

SCROLL DOWN FOR CANTONESE

KINGS NORTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday 2nd March 2025 10 am

Powerless man – Powerful God

Welcome

Hymn MP 41 At the Name of Jesus

Scripture Luke 4:14-22 (page 1031)

Prayer

Children's talk Helena

Chorus MP 82 Cleanse me from my sin, Lord

Notices:

Prayer

Lord's prayer

Reading Exodus 6:1-8 (page 62)

Hymn MP 924 Salvation belongs to our God.

Sermon *Powerless man – Powerful God*

Hymn MP 387 Jesus we celebrate your victory (disappear>he doth hear)

Prayer

Close

Prayer

Sound is invisible – but it is very real. You cannot see it. Show oscilloscope trace. There you can 'see' - the invisible!

So in the OT we can see the Lord's invisible working in rescuing a man or woman from their sin. The OT makes visible the modern day miracle of conversion.

As Salvation is being saved from something - the book of Exodus, which is all about the 'exit', shows in glorious technicolor the Lord God's wonderful work in saving. Title: *Powerless man – Powerful God*

Look with me at chapter 6, especially v6-8. It is in three parts:

1st Freedom - 6 **Therefore, say to the Israelites: 'I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment.**

The Lord promises to open the doors of the prison, to set the captives free, to enable a great escape. The Lord does a mighty rescue.

Those set free do not run off in all directions never to be seen again, no they gather together to become the Lord's treasured possession. They become the Assembly, the church, standing in the presence of God.

2nd ownership 7 **I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God.**

This phrase is repeated throughout the Bible. At the time of the New Heaven and the New Earth ahead we read: **And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. Rev 21:3**

Knowing Him who is life fills me with praise, knowing my rich state before Him is all His doing fills me with thanksgiving. **I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians.**

3rd Hope - we rejoice and sing the song of salvation. 8 **And I will bring you to the land I swore with uplifted hand to give to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob. I will give it to you as a possession. I am the LORD."**

We will enter the Glory to come pictured by the promised land. - Jesus is the land, the land is Jesus - we will dwell with Him in perfection forever, with no fear, and in the fullness of Joy.

Here in Exodus we see salvation written on the large canvas of history.

When someone is asked to give their testimony, - it is a testimony to what the Lord has done. x2. There are these three components: The state I was in before, what the Lord did, and who I now am. Do you have a testimony? If so have you told others? – not of what you have done, for you can do nothing – but of what the Lord has done in you?

We have at the beginning of this chapter 6:1 **Then the LORD said to Moses, "Now you will see what I will do to Pharaoh: Because of my mighty hand he will let them go; because of my mighty hand he will drive them out of his country."**

you will see what I will do yes let us come and see what the Lord has done by his mighty hand.

How good it is to hear a story of rescue, remember that team of helpless footballers who had to be rescued in 2018 from their underwater cave? Which would otherwise have been their grave.

BCM retreat testimonies what a joy to hear of what the Lord had done.

Abraham was told of this coming rescue centuries before. **The LORD said to him, "Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own, (in other words they would come to Egypt) and they will be enslaved (which is what happened) and ill-treated four hundred years. (which is what happened) But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves, (which is what happened) and afterwards they will come out with great possessions.** Gen 15:13,14 (which is what happened).

That promise included 4 **to give them the land of Canaan, where they lived as aliens.** The Lord will always do what he says, they trusted him, so can you and I trust him. They, as we, have a future home.

Way back Abraham chose to bury Sarah in Canaan as a sign of his faith that the Lord would bring his covenant people to this place Gen 23:2. Abraham was also buried there. So too was Isaac, Rachel was buried there at Bethlehem. At the end of Genesis we read that at Joseph's death his body was taken up and laid to rest in Canaan.

The Lord's chosen people are heaven-bound. The Lord's people didn't belong in Egypt – and He was going to bring them out.

There's a quick overview, our key verse today is 6:6 **I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment.** What a promise!

Let's look at slavery

Paul reminds the Christians in Galatia that before faith in Jesus came the Scripture declares that the whole world is a prisoner of sin, ... held prisoners by the law, locked up until faith should be revealed. Gal 3:22,23

➤ **It is the slavery of sin, the prison house of guilt.**

The devil laughs. He laughs at the state a guilty man or woman is in before a Holy God.

It is a bit like school children shouting jests and jeers as someone is found out and about to be marched off and punished

The devil knows two things:

Firstly - a Holy God must hold you at a distance. The true God can have no dealings with sin. **That's why the devil's false religions department** is booming for the false gods he promotes are not holy, everyone can come as they are, a little offering to appease conscience and then all is fine. But it isn't, for those gods don't exist.

Secondly - the devil knows the sinner cannot escape from his sin. As **Jesus said, "everyone who sins is a slave to sin."** John 8:34 Sin mars, it pollutes, it corrupts, it becomes our nature, that is why the sinner sins. It is our nature from conception, passed down from parent to child - from our first parent and representative before God; Adam and Eve.

Who can stop being selfish by their own power? Even the philanthropist gives - not for the God's Glory - but for his own reasons.

Every man or woman has their vices, it defines us. Is it a bad temper? Is it jealousy? Is it greed? A consummate liar can't stop lying, another is unable to stop swearing, another rarely keeps his or her word. So too the man or

woman who talk endlessly - and of themselves. All are ignorant of the Lord who listens to everything. He hates complaining and grumbling and will judge every careless word.

Onesimus the slave ran away – but he could not run away from himself - and when he reached Rome the inference is he continued to steal.

How many move or try something new only to find they have taken the problem, their problem, with them.

- Failing to live as God made you and I to live leaves us trapped in a miserable servitude from which we are powerless to escape.

I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. A yoke is like a harness, it restrains us, we are under a yoke of slavery. Or one could better translate it the ‘burden’ of slavery.

Egypt is synonymous with slavery, it is the prison, it is the land of labour, there is toil, there is hardship, with no sign of release. Here is a hard Pharaoh who hates the people of God and tries to use them for his own purposes. His many minions swing the whip just as Satan uses his agents the demons to do his bidding, his dirty work.

Sin has the sinner in his grip - **held prisoner by the law** that you and I failed to keep. This is how we all are as we come into this world.

We are in a prison of darkness

Egypt may well be sun scorched but actually it is the land of darkness. Darkness and evil. Someone who is still in darkness is kept back from the light. Their mind is taken captive. So it is with unbelief - and unbelief is sin. There is a force at work keeping that person in that state. There is a veil over their eyes and they cannot see the Glory of God. Even though we live in a world so obviously created, which is seen everywhere we look from the smallest thing to the largest, and we now know more than ever about both ends of the spectrum. It shouts at us, but our ears are blocked, and our eyes blind, we live in God’s great visual aid and yet cannot see what is before our eyes. We rush in every direction except the one true way - for we cannot see the path. **The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.** 2 Cor 4:4

Remember the parable of the Sower? - the word of God is sown in the hard soul, the hard heart – but the devil quickly snatches it away.

Yes the devil bears the chains of confusion, he pretends to be an angel of light and yet he is the master of the counterfeit. 2 Thess 2 tells us that **Satan** is the worker of **all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders, and in every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing.** 2 Thess 2:9,10 How we succumb to this lie. How many perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.

The Lord in elevating us to the highest position as his creation hands us over to reap the consequences of what we want. Don’t want God? Then you can have it that way: **For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness.** 2 Thess 2:11,12

Who can see it? Some reach out for something higher and better but cannot grasp it because they are held by their natural love of sin.

Now it is easy to see many people are held by their love of gambling, alcohol, drugs and so on. But even the ‘normal’ things hold us back from giving God his rightful place.

Those who won’t give up control, they love self, their family, their comforts, their apathy even their weaknesses too much to serve another. I say weakness for we are told no coward will enter Heaven. A coward does not do what he knows he should do. “I will not exert myself, I will not take that step, I will not change, I will not give up my easy way”. This is cowardice, humanly speaking more people I believe do not become Christians today because of cowardice than for any other reason. To know what you should do and not do it is sin. That person remains in the prison of sin. One can see a force at work

The Lord will save

And yet living in this land of Egypt, held in this prison are two groups of people – those who belong here - and those who don’t.

Remember the Lord will only rescue those he had promised to rescue.

For others it is their eternal home. The enemy treats them well. The devil looks with favour on those who are his and will always be so. *“You are mine you don’t need to go anywhere, stay here in Egypt”*

So it is that many go about their business in this world and are happy to do so. For all its problems they love it here and make their home here.

Not so the people of God - In time we become awakened to our miserable state, we groan and long for our release. Our home our citizenship is elsewhere and we long for a Saviour to come. It makes us call out and we cry for mercy. The Lord hears: **5 I have heard the groaning of the Israelites, whom the Egyptians are enslaving, and I have remembered my covenant.**

As the Lord remembered his covenant with Abraham so he **the God of peace**, remembers **the eternal covenant in the blood of His son** Heb 13:20. The time comes for everyone of His chosen people to be taken out of the nation of the world – we were once no people, become His people.

To bring them out of the powerful kingdom of the world means to confront a powerful Pharaoh. He does not want to let the Lord’s people go. He has to be overcome. He had to be forced to give them up. A battle was joined.

Jesus with power over all evil authority said **I drive out demons by the finger of God**, that **the kingdom of God will come to you**. The Lord’s mighty hand is his strong fighting hand, that is Jesus, the strong One. **When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own house, his possessions are safe. But when someone stronger attacks and overpowers him, he takes away the armour in which the man trusted and divides up the spoils** Luke 11:20-22

We need not only someone who is strong - but we also need someone who is good. The devil had no hold on Jesus for he obeyed the law of God fully, in every way, all of the time. That obedience is offered up

What a victory Christ bought on the cross **When you were dead in your sins and living in a godless way, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having cancelled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.** Col 2:13-15 - now he can set the captives free and lead out the prisoners.

Hear what Paul says the Lord God has done for Christians **For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.** Col 1:13,14
Saved out of – Saved into

When I left school and was going through my teenage years, I was really exercised as to how I should live. How did those around me live? Everyone I knew was living for themselves. No exception. I did not know any different way. Life seemed to just have one way, it was a prison – I had been born into it - and did not know there was anywhere ‘out there’. Whatever I then tried trapped me and left me miserable.

But the Lord was merciful to me, **the LORD set this prisoner free.** Ps 146:7

How about you? Is the writer of psalm 107 speaking of you when he says **Some sat in darkness and the deepest gloom, prisoners suffering in iron chains, for they had rebelled against the words of God and despised the counsel of the Most High. So he subjected them to bitter labour; they stumbled, and there was no-one to help.** How hopeless. How wretched. How miserable is the lot of the unsaved.

If that is you, will you like the prodigal son in his misery, come to your senses and with a repentant heart leave behind your life of self and sin? The cross is before you, that is where you go. Those the psalmist wrote of did. **Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress. He brought them out of darkness and the deepest gloom and broke away their chains. Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men, for he breaks down gates of bronze and cuts through bars of iron.** Psalm 107:10-16

Christ has done everything. He became a slave to sin on the cross that you can have his freedom. Come now and make it yours, by faith. Do this and you will discover that true freedom is **given through faith in Jesus Christ.** Gal 3:23

In Christ is rescue, In Christ is release, In Christ is transfer to a new destiny. In Christ is Hope. He is able to **qualify you to share in the inheritance** as one of God’s people **in the kingdom of light.** Col 1:12

Israel had a story to tell, a story of a great deliverance it is their joint national testimony of rescue. We see this as more hostages are freed from prison. There’s such joy. Make sure you have you been freed. END

歡迎 讚美詩 MP 41 奉耶穌的名禱告 經文 路加福音 4:14-22 (第 1031 頁) 禱告 兒童談話 海倫娜
合唱 MP 82 主啊, 求你潔淨我的罪孽 注意事項: 禱告 主禱文 6:1-8 頁 (第 62 頁)

讚美詩 MP 924 救恩是屬於我們的上帝。

講道 無能為力的人 - 強大的上帝 讚美詩 MP 387 耶穌我們慶祝你的勝利 (消失>他聽到了) 祈禱
關閉 -----

祈禱

聲音是看不見的一但它卻非常真實。你看不到它。顯示示波器軌跡。在那裡你可以『看見』那看不見的事物！

因此, 在舊約中, 我們可以看到主透過無形的努力, 將男人或女人從罪惡中拯救出來。

《舊約》使現代皈依的神蹟得以顯現。

因為救贖是從某些事物中被拯救出來—

《出埃及記》講述了整個關於「出口」的故事, 用絢麗的色彩展示了上帝在拯救中的奇妙工作。標題:
無能為力的人—強大的上帝 跟我一起看第 6 章, 特別是第 6-8 節。它分為三個部分: 第一自由 - 6
因此, 你要對以色列人說: 『我是耶和華, 我要把你們從埃及人的軛下領出來。我將使你們不再作他們的
的奴隸, 我將用伸出的手臂和強大的審判之力救贖你們。

上帝承諾打開監獄的大門, 釋放囚犯, 實現一場大逃亡。主施行大能的拯救。

那些被釋放的人並沒有四處逃散, 不再出現, 而是聚集在一起成為主的珍寶。他們成為集會、成為教堂
, 站在上帝面前。

第二個所有權 7 我要以你們為我的子民, 我要作你們的神。

這句話在整本聖經中反覆出現。在即將到來的新天新地時代, 我們讀到: 我聽見寶座出來說: 「看哪,
神的帳幕在人間。他要與人同住。他們要作他的子民, 神要親自與他們同在, 作他們的神。啟 21:3
認識他是生命, 使我心中充滿感恩; 耶和華我在你面前的富足, 使我成為埃及的人所想的。歡喜, 唱救
恩之歌。 - 耶穌是這片土地, 這片土地就是耶穌 -

我們將永遠與祂完美地居住在一起, 無所畏懼, 充滿歡樂。

在《出埃及記》中, 我們看到救贖被寫在歷史的巨幅畫布上。

當有人被要求提供證詞時, 這是對主所做的事的見證。

x2。有三個部分: 我以前的狀態, 主所做的事, 以及我現在是誰。你有證明嗎? 如果有的話, 你有告訴
過其他人嗎? - 不是因為你做了什麼, 因為你不能做什麼 - 而是因為主在你身上做了什麼?

我們在本章的開頭有 6:1

耶和華對摩西說: “現在你必看到我向法老所行的事。因我大能的手, 他必讓以色列人去; 因我大能
的手, 他必趕出他的國去。”

你會看到我將要做什麼, 是的, 讓我們來看看主用祂大能的手做了什麼。

聽到救援故事真是太好了, 還記得 2018

年那隊無助的足球員從水下洞穴中獲救嗎? 否則那裡就會成為他們的墳墓。

BCM 退修會見證聽到主所做的是多麼令人高興。

幾個世紀以前，亞伯拉罕就被告知這次即將到來的救援。

耶和華對他說，你要確切知道，你的後裔必寄居在異國，（換句話說，他們將來到埃及），他們將被奴役（這就是所發生的事）和虐待四百年。

（這就是發生的事情）但是我會懲罰他們作為奴隸服務的國家，（這就是發生的事情）然後他們會帶著大量的財產出來。創世記 15:13, 14（這就是所發生的事）。

該應許包括 4

將迦南地賜給他們，讓他們在那裡寄居。主永遠說到做到，他們信任他，所以你我也可以信任他。他們和我們一樣，都有一個未來的家。

很久以前，亞伯拉罕選擇將撒拉埋葬在迦南，作為他相信主會將他的約民帶到這個地方的記號（創世記 23:2）。亞伯拉罕也埋葬在那裡。以撒也是如此，拉結也被埋葬在伯利恆。在《創世記》的結尾，我們讀到約瑟死後，他的屍體被運往迦南安息。

主的選民是屬天的。上帝的子民不屬於埃及——祂會把他們帶出來。

有一個簡短的概述，我們今天的關鍵經文是 6:6

我是耶和華，我必將你們從埃及人的軛下領出來。我將使你們不再作他們的奴隸，我將用伸出的手臂和強大的審判之力救贖你們。多麼偉大的承諾啊！

讓我們看看奴隸制

保羅提醒加拉太的基督徒，在人們信仰耶穌之前，聖經宣稱整個世界都是罪的囚徒，…被法律囚禁，被關起來，直到信仰被揭示出來。加拉太書 3:22, 23 • 這是罪的奴役，是罪孽的牢獄。

魔鬼笑了。他嘲笑有罪的男人或女人在神聖的上帝面前的處境。

這有點像學校裡的小學生在某人被發現並即將被帶走並受到懲罰時大聲嘲笑和嘲弄 魔鬼知道兩件事：首先 -

神聖的上帝必須與你保持距離。真正的上帝不能與罪惡打交道。這就是為什麼魔鬼的假宗教部門蓬勃發展，因為他所宣揚的假神並不神聖，每個人都可以照原樣來，只需提供一點祭品來安撫良心，然後一切都會好起來。但事實並非如此，因為那些神並不存在。

其次，魔鬼知道罪人無法逃脫他的罪。正如耶穌所說：“所有犯罪的人都是罪的奴隸。”約翰福音

8:34 罪孽會毀壞、污染、敗壞，成為我們的本性，這就是罪人犯罪的原因。嗎？是貪婪嗎？

那些喋喋不休的女人——

而且談論的是她們自己。所有人都不知道主在聆聽一切。他討厭抱怨和牢騷，會評斷每一句不經意的話。

奴隸阿尼西母逃跑了——但他無法逃避自己——當他到達羅馬時，推斷他繼續偷竊。

有多少人採取行動或嘗試新事物，卻發現問題已經伴隨他們而來。

□ 如果我們不按照上帝創造我們的方式去生活，我們就會陷入痛苦的奴役之中，無力逃脫。

我是耶和華，我要救你們脫離埃及人的軛。軛就像馬具，它束縛著我們，我們處於奴役的枷鎖之下。或者我們可以更好地將其翻譯為奴隸制的『負擔』。

埃及是奴隸的代名詞，是監獄，是勞動的土地，這裡有辛勞，這裡有艱辛，沒有釋放的跡象。這是一位冷酷的法老，他憎恨上帝的子民並試圖利用他們來達到自己的目的。他的許多奴才揮舞著鞭子，就像撒旦利用他的代理人惡魔來執行他的命令和骯髒的工作一樣。

罪孽將罪人牢牢地控制住—被你我未能遵守的法律所囚禁。我們來到這個世界時都是這樣的。

我們身處黑暗的監獄

埃及可能陽光灼熱，但實際上它是一片黑暗之地。黑暗與邪惡。仍處於黑暗之中的人被擋在光明之外。他們的思想被俘虜了。不信也是如此——

而不信就是罪。有一種力量在起作用，使那個人保持這種狀態。他們的眼睛蒙著一層面紗，他們看不見上帝的榮耀。儘管我們生活在一個明顯被創造的世界裡，從最小的事物到最大的事物，它隨處可見，我們現在比以往任何時候都更了解光譜的兩端。它向我們大喊，但我們的耳朵被堵住了，我們的眼睛失明了，我們生活在上帝偉大的視覺援助中，卻看不到眼前的事物。我們朝著各個方向奔跑，唯獨找不到正確的道路——因為我們看不見路。此等不信之人被這世界的神弄瞎了心眼，不叫他們看見基督榮耀福音的光照著他們。哥林多後書 4:4 還記得撒種的比喻嗎？ - 上帝的話語播撒在堅硬的靈魂、堅硬的心田裡 - 但魔鬼很快就把它奪走了。

是的，魔鬼背負著混亂的鎖鏈，他假裝自己是光明的天使，但他卻是偽造品的主人。帖撒羅尼迦後書 2 章 2 節告訴我們，撒旦行各樣的假神蹟、奇事，以及各樣的邪惡之事，迷惑那些正在沉淪的人。

帖撒羅尼迦後書 2:9,10

我們是如何屈服於這個謊言的。有多少人因為拒絕愛真理而得救，最後走向滅亡。

上帝將我們提升到最高地位，因為祂創造了我們，讓我們承擔自己想要的後果。不要上帝嗎？那麼你可以這樣做：出於這個原因，上帝給他們帶來了強大的錯覺，以便他們相信謊言，並且所有不相信真理但喜歡邪惡的人都會受到譴責。帖撒羅尼迦後書 2:11,12

誰能看見它？有些人追求更高尚、更美好的事物，但卻無法得到，因為他們被對罪的天然熱愛所束縛。

現在我們很容易看到許多人沉迷於賭博、酗酒、吸毒等等。但即使是『正常』的事也阻礙我們給予上帝應有的地位。

那些不會放棄控制權的人，他們太愛自己、他們的家人、他們的舒適、他們的冷漠甚至他們的弱點，以至於他們無法為他人服務。我說軟弱，因為我們被告知懦夫不能進入天堂。懦夫不會去做他知道該做的事。

「我不會努力，我不會踏出那一步，我不會改變，我不會放棄我的輕鬆之路」。這就是懦弱，從人性的角度來說，我相信今天更多的人沒有成為基督徒是因為懦弱而不是其他原因。知道該做什麼卻不做，這就是罪。這個人仍然處於罪惡的牢獄之中。我們可以看到一種力量在發揮作用 上帝會拯救我們

然而，生活在埃及這片土地上、被關在這座監獄裡的卻是兩類人——

一類是屬於這裡的人，另一類是不屬於這裡的人。

請記住，主只會拯救那些祂承諾要拯救的人。

對其他人來說，這是他們永恆的家。敵人善待他們。魔鬼總是眷顧那些屬於他的人，而且總是如此。

「你是我的，你不需要去任何地方，留在埃及就好。」

因此，許多人在這個世界上做著自己的事，並且樂此不疲。儘管這裡有種種問題，但他們熱愛這裡並在這裡安居。

但上帝的子民卻不是如此——隨著時間的推移，我們逐漸意識到自己的悲慘境況，我們呻吟並渴望得到解脫。我們的家園和公民身分在別處，我們渴望救世主的到來。它讓我們大聲呼喊並祈求憐憫。耶和華聽到了：5 我聽見了以色列人被埃及人奴役的呻吟聲，我也記念了我的約。

正如主記得祂與亞伯拉罕所立的約一樣，和平之神也記得祂兒子的血所立的永恆之約（希伯來書 13:20）。時候到了，祂所揀選的每一個人都要被帶離這世界的國家——我們曾經不是子民，但現在卻成為祂的子民。

將他們帶出這個世界強大的王國意味著要對抗一位強大的法老王。他不想讓主的子民離開。必須戰勝他。他不得不被迫放棄它們。一場戰鬥開始了。

耶穌以超越一切邪惡的權威說，我靠著上帝的力量趕走惡魔，這樣上帝的國就會降臨到你們身上。主的大能之手是他強而有力的戰鬥之手，那就是耶穌，那位強者。當一個強壯的男人全副武裝地守衛自己的房子時，他的財產就是安全的。但當一個更強大的人攻擊並制服他時，他就奪走他所信賴的盔甲，瓜分戰利品。魔鬼無法控制耶穌，因為他始終在各方面都完全遵守上帝的律法。那種服從是奉獻的。基督在十字架上換來了多大的勝利啊！當你死在罪孽中，過著不信神的生活時，上帝讓你與基督一起活過來。祂赦免了我們的一切罪，又塗抹了在律例上所寫、攻擊我們、有礙於我們的字據。祂把它拿走，釘在十字架上。祂既將一切掌權的、掌權的解除了，公開地給眾人看，用十字架向他們誇勝。歌羅西書 2:13-15 - 現在祂可以釋放俘虜並帶出囚犯。

聽聽保羅所說的上帝為基督徒做了什麼，因為祂救了我們脫離黑暗的權勢，把我們帶進祂愛子的國度；我們在愛子裡得到救贖，過犯得以赦免。歌羅西書 1:13,14 得救脫離 – 得救進入
當我離開學校並進入青少年時期時，我真的很擔心我應該如何生活。我周圍的人生活得怎麼樣？我認識的每個人都是為自己而活。無一例外。我不知道還有其他方法。生活似乎只有一種方式，它就是一座監獄——我生在裡面——

卻不知道「外面」還有什麼地方。無論我後來嘗試什麼，都無法阻止我，讓我痛苦不堪。

但主憐憫我，主釋放了我這個囚犯。詩篇 146:7 你呢？詩篇 107

篇的作者說，有些人坐在黑暗和最深的幽暗中，被鐵鎖鏈囚禁以受苦，因為他們違背了上帝的話語，藐視了至高者的忠告，他是在說你嗎？於是他讓他們做苦工；他們跌倒了，卻沒有人幫忙。多麼絕望啊。太可憐了。未得救之人的命運是多麼悲慘啊！

如果那就是你，你會像痛苦中的浪子一樣，醒悟過來，懷著悔改的心拋棄自我和罪惡的生活嗎？十字架就在你面前，這就是你要去的地方。詩篇作者所寫的人確實如此。於是，他們在苦難中哀求耶和華，祂從他們的禍患中拯救他們。祂把他們從黑暗和最深的陰鬱中帶出來並打破了他們的鎖鏈。讓他們感謝耶和華，感謝祂向人類施行的永恆之愛和奇妙的作為，因為祂打破了銅門，砍斷了鐵門。詩篇 107:10-16
基督已成就一切。祂被釘在十字架上，成為罪的奴隸，好讓你們能獲得自由。現在就來吧，憑藉信仰，讓它成為你的。這樣做你會發現真正的自由是透過對耶穌基督的信仰而獲得的。加拉太書 3:23

在基督裡得到拯救，在基督裡得到釋放，在基督裡得到轉移到新的命運。在基督裡有希望。祂能夠使你有資格作為光明王國中上帝的子民之一分享遺產。歌羅西書 1:12

以色列有一個故事要講，一個偉大拯救的故事，這是他們全國聯合拯救的見證。我們看到越來越多的人質從監獄獲釋。有這麼多的快樂。確保你已經獲得釋放。結尾