

Feb 25, 2018: He Lifts Up from Dungeon

In Psalm 40:1–3, David said

¹ I waited patiently for the LORD to help me,
and he turned to me and heard my cry.

² He lifted me out of the pit of destruction, out of
the miry clay. And He set my feet on solid ground
and steadied me as I walked along.

³ He has given me a new song to sing,
a hymn of praise to our God.

Many will see what he has done and be amazed.

They will put their trust in the LORD.

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God always delivers His anointed.

In Jeremiah 38, we see a case of from the Dungeon to the Palace.

Jeremiah delivered an unpalatable message to the people and this landed him in the dungeon. But God delivered him.

³“GOD’s sure Word, Jeremiah said: ‘This city is destined to fall to the army of the king of Babylon. He’s going to take it over.’” ⁴These officials told the king, “Please, kill this man. He’s got to go! He’s ruining the resolve of the soldiers who are still left in the city, as well as the people themselves, by spreading these words. This man isn’t looking after the good of this people. He’s trying to ruin us!”

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⁶ So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern of Malkijah the king's son that was in the courtyard of the palace guard. They lowered him down with ropes. There wasn't any water in the cistern, only mud. Jeremiah sank into the mud.

⁷⁻⁹ The Ethiopian, a court official assigned to the royal palace, heard that they had thrown Jeremiah into the cistern... And went immediately from the palace to the king and said, "My master, O king—these men are committing a great crime ... throwing Jeremiah the prophet into the cistern and leaving him there to starve. ¹⁰ So the king ordered him: "Get three men and pull Jeremiah the prophet out of the cistern before he dies."

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²⁸ Jeremiah lived in the courtyard of the palace guards until the day that Jerusalem was captured.

In Acts 16, 17a possessed girl followed Paul and others, shouting, “These men are servants of the Most High God, who are proclaiming to you the way of salvation.” **18** After many days, Paul grew so aggravated that he turned and said to the spirit, “In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!” And the spirit left her the very moment.

19 The girl’s owners seized Paul and Silas. **22** The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered that they be stripped and beaten with rods. **23** And they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to guard them securely. **24** On receiving this order, he placed them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

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25About midnight, Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them.

26Suddenly a strong earthquake shook the foundations of the prison. At once all the doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose.

27When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, presuming that the prisoners had escaped. **28**But Paul called out in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself! We are all here!"

29Calling for lights, the jailer rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. **30**Then he brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" **35**When daylight came, the magistrates sent their officers with the order: "Release those men."

Brethren, God will always lift His people. The battle is God's. Paul & Silas did not force themselves through.

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37But Paul said to the officers, “They beat us publicly without a trial and threw us into prison, even though we are Roman citizens. And now do they want to send us away secretly? Absolutely not! Let them come themselves and escort us out!”

38So the officers relayed this message to the magistrates, who were alarmed to hear that Paul and Silas were Roman citizens. **39**They came to appease them and led them out, requesting that they leave the city. **40**Paul and Silas came out of the prison.

Brethren we must know whom we are in the Lord. Be anxious for nothing BUT in all things with prayer and supplication (praise/worship) bring your request to the Lord.

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Lamentations 3 says:

52-54 “Enemies with no reason to be enemies hunted me down like a bird. They threw me into a pit, then pelted me with stones. Then the rains came and filled the pit. The water rose over my head. I said, ‘It’s all over.’⁵⁵⁻⁵⁷ “I called out your name, O GOD,

called from the bottom of the pit.

You listened when I called out, ‘Don’t shut your ears!

Get me out of here! Save me!’

You came close when I called out.

You said, ‘It’s going to be all right.’

⁵⁸⁻⁶⁰ “**You took my side, Master;
you brought me back alive!**

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In Matt 27, the chief priests, Pharisees and their guards **66** went and secured the tomb by sealing the stone and posting the guard. “Suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, rolled away the stone, and sat on it.” (28:2)

Conclusion

Lamentation 3:25-27 says

GOD proves to be good to the man who **passionately waits**, to the woman who **diligently seeks**. It's a good thing to **quietly hope** for help from GOD. It's a good thing to **stick it out through the hard times**.

God will always lift His own up from Dungeon.

GOD BLESS YOU!

TODAY'S PRAYER POINTS

1. **Prayer over the message of today. Ask God for grace to passionately waits, diligently seeks, quietly hope for help and stick it out through the hard times.**
2. **Let this house be indeed the house of prayer for all nations (Isaiah 56:7)**
3. **Prayer for Leadership of Nations ...**
 - a. The Lord to open their eyes to see the needs of the people
 - b. Leaders to see their positions as mountain top necessary to effect the lives of their citizens
4. **God to eradicate Troubles/Wars in nations so that people will be free to serve the Lord.**
5. **God to hear our prayers and cleanse our land (2 Chro 7:13-18)**
6. **Pray for Minsters, Ministries, Missionaries and Missions**
7. **Marriages, Children & families to stay together**
8. **Members of the fellowship – grace to live the 5 pillars for 2018**
- 9 **Pray for Needs in fellowship**
10. **Commit the week unto God and pray for next Sunday.**

