

LIBERATION

(Note: Since the Bible is based on a covenant between God and humans, much of the Bible deals with human sinfulness of breaking the covenant, and God's subsequent punishment or God's restoration through liberating us from oppression or sin. This category samples these varying themes of liberation, referring the reader to other topics for more in depth study. See also Exploitation, Jubilee, Oppression, Poverty, Prisoners, Slaves, and other topics as noted.)

GENERAL

God is my shield

PSALM 3:1-8

PSALM 7:10

My heart rejoices for God has set me free

PSALM 13:1-6

God, give the king strength to rescue poor, and oppressed

PSALM 72:1-20

I will walk in freedom for I delight in your law

PSALM 119:41-48

Do not be conformed to this world but transformed by renewing of minds

ROMANS 12:1-3

Christians should judge among selves, not resort to civil courts

MATTHEW 5:21-26

MATTHEW 18:14-16

LUKE 12:57-59

1 CORINTHIANS 6:1-11

False promises of freedom lead people astray

2 PETER 2:10-22

GOD IS OUR LIBERATOR

God is my shield

PSALM 7:10

God is refuge for righteous in times of trouble

PSALM 37:1-40

God liberates prisoners, hungry, afflicted, alien, orphan, widow

PSALM 146:5-10

God will lift us up on eagle's wings

ISAIAH 40:27-31

God anointed me to proclaim liberty to the captives

ISAIAH 61:1-9

LUKE 4:16-19

God will save the flock; they shall dwell in safety

EZEKIEL 34:20-31

GOD LIBERATED THE HEBREWS FROM EGYPT

EXODUS 2:23-25

EXODUS 4:1-14:31

EXODUS 15:1-18
DEUTERONOMY 6:4-24
DEUTERONOMY 7:7-8

GOD CREATES NEW REALM, RESTORES FAITHFUL REMNANT
(See also Justice, Eschatological)

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light
ISAIAH 9:2-7

God ends oppression and overturns privilege
ISAIAH 29:18-21

God creates new heaven and earth where wolf and lamb lie together
ISAIAH 65:17-25

I will make a new covenant and write it on their hearts
JEREMIAH 31:31-34

God creates new realm for people and none shall make them afraid
EZEKIEL 34:23-31

God creates a new heaven and earth with no more tears, death, pain
REVELATION 21:1-4

GOD LIBERATES THE POOR AND OPPRESSED

(See also Hunger Oppression, Orphan, Poverty, Sojourner, Widow)

God lifts up the weak
1 SAMUEL 2:1-10

God liberates the poor
JOB 5:15-17
JEREMIAH 20:13

God liberates the oppressed
PSALM 10:16-18
PSALM 12:5
PSALM 34:1-22
PSALM 35:9-10
PSALM 37:1-40
PSALM 113:1-9

The religious rituals God chooses include liberating the oppressed
ISAIAH 58:1-12

God lifts the poor and humble
LUKE 1:46-55

JUBILEE A TIME OF ECONOMIC, LEGAL, SOCIAL LIBERATION

LEVITICUS 25:8-17
LEVITICUS 25:23-55

LIBERATION FROM ENEMIES (See numerous Psalms)

JUDGES 3:9-31
PSALM 7:1-17
PSALM 23:5

LIBERATION FROM HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS - EXAMPLES(See Also
Handicapping Conditions)

God heals
ISAIAH 29:18-21

Jesus heals sick

JOHN 5:1-23

Blindness

PSALM 146:7-10

MATTHEW 7:31-36

Deafness

ISAIAH 35:4-6

MARK 7:31-36

Lameness, paralysis

JEREMIAH 31:8-9

MATTHEW 4:23-25

Speech

ISAIAH 35:4-6

MATTHEW 9:32-34

Jesus raises Lazarus

JOHN 11:1-44

Jesus gives disciples authority over unclean spirits

MATTHEW 10:1-8

Peter heals lame

ACTS 3:2-12

LIBERATION FROM PRISON

ISAIAH 61:1-3

MATTHEW 4:16-21

LIBERATION FROM SLAVERY

Nehemiah calls on Israelites to liberate own people in indentured service

NEHEMIAH 5:1-13

There is neither slave nor free

GALATIANS 3:23-29

LIBERATION FROM SIN AND SEPARATION

God brings justice to victims, separates us from our sin

PSALM 103:6-13

Come let us talk; though your sins are scarlet they shall be as wool

ISAIAH 1:18-20

Jesus came not for the righteous but for sinners

MATTHEW 9:10-17

MARK 2:15-17

LUKE 5:29-32

Repentance necessary for salvation

LUKE 13:1-5

Salvation requires rebirth

JOHN 3:1-8

Jesus came for the lost (including the prodigal son)

LUKE 15:1-32

I am the way, the truth, and the life

JOHN 14:1-7

Salvation comes through Christ

ACTS 4:8-12

Jesus came to liberate us from wickedness of world

GALATIANS 1:3-4

JESUS BRINGS LIBERATION FROM LAW (BUT LIBERTY, NOT LICENSE)

Jesus brings liberation through healing, preaching, good news to poor

MATTHEW 11:2-6

LUKE 4:16-21

LUKE 7:18-23

You shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free

JOHN 8:31-32

If the son sets you free you are free

JOHN 8:33-36

Our freedom is found in obedience to God

ROMANS 6:1-23

It is by believing that we are saved

ROMANS 10:5-13

Law couldn't fully overcome our human limits; Jesus does

ROMANS 7:1-8:13

Nothing impure by itself, but don't cause another to stumble

ROMANS 14:1-23

Take care lest your liberty become a stumbling block to others

1 CORINTHIANS 8:8-13

All things are lawful but not necessarily helpful

1 CORINTHIANS 10:23-33

Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom

2 CORINTHIANS 3:17

We are a new creation in Christ

2 CORINTHIANS 5:14-21

Now is the time of favor

2 CORINTHIANS 6:1-2

Christian liberty in Jesus, not law

GALATIANS 2:2-6

GALATIANS 2:15-21

GALATIANS 3:1-29

GALATIANS 5:1-15

GALATIANS 6:11-16

Don't let your liberty become license; be ruled by the spirit

GALATIANS 5:13-26

Aspire to realm above, not limited human injunctions

COLOSSIANS 2:20-3:4

You have put on a new nature with no distinctions

GALATIANS 3:23-29

COLOSSIANS 3:9-11

LIBERATION INCLUDES JUSTICE

Zion shall be redeemed by justice

ISAIAH 1:24-28

My servant will bring justice; you are a light to the nations
ISAIAH 42:1-9

If you show justice you will be saved
JEREMIAH 7:1-14

At judgment mercy given to those who gave it themselves
JAMES 2:13

Set your hearts on God's realm and justice and all else will be added
MATTHEW 6:19-34

Salvation is in justice
ROMANS 14:17-19

YOU DIDN'T LIBERATE OTHERS, SO YOU WILL BE PUNISHED

Israelites went back on pledge to free Hebrew slaves so punished
JEREMIAH 34:8-22

You have sold the upright for a pair of sandals
AMOS 2:6-16

SOME LIBERATORS

Moses
EXODUS 3:7-10

Gideon
JUDGES 6:14-16

Samson
JUDGES 13:5

Saul
1 SAMUEL 14:23

David
2 SAMUEL 3:17-19

Cyrus
ISAIAH 41:1-7
ISAIAH 45:1-7

Jesus
LUKE 4:16-30