

My God of Deliverance

God is a God of deliverance. He does not want his people held in captivity. However, for His deliverance to come, He requires something of us. It's called relationship.

- All healthy relationships are bi-directional, including one with God, Jn. 15:13, Jn. 14:15.
- This is true of us with others, it is true of us with God.
- God's *love* is unconditional, but valid relationship with him is conditional. 3 examples: 2Chron. 7:14, Is. 1:19, Jn. 15:7

What God expects from us, is our love, obedience and our commitment to Him.

- In order to be delivered consistently, we must set our love upon him, Ps. 91:14-16.

A picture of our deliverance, Ps. 40:1-3.

- A place of active anticipation, "I waited patiently for the Lord..." Our patient waiting should not be one of dispirited hopelessness, but rather of an unwavering expectation.
- The mercy of the Savior, "He inclined to me, and He heard my cry," Heb. 4:15.
- Many times this is our condition, this is where we find ourselves, "in a horrible pit."
- The power of the Savior, "He also brought me up out."
- The security of the saved, "and set my feet upon a rock."
- The walk of the saved, "(He) established my steps."
- The song of the saved, "He hath put a new song in my mouth, praise to our God."
- The testimony of the saved, "many shall see it and fear (respect).
- The influence of the saved, "many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord.

What are some of the things that the Lord delivers us from?

- The power of darkness, Col. 1:13.
- This present evil world, Gal. 1:4.
- Fears, Ps. 34:4.
- Danger, Ps. 34:7.
- Afflictions, Ps. 34:19.
- Wrath, 1Thes. 1:10.