

Do You Long to be Free **Romans 11:25-29**

25 For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. 26 And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "The Deliverer will come out of Zion, And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob; 27 For this is My covenant with them, When I take away their sins." 28 Concerning the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but concerning the election they are beloved for the sake of the fathers. 29 For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

This week we celebrate our independence from Great Britain. Those were troublous times as is often the case in a people's struggle for independence.

Man was created free but he did not stay that way. God's design was for man to be free.

But Satan had different plans.

Satan loves slavery and bondage. He loves to see people suffer and languish in turmoil and grief.

Satan wants freedom for himself but bondage for you.

The whole world system is based on Satan's plans. And people have followed in his footsteps.

People all around us every day are in bondage, sometimes bondage of their own making or of their foolish choices.

I remember as a young child going to see the movie Pinocchio and watching the foolish little boys so easily led astray and turned into donkeys to work in the mines.

I am certainly glad that our children are not subjected to such moral building stories today.

But it is still true today, people often become their own worst enemy in life.

Jesus put it this way, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin." John 8:34

In our passage this morning Paul quotes from Isaiah 59:20 (NKJV) 20 "The Redeemer will come to Zion, And to those who turn from transgression in Jacob," Says the LORD.

So as we look at this passage this morning I wonder do you truly long to be free?

I. The Deliverer

A. Paul uses the word, ῥούμαι [rhoumai /rhoo·om·ahee/] 18 occurrences; AV translates as "deliver" 17 times, and "Deliverer" once. 1 to draw to one's self, to rescue, to deliver. 2 the deliverer

1. The idea of a deliverer is that it will take power and strength to rescue those who need to be rescued.

2. In the present passage the situation is that Israel is defeated and subdued.

3. They are being dominated by another.
 4. When we fail to recognize that there is an enemy that would subdue us, we give him the upper hand.
 5. This crazy idea we have in the USA that everyone is basically good is Satan's lie and he depends upon it in order to gain the upper hand.
 6. So a stronger must come along to turn the tables so to speak.
- B. Israel's history is filled with deliverers from Moses to Samuel the last of the Judges.
- C. Even David was a deliverer and led the Israelites in many victories over their enemies.
1. That is why the coming Messiah was sort of a re-emerging David.
 2. Many are the passages that speak of David ruling over a revived Israel but we know those passages refer to Jesus when He returns with power as described in our text.

II. Will come out of Zion

- A. This is more than location.
1. Each of the judges of Israel came from different tribes, different cities.
 2. The first king Saul came from the tribe of Benjamin.
 3. But it was Zion, Jerusalem that God chose to place His name there.
 4. It would become David's city.
 5. But it was God's choice, not David's.
 6. The Messiah would come out of Zion to deliver the nation.
- B. So then it speaks of the place of God's choice, God's favor, God's grace.
1. The place where He chose to place His name there.
 2. The place for the temple.
 3. The place where Jesus would come and die for the sins of the world.
 4. The place where He would ascend to heaven.
 5. And the place where He will return.
- C. This speaks of King Jesus, the one to rule the world with an iron hand.
1. Psalms 2:7 ¶ "I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You. 8 Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your

possession. 9 You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel.' ”

III. He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob

A. The greatest bondage that man has to deal with is his sin, his rebellion against God.

1. Matthew 1:21 “And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins.”
2. Luke 19:10 “for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

B. Most people do not want to be saved from their sin.

1. John 3:18 “He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 “And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 “For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.

C. But that is why Jesus came to this world.

IV. Notice when Jesus reads His own commission.

A. Luke 4:18 “The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; 19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD.”

1. Anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor;
2. He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,
3. To proclaim liberty to the captives
 - a. 2 Timothy 2:26 and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will.
 - b. After Moses came to set Israel free many of them only wanted to stay in slavery and later they want to return to it.
 - c. Only Jesus can set us free from sin.
4. And recovery of sight to the blind
 - a. Jeremiah 5:21 (NKJV) 21 'Hear this now, O foolish people, Without understanding, Who have eyes and see not, And who have ears and hear not:

- b. Matthew 11:25 (NKJV) 25 At that time Jesus answered and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes.
- 5. To set at liberty those who are oppressed;
 - a. The world is a place of oppression.
 - b. Some are oppressed by others.
 - c. Some are oppressed by drugs, or alcohol, etc,
 - d. But most are oppressed by the god of this age, Satan.
 - 6. To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD.
 - a. Now is the day of salvation.
 - b. Now is the accepted time.