

Know That God Will Bring You Out

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Text:

Deuteronomy 6:23 But he brought us out from there to bring us in and give us the land that he promised on oath to our forefathers.

1 Introduction

Our theme for this celebration is based on Deuteronomy 6:23 which says, “And he brought us out from there, that he might bring us in.” Our topic for tonight is “The God who brings out his people.” This topic is based on the first part of the verse. Say to your neighbor, “Neighbor, God will bring you out of your situation.”

This verse occurs in instructions by Moses to the Israelites on how to train their children in the Lord, specifically asking them to teach them the history of their deliverance from Egypt: The Israelites had become enslaved in Egypt after a Pharaoh who did not know about Joseph came to power. He oppressed and terrorized them. God heard their cry and decided to intervene. He exercised great power and brought them out of Egypt leading them all the way to the land he had promised Abraham. Knowledge of this history will then spur future generations including us to be obedient to God, to have faith in God, and to rely fully on God.

When I was young a woman in my church gave the following testimony. She and her husband were living in London. One day the landlord, without warning, asked them to move out immediately. It was a stressful time and they cried upon the Lord concerning this unreasonable and harsh request without getting any answer or comfort. They moved out and left behind a broom and dust pan. The landlord did not want any of their things left in his building so he took the broom and dust pan to them. The following day the building caught fire and burnt down. Through the eviction God had delivered them and all their possessions including the broom and dust pan from the destructive fire. That day this woman came to know that he is the God who brings us out.

I don't know what your situation is today. No matter what your situation is, know that he is the God who brings you out. Know that he is the God who rescues you. Know that he is the God who redeems you. Know that he is the God who restores you. Know that he is the God who delivers you. Know that he is the God who liberates you. Know that he is the God who frees you. Just know that he is the God who brings you out of any and all situations. He is the God who brings out his people.

Here are some principles concerning divine bringing-out:

1. Bringing out is God's nature.
2. Bringing out requires absolute power that is unique to Jehovah God.
3. Bringing out requires absolute faithfulness that is unique to Jehovah God.
4. Bringing out is covenantal and hence stems from covenant faithfulness.
5. Bringing out involves purposeful leading out.
6. Bringing out is a collaborative effort between God and man.

2 “The God who brings out his people” is a uniquely defining attribute

When we say “He is the God who brings out his people,” it means we have given him a name that is unique to him. That is, not only does that name describe him but it cannot be borne by anyone else. Since we are the ones ascribing the name it must mean we see something in his nature that warrants that name. What we see must be something that consistently occurs.

If you’ve observed Kofi to be calm no matter what the provocation in a hundred instances over a two year period then you are likely to correctly conclude that Kofi is a person who remains calm under fire.

So then, what makes us say that “He is the God who brings out his people?”

2.1 Bringing out is God’s nature

American armed forces have a policy and a principle that they will never leave an injured or dead soldier in the battle field. They will undertake dangerous missions just to rescue one soldier.

In the same way God has declared that no matter how horrid your situation, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.” (Hebrews 13:5) And so because of that you can say as the write of Hebrews said, “So we say with confidence, ‘The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?’” (Hebrews 13:6) This tells us He is the God who brings out his people. David affirms this when he says in Psalm 34:17-19,

¹⁷ The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles. ¹⁸ The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

¹⁹ A righteous man may have many troubles, but the LORD delivers him from them all;

It is one thing to say and another to do. So, the American Armed Forces principle is matched by historical evidence. They have proven this principle in all their wars. I submit to you today, God has proven his nature of bringing his people out through several events in the Bible.

He is the God that brought Abraham out of Ur of the Chaldees. So, if you have become disoriented in life and uncertain about life’s direction know that he can bring you out of your situation.

He is the God that brought Abraham out of Egypt. So, if your social circles, professional circles, or ministry circles cannot tolerate you any more, know that he can bring you out of your situation.

He is the God that brought Israel out of Egypt. So, if your situation has enslaved you or held you captive keeping you from progressing in your career or your life, know that he can bring you out of your situation.

He is the God that brought Israel out of exile. So, if you feel abandoned by friends, family, or colleagues, know that he can bring you out of your situation.

He is the God that brought Joseph out of slavery and imprisonment. So, if your vision has been trampled upon and all your projects in life have failed through no fault of yours, know that he can bring you out of your situation.

He is the God that brought David out of a fugitive life. So, if you are being persecuted by friends or family because of how God is using you in ministry, know that he can bring you out of your situation.

He is the God that brought Daniel out of the Lion's den. So, if you are being persecuted for your zeal and your friends or family have become lions looking to devour you, know that he can bring you out of your situation.

He is the God that brought Meshach, Shadrach, and Abednego out of the fiery furnace. So, if your commitment to serve God has generated heat in your home or among your friends, know that he can bring you out of your situation.

He is the God that brought captives from hell leading them in his train (Ephesians 4:8) and so he can bring you out of your situation.

I don't know what situation you are in today. No matter what your situation is, know that he is the God who brings you out. Know that he is the God who rescues you. Know that he is the God who redeems you. Know that he is the God who restores you. Know that he is the God who delivers you. Know that he is the God who liberates you. Know that he is the God who frees you. Know that he is the God that brings you out of your stress. Know that he is the God that brings you out of your worry. Know that he is the God that brings you out of your doubt. Know that he is the God that brings you out of your fear. Know that he is the God that brings you out of the miry clay. Know that he is the God that brings you out of the quicksand. Know that he is the God that brings you out of thorn bushes. Just know that he is the God who brings you out of any and all situations. He is the God who brings out his people.

2.2 Bringing out requires absolute power that is unique to Jehovah God

American soldiers may promise and desire and strive not to leave a soldier behind but the circumstances may prevent them from accomplishing their goal. They don't have the power to be able to do what they want under any circumstances.

But we have learnt from the Bible and come to know that God is omnipotent. God can do all things. So, if he says he will bring you out of your situation nothing can frustrate the accomplishment of his sovereign purpose. He himself declared in Jeremiah 32:27 saying, "I am the LORD, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for me?" And he said in Luke 1:37, "Nothing is impossible with God."

So, only God alone can be referred to as the one who brings us out because such an appellation requires absolute power over any and all circumstances. God himself described the way he brought the Israelites out of Egypt when he asked Moses to remind them that during Passover celebrations they should tell the children that, "With a mighty hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt." (Exodus 13:14) It was with mighty power that he brought them out. So, Jehovah God is uniquely the one who brings us out.

Your president is powerless to bring you out of all your situations; only Jehovah God can bring you out.

Your government is powerless to bring you out of all your situations; only Jehovah God can bring you out.

Your idol is powerless to bring you out of all your situations; only Jehovah God can bring you out.

Your fetish priest is powerless to bring you out of all your situations; only Jehovah God can bring you out.

Your prophet is powerless to bring you out of all your situations; only Jehovah God can bring you out.

Your juju is powerless to bring you out of all your situations; only Jehovah God can bring you out.

Therefore, know that he is the God who brings you out. Know that he is the God who rescues you. Know that he is the God who redeems you. Know that he is the God who restores you. Know that he is the God who delivers you. Know that he is the God who liberates you. Know that he is the God who frees you. Just know that he is the God who brings you out of any and all situations. He is the God who brings out his people.

3 Bringing out requires faithfulness and is covenantal

3.1 Bringing out requires faithfulness

People may promise to rescue you when you are in trouble. But human beings are not faithful. We know of some women whose husbands promised to go to the US, get settled, and come back to rescue them from their financial woes. And though they are settled and have their papers they have violated their marital covenant and written their wives off.

Human beings may disappoint you, but God is faithful. God is utterly reliable and is determinably steadfast and loyal toward his people. That is why the Apostle Paul says in 1 Thessalonians 5:24, “The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.” And Moses says in Deuteronomy 7:9. “Know therefore that the LORD your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commands.”

3.2 Bringing out fulfills a covenant

A covenant is an agreement initiated by God and made between God and his people, in which God makes some promises to his people and requires certain behaviors of his people. In the Abrahamic Covenant, God makes this promise as recorded in Genesis 15:13-14: “Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own, and they will be enslaved and mistreated four hundred years. But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves, and afterward they will come out with great possessions.” So, when God brought the Israelites out of Egypt, it was in partial fulfillment of the Abrahamic Covenant. God brings you out to fulfill his covenant not to leave you, nor forsake you, but to be with you always even unto the end of the ages.

3.3 Bringing out requires you to have faith

Because God is faithful and a covenant keeping God, you must have faith that he will bring you out of your untenable situation. When your car breaks down by the roadside and you are a AAA member you have faith in the faithfulness of AAA to send a truck to help you out of your trouble. So, you call AAA and wait patiently and expectantly for the truck to come. You have no doubt that they will show up because you have an agreement with them and they have proved faithful to that agreement in the past. So, it is also when you are in a troubled situation. Because of the faithfulness of God you must have faith that God will bring you out.

But sometimes the situation looks hopeless and impossible. Such was the case of the Israelites’ enslavement in Egypt. All the evidence showed that they would remain slaves. A whole generation had been born slaves and they knew nothing other than being slaves. A young person’s aspirations were perhaps to become a better slave. And so when Moses presented them

with the revelation from God that he was going to bring them out, it must have sounded incredulous.

Bertrand Russell, 20th century British analytical philosopher and mathematical logician, once said, “Faith is a conviction, which cannot be shaken by contrary evidence.” It is a conviction formed by looking at the situation through God. God is your spectacles. What you see is not what others see because they are not wearing the same spectacles. So you receive your major breakthrough by acknowledging the reality of your hopeless situation and yet convincing yourself completely of the faithfulness and power of God to give hope to your hopeless situation.

Because God is faithful and is a covenant keeping God, know that he is the God who covenants to bring you out. Know that he is the God who rescues you. Know that he is the God who redeems you. Know that he is the God who restores you. Know that he is the God who delivers you. Know that he is the God who liberates you. Know that he is the God who frees you. Just know that he is the God who brings you out of any and all situations. He is the God who brings out his people.

4 Bringing out involves purposeful leading out

The Hebrew word that is translated “brought us out” in our passage may also be rendered “led us out.” So, “bringing out” involves leading and following. Exodus 13:18 tells us about this leading by God when it says, “So God led the people around by the desert road toward the Red Sea.” The Apostle Paul referred to this leading act of God in bringing the Israelites out in a teaching in the synagogue in Psidian Antioch when he said in Acts 13:17, “With mighty power he [God] led them out of that country.” So, when God brings you out he is leading you out of your situation. He does not just bring you out but he brings you out to lead you somewhere else better.

Our passage says “he brought us out from there to.” The word “to” also means “in order to.” This word begins a purpose phrase. That is, there is a purpose for bringing you out of your situation. So, God does not bring you out just like that without any purpose. God brings you out of your situation by leading you out with a specific purpose in mind. In leading you out God will ensure that you accomplish the purpose he has in mind for you. So, you must know that God brings you out for a divine purpose. That is why God himself says in Jeremiah 29:11, “For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

You may be in a situation which has made you a captive. Your messed-up papers have imprisoned your career. Your marital problems have stolen your joy. Your joblessness has put your finances in captivity. Trouble sits at your door permanently. Consequently, you don’t know where to turn. I am here to proclaim to you that just as he brought the Israelites out, so also, Jehovah God will bring you out of our situation. God will bring you out of your captivity. God will bring you out of your enslavement. God will bring you out of your oppression. God will bring you out of your trial. God will bring you out of your troubles. Know that “weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.” (Psalm 30:5)

5 Respond to God’s bringing out effort

As I have said already, “bringing out” involves a covenant. God is ready to bring you out of your situation but you must fulfill your part by heeding God’s call to come out. You must want to come out. It has been observed that some people who are demonic possessed sometimes

do not want to let the demons go because they get some side benefits even though the demons ruin their life. So, in some cases, after being delivered of demonic possession they deliberately invite the demons back. And so they revert to their old oppressed situation.

When God used his mighty power to release the Israelites we learn in Exodus 13:18 that “The Israelites went up out of Egypt armed for battle.” By this the Israelites showed that they were ready to respond to God’s “bringing out.” They performed their part of the “bringing out” covenant. God is ready, willing, and able to bring you out of your situation, but you must stretch out your hand and hold on firmly to his outstretched arm.

A story is told of a devout Christian who heard an urgent news report on his radio that a flash flood was within minutes of entering the peaceful valley where he lived. Immediately he went to his knees and prayed for safety. The words were still on his lips when he became aware that water was gushing under his door. He retreated to the second floor and finally onto the roof of his house.

While he sat on the roof, a helicopter flew by and the pilot asked over the loudspeaker if they could lift him off. “It’s not necessary since I have the Lord’s protection,” he replied.

Moments later the house began to break up and he found himself clinging to a tree. A police boat, braving the waters, approached him for rescue, but he assured them that the Lord would save him. Finally, the tree gave way and the man went to his death.

Standing before the Lord, he asked, “Lord, I’m glad to be here, but why didn’t you answer my prayer for safety?”

The Lord responded, “Son, I told you over the radio to get out of there. Then I sent you a helicopter and a motor boat!”

God is ready to bring you out of your situation. But you must heed his call, you must hold on to his hand. You must respond to the various means he is going to use to get you out. God will work miraculously using ordinary people and events to bring you out of your situation. But you must respond to God’s bringing out effort.

The God who brings you out has stretched his arm to rescue you. Hold on to his mighty arm.

The God who brings you out has stretched his arm to redeem you. Hold on to his saving arm.

The God who brings you out has stretched his arm to restore you. Hold on to his powerful arm.

The God who brings you out has stretched his arm to deliver you. Hold on to his mighty arm.

The God who brings you out has stretched his arm to liberate you. Hold on to his liberating arm.

The God who brings you out has stretched his arm to free you. Hold on to his mighty arm.

Hold on to God’s outstretched arm. Just hold on!

6 Conclusion

“The God who brings out his people” is a uniquely defining attribute of Jehovah God because it is his nature and besides he is the only one that has power over all circumstances and hence can bring you out of any and all situations. Only God is faithful enough to be able to bring you out of any situation and as the covenant keeping God he will lead you out of your captive and oppressive situation to a place where you will come into his divine purpose for you. God

has stretched out his mighty arm to bring you out of your situation but you must respond and hold on to his arm. Know that God will bring you out.