

Principles Involved in Personal Deliverances

(Lesson 1 Part 1)

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We desire to take up as our subject the principles that are involved in receiving personal deliverances. There are three principals involved in personal deliverances. The first principle involved in personal deliverances is to deal directly with God; give up all our ways and plans; get rid of everything that could stand between God and us and hinder the power of God. Second, we must settle it that we are going to have what we desire; when we desire it; and as much as we desire, and we will not take "no" for an answer. Third, we must accept the Word of God as sufficient evidence that the work is done when we pray.

When we apply these three principles in our dealings with God, we will have constant and perfect success, and can receive what we desire, when we desire it, and as much as we desire; whether it is spiritual, physical, or financial; or for work or whether it be for a house, a vehicle, or anything else.

God's plan, as given in the Blood of Jesus Christ, is a free gift with Him, and anything He could give to add to our happiness is far less than His Son, and with Jesus Christ all lesser things are ours, right at our side and disposal.

(Romans 8:31-32) *"If God be for us, who can be against us? 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."*

Paul in writing to Timothy said— *"Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high-minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy."* (1Timothy 6:17)

Then we are also told that if we ask anything in Jesus' name, we shall receive until our joy is full. *"And in that day ye shall ask Me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in My name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full."* (John 16:23-24)

Well, that being the plan and the provision, there should not be a vacancy in our entire life; for not only has the Blood provided it, but the entire power of God is at our side and disposal to give it to us. The Holy Spirit is at our side to give us the enlightenment and strength that we need; and secondly, to give us the deliverance we need through that light and strength.

Just think of the great provision! God sent His Son to provide everything we need. The Holy Spirit has been sent into this world to prepare us to receive it and then He (God)—through the Holy Spirit—is to do the work. Just think of that! What a combination that is!

Well, these three principles, which are involved in dealing with God, are used in every business transaction every day of the week. We will bring before you some examples, as that seems to be the best way of teaching, as it is something which has happened. We must never forget, as we pray, that God is no respecter of persons and has never changed. In this Bible we are given the concrete—we would call it—plan of deliverance.

We have used the widow of Zarephath as an example, 1 Kings 17:9, and she gives us the first principle of successful dealing with God that is, in our direct dealing with Him. I say this especially to Christians—surrendered people; it would not apply to sinners, as they would first have to give up their ways and plans. This poor widow was going to die of starvation, she and her only son.

It is remarkable how the ways of men always end in death. Did you ever notice that? If a person is sick, and they try the "old school" doctor,

and he does not help them, they try another doctor or specialist after another; and then they may get into one denomination, church, or religion after another. When they all fail, they exclaim, "I am going to die!" That is the end of the medical profession with its pills, drugs, and plans. They are man's plans and ways, and they bring death in the end.

Elijah went over to board with that poor widow, who had nothing to eat for herself and was looking forward to death from starvation. He insisted—although he knew she only had enough to make one cake for herself and son—to make him a cake first. This was certainly an astonishing plan and surely could not be called sensible to say the least from a human standpoint; as no one would take the last thing they had to eat and give it away to an entire stranger; but they would eat sparingly and make it last just as long as possible. Her human plan was to take those few grains of meal and that little oil and make a cake for herself and her son and then die. It seemed sensible to her, but it would have ended in death.

"There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." (Proverbs 16:25)

Every plan and way of man ends in that way. God's plans and ways end in life—not only here—but life eternal. Man's plans end in death here and torment hereafter, while God's plans and ways end in double life, life here and hereafter.

"...but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come." (1Timothy 4:8)

Just notice what a little thing could stand between a soul and God, what a little thing could hinder the power of God. Just think of that! God would have rather himself died of starvation than had that woman and her son die of it; this is proven by the fact that He allowed His Son to hang alive on that Cross for six hours to bear every oppression of sin, sickness, disease, poverty, and trouble. (Isaiah 53:4-6)

This woman was hanging on to her human plan, which was hindering the power of God. It was very small, only a handful of meal and a little oil in a cruse, but it blocked God's power from working in her behalf. Just think, to allow such a small, insignificant thing as a handful of meal and a little oil in the cruse to hinder the Almighty and Powerful God from working. It only requires a little thing to hinder the Maker of Heaven and earth in his working.

You would not think such a little thing would hinder God, but it positively did, and it would have landed her and her son in the grave and the Pit had she not gotten rid of it. They would, have died in their sins had they not repented. yet by obeying the great God of heaven, He saved them from death and fed them through the entire famine. They were allowing a handful of meal and a little oil to block His power; however, when put to the test, she gave up her plan and way and accepted God's. She was willing to give up the meal and oil and all human dependence and depend wholly upon God, and His power began to work effectually.

We desire to notice that every human plan, every human power, everything of the flesh, everything that the flesh could devise, which has taken the place of God in our lives, must be laid aside forever, if we expect any victory. We have seen the same results, many of us at least, perhaps all of us, as this poor widow experienced, as she gave up her way and plan; how things have been changed and how the power of God has been manifested.

The pastor continued, "Some folks wonder why so many people come here. A Methodist minister made a discovery along this line. He was talking with a sister, who had left his church, and spent a few hours trying to prove to her that the Bible did not mean what it said; that she should not trust God but men for her body, and that she should not leave the Methodist Church, but should remain there.

She told him she could not do that, and as a parting salutation he gave her these shocking words, which will give us some information about why we are here and why other people are constantly coming. This is what he said— "I know why people go there, because they receive something for nothing." Well, that is true; he told the truth for the first time concerning the Bible and First Century Gospel Church. I know I received all I got for nothing, for if I had gotten what I deserved, I would be in a warmer climate.

Of course, such a statement is true; but, they leave out the great factor which brought us here; we do receive it free of charge, but it is the mighty power of God, as revealed in the Word, that we receive, and the Word tells us how to get it, how much we may receive and that it is absolutely FREE OF CHARGE. Some people go out to dig for gold, and if they happen to strike the wrong mine, they are disappointed and do not get any gold.

Well, we have it much better; we do not have to dig but can go directly to God and ask Him for the money we need and in a short time we will have it in our possession.

So, beloved, briefly that is the first principle of successful dealing with God, to take a LEAP. If you are having difficulty in getting to God, to receive spiritual blessings, to get a position, to receive an answer to prayer, or deliverance for anything, you can rest assured you are holding on to a "handful of meal and a little oil;" and it is necessary to take a leap and get entirely rid of it; then the power of God will begin to work effectually in our lives. That is worth knowing, as it is a wonderful thing to be able to locate our trouble.

Many times, when an automobile gets out of order the only trouble may be just a little dirt in the carburetor. That little dirt could cause all the trouble and is not even as much as a handful of

meal and a little oil in a cruse. It is certainly a wonderfully nice thing to be able to locate the cause of our troubles. All the trouble in our dealing with God, in receiving answers to prayer, in receiving healing and deliverance of any kind is a "handful of meal and a little oil which we have on hand. Let us never forget that. When the trouble is located, we will not have to wait long for the victory.

This fact is brought out by the lesson of the woman of Canaan, Matthew 15th chapter, which is the second principle involved. That is a determination to have a hundred percent deliverance while we wait. If you are not ready to take that kind of deliverance, do not go after it until you are.

If we wanted a shoemaker to mend our shoes while we waited, we would go there when we were prepared to wait until they were mended. Suppose you went to the shoemaker and told him you desired your shoes mended and he would say— "Well, take off your shoes, and I will mend them while you wait."

"Oh, no; you mend them while they are on my feet."

He would say, "Well, you had better come sometime again, when you are willing to take off your shoes, as I cannot mend them while they are on your feet."

It is the same with our deliverances, when we go for them, we must be prepared to receive one hundred percent just at the time we go; we should go for that purpose only and accept nothing less. God is not our shoemaker, but He is an All-around Mender and will mend us while we wait; and before we go to Him, we should settle it that we are not going to wait a week or a month, but should be prepared to go and receive just what we need while we wait just long enough to receive it.