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Numbers

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Complete Deliverance

Job 5:19 "He shall deliver thee in six troubles: yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee." While this text is often used as a promise of timely deliverances and that the Lord will be with us in all our trials, troubles, tribulations, and persecutions, it also speaks to us of the complete deliverance wherewith the Lord delivers us.

2 Cor. 1:10 "Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us." This verse speaks to us that God has delivered us in the past, he is delivering us in the present, and he will deliver us in the future.

First, God has delivered us in the past from our sins and the condemnation and eternal death of our sins. According to God's eternal covenant, Christ went to the cross to deliver us from the condemnation and wrathful judgment of our sins. He paid the price in full and there is nothing left to be paid of that price. This deliverance is in the past.

Second, God has delivered us from the bondage of the law of sin and death when he caused us to be born of the Spirit of God. In this new birth, God wrote his laws in our heart and put them in our mind. He gave us a desire and ability to cry Abba Father. By causing us to be born of the spirit we have the fruit of the spirit and can understand spiritual things. This understanding of spiritual things and the ability to worship God in spirit and in truth is a great present deliverance to us. Furthermore, our experiences in life have lead us to believe that God will never leave us or forsake us, but will be with us in all our trials and troubles. This too is a current or present deliverance.

Third, God has promised a future deliverance. In this future deliverance, we will be delivered from the corruption of sin. This mortal must put on immortality. This corruptible must put on incorruption. We shall be changed in a moment, in the twinkle of an eye and we shall be fashioned like the glorious body of Christ. Truly there is no evil that can eternally touch us.

