



A Systematic Expository Study of the Word of God

Special Study:

## THE GLORIOUS FREEDOM OF GOD'S PEOPLE OF FAITH

John 8:30-32; Proverbs 19:2; Isaiah 5:14; Hosea 4:6

**“And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”** Our freedom, liberation, deliverance, fulfilment in life depends on what and who we know. Christ reveals that our knowledge of the truth will make us free. Ignorance of the truth is not good. For, if we do not know the truth, how can we be set free? Apart from not being good, lack of knowledge of the truth is a great problem, even to people of God. Children of God sometimes wonder how some peculiar challenges come to them. But the Scripture affirms that, **“my people are gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge: and their honourable men are famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst.”** Our knowledge of the truth brings the experience of freedom and liberation. It is knowing, believing, embracing, internalizing and personalizing the truth of God's word that sets us free, keeps us free and makes us also able to set other people free.

### SPIRITUAL FREEDOM BY THE SON

John 8:36; Romans 6:18,22; 16:20; 1 John 5:18.

**“If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.”** Spiritual freedom comes by getting connected to the Son of God. Everyone needs to come into His presence to be able to experience this freedom. Opportunity is always there for sinners to be connected and backsliders to be reconnected to the Saviour. The freedom the Lord grants is not partial but permanent. He sets us free from sin, sickness and Satan to follow and become servants of righteousness. **“Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.”** As servants and students of righteousness, sin does not have dominion over us any longer. When the Son of God comes into our lives, He renews our mind, thoughts, conscience and makes us completely free from sin. He then becomes the Controller and Director of our lives. When there's no more sin, the middle wall of partition that separates us from Him, we **“become servants to God...”**

God, Who grants peace after justification is the same Who **“shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly”**. The right place for evil powers, demons and Satan for people who have made peace with God is **“under [their] feet”**. This will become a reality in your life as soon and as **“shortly”** as your faith can claim the promise. The Son grants true and complete freedom, not only from sin but also from satanic bondage. **“We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.”**

### SEVEN-FOLD FREEDOM THROUGH THE SAVIOUR

Ezekiel 36:25-27; Job 3:25; 2 Timothy 1:7; Romans 8:1,2; Galatians 5:19-21; 2 Kings 4:1,3-7; Deuteronomy 28:1-13; Matthew 7:15; 2 Corinthians 11:13-15; 2 Peter 2:1-3,17-22; Daniel 3:15-17, 20-27; Revelation 20:15.

Christ, our Lord and Saviour sets us free from seven-fold bondage. He grants us: (1) freedom from *filthiness* – God specializes in cleansing sinners from all filthiness of sin. Cleansed by God, the heart becomes free from all stubbornness and resistance to His Word; it becomes tender as He equally sanctifies and fills it with His Spirit. (2) Freedom from *fear*. Fear is a terrible emotion. Many times, what you fear, you attract to your life. Premonitions and terrifying dreams tend to become reality through fear. Satan uses the fear in people to work against them like he did to Job. In the new covenant, it's a new day, and fear is gone. (3) Freedom from the *flesh*. Some people are still involved with the works of the flesh and remain voluntary slaves when God has declared universal freedom for all men. (4) Freedom from *frustration*. Hope deferred often brings frustration and depression, especially when there is lack or loss of opportunities and means of livelihood or difficulty in finding a marriage partner. (5) Freedom from *failure*. Many people are battling with failure; they tell stories of ill-luck and inability to pass exams. With confession, conviction, correction, concentration, consecration, commendation and conferment, there will be freedom from failure. (6) Freedom from *falsehood*. God sets free from false apostles, prophets, teachers, doctrine, religion and ideology that despise Christ's sacrifice. (7) Freedom from the *fire*. God sets us – family, property – free from the fire of the enemy. He also grants freedom from eternal fire through repentance, faith and freedom in Christ. While genuine believers will go to heaven to walk on the streets of gold, those who reject Christ will burn in eternal, unending fire.

## THE SUSTAINING FAITH OF THE SAINTS

Psalm 50:5; Hebrews 6:12; 13:7; 11:33; 1 Corinthians 16:17; Hebrews 11:32; Luke 17:12; 2 Thessalonians 1:3; Luke 1:45; Isaiah 10:27; Zechariah 4:6-9.

The Scripture reveals some saints who had sustaining faith. God wants us to exercise faith in Him; He wants us to be **“followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.”** When we are set free, live and act by faith, God will grant us the fulfilment of His promises and blessings.

Let us learn from the faith of the saints. **A**braham’s faith did not consider his ageing body dead and barren but believed God for the promised child. **B**arak’s faith went with Deborah to battle without any consideration for gender because he believed God was with her. **C**aleb’s faith did not consider the giants superior to His God but believed that with Him on their side, they were well able to overcome. **D**aniel’s faith triumphed over conspirators who wanted him to become a secret disciple. He came out of the den of lions unhurt. **E**lijah was a man of authority who locked and opened heaven against idolatrous Ahab and Israel. **F**ortunatus, though unfamiliar, by faith supported as well as made the apostle Paul glad. **G**ideon’s faith was neither in the size of the army nor in people but in the almighty God, who gave him victory in battle. **H**ezekiah’s faith cancelled premature death through prayer. **I**saiah’s faith claimed signs and wonders for him and his children. **J**oshua’s faith was built on God’s word and promise that no man would be able to stand before him all the days of his life. **K**ing Jehoshaphat’s faith considered the battle won; as such, he arranged his people to praise God. The **L**epers’ faith received miracles from the Lord when He told them to go and show themselves to the priest. **M**oses’ faith did not see Pharaoh as any obstacle to Israel’s exodus but was fixed on the invisible God. **N**oah’s faith obeyed God’s warning, prepared the Ark and escaped His judgment. **O**badiah’s faith made him hid and fed servants of God during Ahab’s sinful reign and also spoke about Elijah’s departure by the Spirit of God. **P**aul, the apostle was able to perform miracles through his faith in God. **Q**ueen Esther’s faith delivered the whole nation of Israel from being wiped out. **R**ahab’s faith acted on her knowledge of God; she and her family were preserved. **S**hadrach, Meshach and Abednego’s faith affirmed that their God was able to deliver from persecutors and oppressors. **T**hessalonians’ faith was a growing one; it grew to solve greater problems and cope with greater challenges. **U**nwavering faith does not doubt the promises of God. **V**irgin Mary’s faith believed the good news from the Lord. **W**oman of Shunem’s faith believed and confessed, ‘it is well’ though the child that came after many years of waiting was dead. **E**xtraordinary faith of the Sirophenician woman did not give up but persisted in spite of distractions and tests until she got the blessing. **Y**oke-breaking faith in the anointing from the Lord upon His servants set free. **Z**erubabel’s faith moved mountains; began and finished projects and accomplished dreams.

The Lord wants us to study and follow the pattern, potential and possibilities of the sustaining faith of these saints. And the result of faith in their lives will be replicated in ours.

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