

The God That Brought Us Out

“Then He **brought us out** from there, that He might **bring us in**, to give us the land of which He swore to our fathers” (Deuteronomy 6:23, NKJV).

He brought us out, to bring us in! We are the church; the called out ones. The church started on the Day of Pentecost. The Greek word is *ekklesia* meaning “called out.”

SIN TO SALVATION

“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Romans 6:23).

“Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-of whom I am the worst. But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his unlimited patience as an example for those who would believe on him and receive eternal life” (1 Timothy 1:15-16, NIV).

DEATH TO LIFE

“Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been **brought from death to life**” (Romans 6:12-13, NIV).

DARKNESS TO LIGHT

“He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death and broke apart the bonds that held them. [Psalms 68:6; Acts 12:7; 16:26.] Oh, that men would praise [and confess to] the Lord for His goodness and loving-kindness and His wonderful works to the children of men!” (Psalms 107:14-15, AMP).

“But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light” (1 Peter 2:9).

BONDAGE TO DELIVERANCE

God brought His people out of the land or house of bondage through His mighty hand and powerful acts. (See Numbers 15:41; Deuteronomy 7:8-9; Joshua 24:5). He still delivers.

“But because the LORD loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the LORD brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations” (Deuteronomy 7:8-9).

FEAR TO FAITH

“WHEN YOU go forth to battle against your enemies and see horses and chariots and an army greater than your own, do not be afraid of them, for the Lord your God, Who brought you out of the land of Egypt, is with you. And when you come near to the battle, the priest shall approach and speak to the men, And shall say to them, Hear, O Israel, you draw near this day to battle against your enemies. Let not your [minds and] hearts faint; fear not, and do not tremble or be terrified [and in dread] because of them. For the Lord your God is He Who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies to save you. [1 Samuel 17:45.] (Deuteronomy 20:1-4, AMP).

God is not after your defeat, but your victory. You will reach your expected end (Jeremiah 29:11).

DESPAIR TO PRAISE

“He lifted me out of the pit of despair, out of the mud and the mire. He set my feet on solid ground and steadied me as I walked along. 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 astounded. They will put their trust in the LORD” (Psalms 40:2-3, NLT).

MOURNING INTO DANCING

“You have turned my mourning into dancing for me; You have put off my sackcloth and girded me with gladness, To the end that my tongue and my heart and everything glorious within me may sing praise to You and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to You forever” (Psalms 30:11-31:1, AMP).

“For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning” (Psalms 30:5).

He turns our mourning into joy (Jeremiah 31:13).

EARTH TO HEAVEN

The night before His crucifixion Jesus promised He would come again to take us to heaven: a prepared place for a prepared people (John 14:3). This promise was reiterated as He departed into heaven (Acts 1:11). We eagerly anticipate the *rapture* (a Latin word meaning to seize, snatch, carry away or caught up). The Greek word interprets as “caught up.”

“Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord” (1 Thessalonians 4:17).

We’ve been called out to be caught up!

My heart was distressed 'neath Jehovah's dread frown,
And low in the pit where my sins dragged me down;
I cried to the Lord from the deep miry clay,
Who tenderly brought me out to golden day.

Refrain

He brought me out of the miry clay,
He set my feet on the Rock to stay;
He puts a song in my soul today,
A song of praise, hallelujah!

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