

The Lord Knows How to Deliver He Specializes in the Impossible

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II Peter 2:1-9

1. The Lord know those that are his

- In all ages of the church the devil sends some to deceive – false prophets in the Old Testament, and false teachers in the New Testament
- Their business is to bring in destructive errors, even damnable heresies.
- Those who bring heresies, deny the very Lord that bought them
- Those that bring errors destructive to others, bring swift and sure destruction upon themselves
- But there is no confusion, God knows those that are his own
- He has set apart him who is godly for himself - if only one in a city, he knows him
- Lot

2. The wisdom of God is never at a loss about ways and means to deliver His people:

- Those who will not walk according to the light and direction of God's law, shall be deprived of the light of his countenance – Ex: fallen angels held in chains of darkness for specific punishment
- No excellency will exempt a sinner from punishment if he turns his back on God
- Just because things look like a hopeless situation to us, He can devise a way of escape

3. The deliverance of the godly is the work of God:

- It's His wisdom to contrive (make) a way of escape
- It's His power to work out the deliverance

4. The ungodly have no share in the salvation God works out for the righteous:

- The wicked are reserved (saved) to the day of judgment
- If the sin is universal – the punishment likewise will be universal – Noah's flood
- If only a few righteous, they shall be preserved – In God's wrath, he remembers mercy
- Ungodliness puts you out of divine protection
- He send destruction to the ungodly and deliverance to the righteous

WHAT DELIVERANCE LOOKS LIKE:

Roll back of the Red Sea

A ram caught in the thicket

A loss of appetite for hungry lions

A fire shield in a fiery furnace

A meal barrel and cruse of oil that won't run dry while a famine is in the land

A harlot that had faith and her household was saved from destruction

The slaying of a giant with only 1 rock

His only begotten son hanging on a cross for you and me