

ABC's OF "DELIVER US FROM EVIL"

A) 1.) Ask

Matthew 7:7-11 "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ⁸For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. ⁹Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? ¹¹If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!"

2.) Acknowledge our position in Christ

Ephesians 1:3-14 "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ, ⁴just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, ⁵having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, ⁶to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He ^[a]made us accepted in the Beloved. ⁷In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace ⁸which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and ^[b]prudence, ⁹having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, ¹⁰that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, ^[c]both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him. ¹¹In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, ¹²that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.

¹³In Him you also *trusted*, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, ¹⁴who ^[d]is the ^[e]guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

Ephesians 2:4-6 "But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus"

3.) Armor of God

Ephesians 6:10-11 "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the ^[a]wiles of the devil.

B) Be sober. Be vigilant.

1 Peter 5:8-9 "Be ^[a]sober, be ^[b]vigilant; ^[c]because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world."

C) Cry out to God. Call upon Him.

Psalms 34:6 “This poor man cried out, and the Lord heard *him*,
And saved him out of all his troubles.”

Psalms 34:17 “*The righteous* cry out, and the Lord hears,
And delivers them out of all their troubles.”

Psalms 50:15 “Call upon Me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.”

D) Do not fear them.

Jeremiah 1:8 “Do not be afraid of their faces,
For I *am* with you to deliver you,” says the Lord.”

Isaiah 41:10 “Fear not, for I *am* with you;
Be not dismayed, for I *am* your God.
I will strengthen you,
Yes, I will help you,
I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.’

Deut. 31:6 “⁶Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the Lord your God, He *is* the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you.”

E) Exhort one another daily.

Hebrews 3:13 “ ... exhort one another daily, while it is called “Today,” lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.”

F) 1.) Fear God.

Psalms 34:7 “The ^[a]angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him,
And delivers them.

2 Kings 17:39 “But the Lord your God you shall fear; and He will deliver you from the hand of all your enemies.”

2.) Forgive! We must forgive others as God forgives us. Unforgiveness imprisons us in a place of torment.

Matthew 6:14-15 “ “For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Matt. 18:32-35 “Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. ³³Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?’ ³⁴And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him.

³⁵ “So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother ^[a]his trespasses.”

2 Cor. 2:10-11 “Now whom you forgive anything, I also *forgive*. For ^[a]if indeed I have forgiven anything, I have forgiven that one for your sakes in the presence of Christ, ¹¹lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.

3.) Forsake not the gathering of believers

Hebrews 10:25 "... not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as *is* the manner of some, but exhorting *one another*, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

G) Give to God what is His.

Mark 12:17 "And Jesus answered and said to them, ^[a]"Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

Malachi 3:8-11 "Will a man rob God?

Yet you have robbed Me!

But you say,

'In what way have we robbed You?'

In tithes and offerings.

⁹You are cursed with a curse,

For you have robbed Me,

Even this whole nation.

¹⁰Bring all the tithes into the storehouse,

That there may be food in My house,

And try Me now in this,"

Says the Lord of hosts,

"If I will not open for you the windows of heaven

And pour out for you *such* blessing

That *there will* not be *room* enough to receive it.

¹¹"And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes,

So that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground,

Nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field,"

Says the Lord of hosts"

Psalms 50:14-15 "Offer to God thanksgiving,

And pay your vows to the Most High.

¹⁵Call upon Me in the day of trouble;

I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me."

H) Hide in God.

Psalms 32:7 "You *are* my hiding place;

You shall preserve me from trouble;

You shall surround me with songs of deliverance."

Psalms 27:5 "For in the time of trouble

He shall hide me in His pavilion;

In the secret place of His tabernacle

He shall hide me;

He shall set me high upon a rock.

I) **Imaginations.** Imaginations are like seeds. They can take root and bring forth fruit. Imaginations that exalt themselves against God must be cast down. Don't let them take root!

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. ⁴For the weapons of our warfare *are* not ^[a]carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, ⁵casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ"

James 1:14-15 "But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. ¹⁵Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death."

J) **JESUS.** There is power and authority in the name of Jesus.

Philippians 2:9-11 "Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, ¹¹and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

John 14:13-14 "And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If you ^[a]ask anything in My name, I will do *it*.

Mark 16:17-18 "And these signs will follow those who ^[a]believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; ¹⁸they^[b] will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

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K) 1.) **Keep yourselves in God's love**

Jude 21 "Keep yourselves in the love of God."

2.) **Know God's name**

Psalms 91:14 ""Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will ^[a]set him on high, because he has known My name.

L) **Love God and love one another.** These are the 2 greatest commandments, and love is the fulfillment of the law.

Matthew 22:36-40 "Teacher, which *is* the great commandment in the law?"

³⁷Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' ³⁸This is *the* first and great commandment. ³⁹And *the* second *is* like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

Exodus 20:6 "but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

M) My God. “My Beloved is mine and I am His.” **Song of Solomon 2:16.** We have been given the privilege and honor of an intimate relationship with God. Look at the 8 “My’s” of **Psalms 18:1-3.**

“I will love You, O LORD, **my** strength.

² The LORD is **my** rock and **my** fortress and **my** deliverer;

My God, **my** ^[a]strength, in whom I will trust;

My shield and the ^[b]horn of my salvation, **my** stronghold.

³ I will call upon the LORD, *who is worthy* to be praised;

So shall I be saved from my enemies.”

N) 1.) New Mercies

Lamentations 3:22-23 “Through the Lord’s mercies we are not consumed,

Because His compassions fail not.

²³ *They are new every morning;*

Great is Your faithfulness.”

2.) New Covenant. Jesus gave us a New Covenant in His own blood, with which He paid for our sins and purchased our souls.

1 Cor. 11:24-25 “and when He had given thanks, He broke *it* and said, ^[a]“Take, eat; this is My body which is ^[b]broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.” ²⁵ In the same manner *He* also took the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink *it*, in remembrance of Me.”

1 Peter 1:18-19 “knowing that you were not redeemed with ^[a]corruptible things, *like* silver or gold, from your aimless conduct *received* by tradition from your fathers, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

O) 1.) Obey God.

Romans 16:19-20 “For your obedience has become known to all. Therefore I am glad on your behalf; but I want you to be wise in what is good, and ^[a]simple concerning evil. ²⁰ And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you. Amen.

Psalms 119:2-3 “Blessed *are* those who keep His testimonies,

Who seek Him with the whole heart!

³ They also do no iniquity;

They walk in His ways.

Deut. 12:28 “Observe and obey all these words which I command you, that it may go well with you and your children after you forever, when you do *what is* good and right in the sight of the Lord your God.

2.) Offences are traps. We must be careful not to pick up offences against people. In Greek the word for offences is “Skandalon” (#4625). A skandalon is the trigger in the trap of which the bait is placed and that springs the trap when it is touched by the animal causing the trap to close. This is another device of Satan.

Luke 17 :1-2 “Then He said to the disciples, “It is impossible that no ^[a]offenses should come, but woe *to him* through whom they do come! ² It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea, than that he should ^[b]offend one of these little ones.

P.) 1.) Put off your old self.

Eph. 4:21-22 "if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts"

2.) Pray.

Phil. 4:6-7 "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; ⁷ and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Q.) Quote the Promises ~that we may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

2 Peter 1:2-4 "Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, ³ as His divine power has given to us all things that *pertain* to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, ⁴ by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the ^[a]corruption *that is* in the world through lust.

R.) 1.) Righteousness is key.

Psalms 34:17 "*The righteous* cry out, and the Lord hears,
And delivers them out of all their troubles.

Psalms 34:19 "Many *are* the afflictions of the righteous,
But the Lord delivers him out of them all."

1 Peter 3:12 "For the eyes of the Lord *are* on the righteous,
And His ears *are open* to their prayers;
But the face of the Lord *is* against those who do evil."

2.) Resist the devil

James 4:7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

3.) Renew Your Mind

Romans 12:2 "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

S.) Set your love upon God.

Psalms 91:14 "Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him;
I will set him on high, because he has known My name."

T.) 1.) Trust in the LORD.

Psalms 32:10 "Many sorrows *shall be* to the wicked;
But he who trusts in the Lord, mercy shall surround him.

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
And lean not on your own understanding;

⁶ In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He shall ^[a]direct your paths."

2.) Truth

Psalm 91: 4 "He shall cover you with His feathers,
And under His wings you shall take refuge;
His truth *shall be your* shield and ^[a]buckler.

U.) Understanding and Wisdom.

Proverbs 2:11 "Discretion will preserve you;
Understanding will keep you"

Proverbs 10:23 "To do evil *is* like sport to a fool,
But a man of understanding has wisdom.

V.) Verbal declarations.

Psalm 91:2 "I will say of the Lord, "*He is* my refuge and my fortress;
My God, in Him I will trust."

Psalm 28:7 "The Lord *is* my strength and my shield;
My heart trusted in Him, and I am helped;
Therefore my heart greatly rejoices,
And with my song I will praise Him.

2 Tim. 1:7 " For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind."

Psalm 23:6 "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days of my life;
And I will ^[a]dwell in the house of the Lord
^[b]Forever.

Psalm 60:12 "Through God we will do valiantly,
For *it is* He *who* shall tread down our enemies.

W.) 1.) Walk in the Spirit.

Gal. 5:16 "I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh."

2.) Worship

2 Chronicles 20:20-22 "So they rose early in the morning and went out into the Wilderness of Tekoa; and as they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Hear me, O Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem: Believe in the Lord your God, and you shall be established; believe His prophets, and you shall prosper." ²¹ And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed those who should sing to the Lord, and who should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army and were saying:

"Praise the Lord,
For His mercy *endures* forever."

²² Now when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated."

X.) X is an abbreviation for Christ. The Greek New Testament was written in Greek, and the word for Christ, (Christos) begins with the letter X (Chi).

Y.) Yoke – not a yoke of bondage, but the Yoke of Jesus Christ.

Gal. 5:1 : Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.

Matt. 11:28-30 "Come to Me, all *you* who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am ^[a]gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

Z.) Zion's Reminder

Isaiah 49:14-19 "But Zion said, "The Lord has forsaken me,
And my Lord has forgotten me."

¹⁵ "Can a woman forget her nursing child,
^[a]And not have compassion on the son of her womb?

Surely they may forget,
Yet I will not forget you.

¹⁶ See, I have inscribed you on the palms *of My hands*;
Your walls *are* continually before Me.

¹⁷ Your ^[b]sons shall make haste;
Your destroyers and those who laid you waste
Shall go away from you.

¹⁸ Lift up your eyes, look around and see;
All these gather together *and* come to you.
As I live," says the Lord,
"You shall surely clothe yourselves with them all as an ornament,
And bind them *on you* as a bride *does*."

¹⁹ "For your waste and desolate places,
And the land of your destruction,
Will even now be too small for the inhabitants;
And those who swallowed you up will be far away."