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Voice of Triumph

"I am the Lord your God, Who brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, that you should no more be slaves; and I have broken the bars of your yoke and made you walk erect [as free men]." Leviticus 26:13, AMPC

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JESUS CHRIST MADE YOU REALLY FREE, SO WALK AT LIBERTY

Freedom hinges on every decision. When enslavement masks as freedom, God provides the way of escape at the same time so emancipation is always accessible. Stay on the lookout for the ever-present Holy Spirit to help you choose the best. That which is Spirit is always Spirit; that which is flesh is always flesh; refuse to confuse the two. In the kingdom of God, Jesus already conquered the world system and gave it to us to keep it conquered. "For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by the bondmaid and one by the free woman. But whereas the child of the slave woman was born according to the flesh and had an ordinary birth, the son of the free woman was born in fulfillment of the promise. Now all this is an allegory; these [two women] represent two covenants. One covenant originated from Mount Sinai [where the Law was given] and bears [children destined] for slavery; this is Hagar. Now Hagar is (stands for) Mount Sinai in Arabia and she corresponds to and belongs in the same category with the present Jerusalem, for she is in bondage together with her children. But the Jerusalem above (the Messianic kingdom of Christ) is free, and she is our mother. For it is written in the Scriptures, Rejoice, O barren woman, who has not given birth to children; break forth into a joyful shout, you who are not feeling birth pangs, for the desolate woman has many more children than she who has a husband. But we, brethren, are children [not by physical descent, as was Ishmael, but] like Isaac, born in virtue of promise. Yet [just] as at that time the child [of ordinary birth] born according to the flesh despised and persecuted him [who was born remarkably] according to [the promise and the working of the [Holy] Spirit, so it is now also. But what does the Scripture say? Cast out and send away the slave woman and her son, for never shall the son of the slave woman be heir and share the inheritance with the son of the free woman. So, brethren, we [who are born again] are not children of a slave woman [the natural], but of the free [the supernatural]. In [this] freedom Christ has made us free [and completely liberated us]; stand fast then, and do not be hampered and held ensnared and submit again to a yoke of slavery [which you have once put off]," Galatians 4:22-31; 5:1 (AMPC). Freedom is yours!

KEYS OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD: ITS STANDING AUTHORITY AND POWER

Always image heaven picture perfect: if it is approved or disapproved in heaven, then it is approved or disapproved on earth, respectively. That is the only standard of operations Jesus taught His disciples. Matthew 16:16-19 (AMPC) unveils revelation about heaven's kingdom; it can only come from God, never from satan. Then use the keys to lock and unlock until every obstruction against your breakthrough has been removed and you are free. "Simon Peter replied, You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. Then Jesus answered him, Blessed (happy, fortunate, and-to be envied) are you, Simon Bar-Jonah. For flesh and blood [men] have not revealed this to you, but My Father Who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter [Greek, *Petros*—a large piece of rock], and on this rock [Greek, *petra*—a huge rock like Gibraltar] I will build My church, and the gates of Hades (the powers of the infernal region) shall not overpower it [or be strong to its detriment or hold out against it]. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind (declare to be improper and unlawful) on earth must be what is already bound in heaven." Live in freedom!

GOD ANOINTED YOU WITH HOLY SPIRIT AND MIRACULOUS POWER

Acts 8:23 (AMPC) is satan's revenge against God and His people. "For I see that you are in the gall of bitterness and in a bond forged by iniquity [to fetter souls]." Isaiah 58:6 shows fasting yielding higher levels of freedom, when flesh is removed from the equation. 1) Extract the chains by loosing strongholds i.e., bands of wicked soul ties to the lust of the eyes, lust of the flesh, and/or the pride of life. 2) Enforce the troop to surrender by undoing the heavy burdens. 3) Emancipate the oppressed from captivity by letting the bound go free. 4) Eradicate the weapons of mass destruction by breaking the yoke until annihilated. Isaiah 10:27 (AMPC) reveals the power of the anointing as the best weapon to keep the ground Jesus has already taken from satan. "And it shall be in that day that the burden of [the Assyrian] shall depart from your shoulders, and his yoke from your neck. The yoke shall be destroyed because of fatness [which prevents it from going around your neck]."

PRAYING AND PRAISING GOD BREAKS EVERY CHAIN ANYWHERE

In Acts 16:25-26, TLB God didn't need a formal release from authorities. "Around midnight, as Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to the Lord—and the other prisoners were listening—suddenly there was a great earthquake; the prison was shaken to its foundations, all the doors flew open—and the chains of every prisoner fell off!" Your praise and prayer appeals to God to free you and others. "Let the saints be joyful in the glory and beauty [which God confers upon them]; let them sing for joy upon their beds. Let the high praises of God be in their throats and a two-edged sword in their hands, To wreak vengeance upon the nations and chastisement upon the peoples, To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron, To execute upon them the judgment written. He [the Lord] is the honor of all His saints. Praise the Lord! (Hallelujah!)," Psalm 149:5-9.

Thought for Transformation

God gives you clarity on how to know the path He's chosen for you. "Thus saith the Lord: Stand ye in the way and see; and ask for the old paths, where is the good way; then walk therein, and ye will find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein, Jer. 6:16 (KJV). Even after failure, God still extends His mercy to give us the answer where we missed the mark. "For then [changing their impure language] I will give to the people a clear and pure speech from pure lips, that they may all call upon the name of the Lord, to serve Him with one unanimous consent and one united shoulder [bearing the yoke of the Lord]," Zep. 3:9 (AMPC). This yoke is a merger with Jesus to live in life-union with Him. The closer your fellowship, the greater the anointing to prevent you from attack; if satan tries to fight you, that is an invitation for God to bruise him under your feet. Jesus personally coaches you on heaven's way to remain at rest as you live through Him. "...The Father has given Me these things to do and say. This is a unique Father-Son operation, coming out of Father and Son intimacies and knowledge. No one knows the Son the way the Father does, nor the Father the way the Son does. But I'm not keeping it to Myself; I'm ready to go over it line by line with anyone willing to listen. Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to Me. Get away with Me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with Me and work with Me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or illfitting on you. Keep company with Me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly,' Matt. 11:27-30, (Msg).