each piece of the spiritual armor. 4000 "The Christian's Spiritual Armor"

him to gather weapons or horses for battle, He instructed him to meditate on His Word day and night, and promised him that with Word He would give him success. We pray the WORD, meditate on the WORD, Worship God and Praise Him using the Word, and declare the power of His covenant and His names!! Heb. 4:12; Ps. 107:20; Isa 55:8-11; Jer. 23:29; Josh. 1:9

5. **Brace Up, invigorate** *"To grant us that we, being delivered from the hand of our foes, might serve Him fearlessly, In holiness (divine consecration) and righteousness [in accordance with the everlasting principles of right] within His presence all the days of our lives."* Luke 1:74-75 (AMP)

The phrase, 'brace up' means to make strong and courageous, it is that which imparts steadiness to stand firm and with courage. The book of Nehemiah gives a real picture of the enemy's tactics to cause the hearts of God's workers to fail. He uses fear, intimidation and lies to discourage and wear down the saints. (See Nehemiah chapters 3-6; Daniel 7:25) The enemy seeks to isolate, starve and depress his opponents. The danger of protracted war is that the strength of the soldier's flags, they become discouraged and lose their desire to fight.

David is said to be a man after God's own heart. The Psalms demonstrate his constant reliance on his Lord. In Samuel 30, the Amalekites made a raid on David's encampment, burning it with fire. They took captive the women and children. When this was discovered, all of David's men wept until there was no strength left in them. Then they blamed David and threatened to stone him. *"But David strengthened (encouraged) himself in the LORD his God."* 1 Sam. 30:6 He inquired of the LORD who instructed him to *"Pursue, for you will surely overtake them, and you will surely rescue all."* When we find ourselves in battle, feeling defeated, we need to learn to go to the LORD to receive strength and encouragement. We are also instructed to encourage one another more and more as we see the day drawing near. Heb. 3:13; 10:25; Phil. 1:27-28 instructs, "in no way intimidated or alarmed by our opponents..." Gal. 6:9; 1 Sam. 23:2,4; 30:8; 2 Sam. 2:1; 5:19; 23; Ps. 5:3; Ps. 119:147

The Lord will rebuke the enemy on our behalf. There is no place in the Scripture where we are directed to rebuke the devil ourselves. Zech. 3:2, Jude 1:9 We are repeatedly instructed to "resist" the devil. To resist means to 'withstand, stand against, strive against or oppose in some manner.' Most common application is to resist the devil's attempts to cause us to rebel and sin against God. Jesus provided us with an example in Matt. 4:1-11. Note in James 4:7 that these instructions come in the context of being completely submitted to God. When we are submitted to the Father, Satan knows he has no power over us and no choice but to flee. He is terrified of a believer completely submitted to God! See also Mark 4:38; Eph. 6:11; James 4:7; 1 Peter 5:9

6. **"To draw to oneself"** Jesus said if He was lifted up, He would draw all men unto Himself. He calls us to come to Him and find our rest in Him. He longed to gather Jerusalem under His wings as a mother hen would protect her chicks. We are only strong for war to the extent that we abide in Him and walk in His ways. Our safety and protection from the evil one comes as we learn to enter the Secret Place of the Most High God. Daniel declared, "the people who know their God will display strength and take action." (Dan. 11:32) It is in God that we take our stand, it is in Our Savior that we must remain. If we keep our eyes on Him, He will fight for us and He will deliver us. "Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water." Hebrews 10:22 (KJV); Matt. 11:28-30; Ps 91

7. **“Set Free”** “He whom the Son sets free will be free indeed.” Through Jesus we are thoroughly freed from the power of evil that permeates this world. Evil has no hold on us. We are freed from the fear and dread of evil. In Jesus, our citizenship is transferred from this world to the Eternal Kingdom of our LORD. We no longer seek to return evil for evil. We learn to respond in an opposite spirit. His ways are not our ways. He calls us to overcome evil with good! Where there is hate we are to love, where there is greed, we are to be generous. Where there is cruelty, we show kindness. When we face suffering and persecution, we are to thank the LORD. Isa. 61:1-2; Rom. 12, esp. vs. 2, 9-21; Matt. 5:38-39; Luke 6:35; 1 Peter 3:8-9; Gal. 5:1; Isa. 42:7; Isa. 49:9,24,25; Acts 26:18; 2 Cor. 3:17,18

Digging Deeper in the Word

1. Look up each of the verses below: Meditate on the verse and note in each verse and how the LORD delivers His saints and from what form of evil. Using the seven means of deliverance discussed above, how does He deliver us in these various situations? What is our part? What is His part? What is the time frame for His deliverance...Past? Present? Future?

Eph. 1:21-22	Rom. 12:21	Rom. 11:26	2 Cor. 1:10	Rom. 15:31
Col. 1:13	2 Pet. 2:9	2 Tim. 3:11	1 Thes. 1:10	Gal. 1:4
2 Tim. 4:17-18	2 Thes. 3:2	Ezek. 37:23	1 Thes. 5:22-24	Rom. 7:24
Job 5:19	Deut. 33:26-29	Gen. 48:16	Ps. 34:19	Ps. 91:1-10
Judges 8:34	Luke 1:74			

2. How has your picture of how God delivers us from evil changed as you have examined His Word?

3. Consider the man Judas who was overcome by evil. He had walked with Jesus. He knew Jesus. He saw Jesus lovingly healing the sick, giving sight to the blind, and making the deaf to hear. What happened to him that he should fall so far from that place of sweet fellowship with his close friend? He may have walked in friendship, but did he ever submit to Jesus Lordship? Did he recognize Him as the Son of the Most High God? The sin of greed played its part in his fall. Remember, there is no pet sin that cannot become the price of betrayal. My Bible says that “Satan entered into Judas.” He heard Jesus teach the disciples how to pray. The Word does not show that he either prayed or resisted the devil’s scheme.

Lord, teach me to pray with more earnestness than ever, deliver me from evil! Do not let evil have dominion over me or my loved ones. Deliver us from evil. Lord, I believe You are my Deliverer, help me to be obedient to pray as You have instructed and to look for Your deliverance.

What the LORD is speaking to my heart?

My response to the LORD