

# God's Plan of Escape



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From the beginning, God did not intend that we be stressed, burdened; or have any physical, financial, home problems; or anything else that would make us unhappy. It has always been His will that we be victorious in the Christian life.

God does not want us to be troubled, fearful, or upset about anything—either in our personal life or anywhere else. From a human viewpoint, the only way to have peace, is to have things going well—but even then, it is not a lasting peace. Divine peace is different *John 14:27* “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you.”

It is God alone who can give us true and perfect peace—within and without. Wealthy people often have more worries, burdens, and stress than someone in moderate financial circumstances. We usually think that plenty of money means having no problems—but money does not bring peace. It makes them feel self-satisfied, but does not give inner peace.

God alone has the power to take worries and torments of the devil out of our mind. If we do not have God's peace, Satan makes us discontented and unhappy—even if we had everything that should make us satisfied and contented. The devil has a multitude of ways to make life miserable for people—if they let him.

God is by our side every minute we live, to change every unpleasant situation, to rebuke the devil, and to give us divine peace. God is our Creator so only He really understands us. He has absolute power and authority over the devil; and He promised *Matthew 28:20* “I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.”

We cannot be harmed or stressed in any way by Satan and his agents, because *Romans 8:31* “If God be for us, who can be against us?” The devil cannot touch us or cause any lack in our life, because *32* “He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?”—including peace, protection, and pleasure.

Jesus gave His life on the Cross so God could give back anything Satan took from us. Jesus not only took away our sins, sorrows, poverty, stress, and troubles, but He gave us the Omnipotent power and wisdom of God to be by our side, so there is no reason—from a divine standpoint—that we should be burdened or troubled in any way whatever.

God's willingness to deliver people, even from the most dangerous situations, and using some very unusual methods, is illustrated in the Bible. God is very creative and resourceful. We may have met with trials or troubles from which there seems no possible way of escape—maybe some situation in which Satan is so entrenched, that deliverance or escape seems impossible.

God has proven, however, that He is more than up to the task when such situations arise. God is never limited to only one way to deliver someone. There was a famine in Samaria due to the Syrian army surrounding the city and allowing no food or supplies to pass through *2 Kings 6:24*. The little food they had soon ran out and fuel to cook was depleted.

The situation became critical, and God saw the possibility of getting a wedge of Truth in, so He had Elisha predict that food would be sold for retail prices. *2 Kings 7:1* “Hear ye the word of the LORD; Thus saith the LORD, To morrow about this time shall a measure of fine flour be sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, in the gate of Samaria.”

One of the king's officials heard the prediction but did not believe it. *2 Kings 7:2* “Behold, if the LORD would make windows in heaven, might this thing be?” Elisha responded to the man's unbelief, “And he said, Behold, thou shalt see it with thine eyes, but shalt not eat thereof.”

This official did not know anything about the power or authority of God, nor was he willing to change his attitude. The man doubted the Word of God, so he would see the deliverance, but not taste a mouthful of the food. God shows how resourceful He is in making a way of escape from this serious predicament.

God caused the Syrian army to hear strange noises—He created thunder and thus created this loud noise. *2 Kings 7:6* “For the Lord had made the host of the Syrians to hear a noise of chariots, and a noise of horses, even the noise of a great host.” They thought that combined forces had come against them, so they fled for their lives.

Even after this, however, everything remained the same in the city. The people did not know the Syrians had left, so they were just as frightened as ever, and would not even look over the wall. The deliverance was of no more benefit to Israel, as before the Syrian army left, but God had a plan that would be carried out.

*2 Kings 7:3* “There were four leprous men at the entering in of the gate: and they said one to another, Why sit we here until we die?” They reasoned that it was doing them no good to stay there and starve to death; why not go to the Syrian

camp and 2 Kings 7:4 “if they save us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall but die”—a little sooner, that is all.

2 Kings 7:5 “At dusk they got up and went to the camp of the [Syrians]. When they reached the edge of the camp, not a man was there”—due to hearing the noise of armed forces coming at them.

2 Kings 7:8 “The men who had leprosy reached the edge of the camp and entered one of the tents. They ate and drank, and carried away silver, gold and clothes, and went off and hid them. They returned and entered another tent and took some things from it and hid them also.”

God then put His plan into place by putting this reasoning into their minds—9 “We’re not doing right. This is a day of good news and we are keeping it to ourselves. If we wait until daylight, punishment will overtake us. Let’s go at once and report this to the royal palace.”

2 Kings 7:10 “So they went and called out to the city gatekeepers and told them, ‘We went into the [Syrian] camp and not a man was there—not a sound of anyone—only tethered horses and donkeys, and the tents left just as they were.’”

12 “The king got up in the night and said to his officers, ‘I will tell you what the Arameans have done to us. They know we are starving; so they have left the camp to hide in the countryside, thinking, ‘They will surely come out, and then we will take them alive and get into the city.’”

Some warriors investigated and found it just as the men had reported. They went further down the road 2 Kings 7:15 “and, lo, all the way was full of garments and vessels, which the Syrians had cast away in their haste. And the messengers returned and told the king.” God had made a way of escape—16 “And the people went out and spoiled the tents of the Syrians.”

Everyone made a mad rush for the gate; in fact, the crush was so great that the king’s official,

who did not believe what Elisha had prophesied, was trampled to death by the desperate crowd. 16b “So a measure of fine flour was sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, according to the word of the LORD.”

That man was the only one killed, as far as the records go. There was no one else who disbelieved the words of the prophet—no man, woman, or child—who suffered the same fate as that official, who would not believe God, but allowed the devil to have him doubt the Word of God when Elisha said that God would make a way of escape and would deliver Israel. That was just one of God’s methods of delivering His people—just one way of escape.

God used another plan with King Hezekiah. Sennacherib, King of Assyria, who conquered everything and everyone previously, then besieged King Hezekiah of Judah. They surrounded them and sent a message that they should surrender at once.

2 Kings 18:28-30 “Rabshakeh stood and called out with a loud voice in Hebrew, and spoke, saying, ‘Hear the word of the great king, the king of Assyria! 29 Thus says the king: ‘Do not let Hezekiah deceive you, for he shall not be able to deliver you from his hand; 30 nor let Hezekiah make you trust in the LORD, saying, ‘The LORD will surely deliver us; this city shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.’”

King Hezekiah has already told the people to pay no attention to them and to not answer back. Sannacherib sent another letter—mocking Hezekiah for trusting God. King Hezekiah took the letter and laid it before the Lord. He prayed—asking God to hear the mocking words of the King of Assyria who has blasphemed the living God of Israel.

2 Kings 19:17-19 “It is true, O LORD, that the Assyrian kings have laid waste these nations and

their lands. 18 They have thrown their gods into the fire and destroyed them, for they were not gods but only wood and stone, fashioned by men’s hands. 19 Now, O LORD our God, deliver us from his hand, so that all kingdoms on earth may know that you alone, O LORD, are God.”

God used a different plan of escape this time.

2 Kings 19:35 “It came to pass that night, that the angel of the LORD went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians an hundred fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses.”

King Sennacherib paid the ultimate price for mocking the living God. 36 “He returned to Nineveh and stayed there.” 2 Kings 19:37 “One day, while he was worshiping in the temple of his god Nisroch, his sons Adrammelech and Sharezer cut him down with the sword, and they escaped to the land of Ararat.”

There are principles of trust involved here, that neither God nor man can change, to have divine power make a way of escape for us. It is to lay aside every human power or plan of our own, and letting God occupy the whole scene of action.

When all our trials and troubles have been placed in His hands to stay, we will have the same power, love, mercy, and resourcefulness manifested in our behalf as they did in the Bible.

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