DELIVERANCE
Part 6a
"Instruments of Deliverance"
Dan. 3:28

INTRODUCTION
God has used various instruments to deliver his people out of trials. God has used men. God has used nature. God has used angels. Over the next several weeks we will consider the instruments God has used to deliver His people in our examination of God's deliverance of His people out of trials.

I. GOD USED NATURE TO DELIVER HIS PEOPLE OUT OF TRIALS.
    A. God used the flood to deliver Noah and his family.

    B. God used fire to deliver Lot and his family.

II. GOD USED MEN TO DELIVER HIS PEOPLE OUT OF TRIALS.
    A. God used Moses to deliver Israel out of Egypt. Acts 7:34
        1. The Greek word for "deliver" is exaireo -- "***active voice to tear out; middle voice to select; figuratively to release: - deliver, pluck out, rescue***." -- Strong's lexicon
        2. The Hebrew word used in natsal -- "to snatch away, deliver, rescue, save, strip, plunder." -- Brown, Driver & Briggs
        3. The Lord "sent" (apostello) Moses to deliver Israel.

    B. God used Gideon to deliver Israel. Judges 6:14
        1. The deliverance word used here is yasha --"***to snatch away, deliver, rescue, save, strip, plunder.***" -- Strong's lexicon
        2. God supplied Gideon with few men to show that He was the one that brought the deliverance. Cf. Judges 7:2-7

    C. God used David to deliver Israel out of the hands of Goliath and the Philistines. 1st Sam. 17:37
        1. Goliath lead the Philistines in war against Israel. 1st Sam. 17:23
        2. The sight of Goliath put fear in the men of Israel. 1st Sam. 17:24
            a) "Saw" is the Hebrew word raah which means "***to look at, inspect, perceive, consider.***" -- Brown, Driver & Briggs cf. Gen. 6:2 (of the Sons of God who saw the daughters of men); Gen. 6:5 (of God who saw the wickedness of man)
            b) Those who saw him fled from him. Vs. 24
        3. David's victory inspired the nation. Vs. 51-53

D. God used warfare to deliver Israel out of the hands of their enemies.
1. He used a "host" to deliver Israel out of the hands of the Amalekites. 1st Sam. 14:48
2. He used warfare to rescue Israel out of the hands of Sihon. Deut. 2:29-34

III.   GOD USED ANGELS TO DELIVER HIS PEOPLE OUT OF TRIALS.
A. God used angels to deliver Old Testament saints.
1. God used an angel to deliver the Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego out of the fiery furnace. Dan. 3:28
a) "Blessed" -- berak -- it is used of **_kneeling in respect of or to praise_**.
b) "God of" notes the emphasis upon the fact that he was one of many gods Nebuchadnezzar recognized. Cf. Ex. 5:3 (of Pharaoh noting God to be the god of the Hebrews)
c) Nebuchadnezzar notes that he "sent his angel". Vs. 28
(1) "Angel" is the use of malak without the article noting one of a quality of an angel. Cf. Dan. 6:22 (also said by Darius of Daniel's deliverance from the lions den)
(2) "He delivered his servants".
(a) "Delivered" --shezab -- **_rescue from danger_**. Cf. vs. 15
(b) "Trusted" -- rechants -- (hithpeil) "**_to set one's trust on_**" -- Brown, Driver & Briggs
2. God used an angel to deliver Daniel out of the lions den. Dan. 6:22
a) "Sent his angel" --
(1) Sent is the Aramaic shelach -- "**_to put or to send out_**" -- Strong's lexicon
(2) "Angel" (anarthorus -- an angel) is malak -- a messenger (a common activity of God to rescue His people out of harm cf. Ps. 34:7; Acts 12: 7-11)
b) The angel "shut" --segar -- the lions mouths so that they could not "hurt: -- chabal -- **_to destroy_** -- Daniel.
c) Daniel offers several reasons as to why God shut the lions mouths. Vs. 22
(1) "Forsomuch" is a combination of the conjunction qebel with kol which can be translated "because of; on account of".
(2) "Innocency was found"
(a) "Innocency" -- zaku -- **purity** (concerning the accusation)-- BDB

             (b) "Was found" is shek akh -- "***the idea of disclosure of a covered or forgotten thing; to discover -- find***." --Strong's lexicon"I have done no hurt"

             (c) "Done" is abad -- ithpeal -- "***to be done, be wrought, be performed, be executed, be carried out***."

             (d) "No hurt" -- lah chabulah -- "***no hurtful act, crime, harm, wicked deed, a wron***g" -- BDB

    B. God used an angels to deliver New Testament saints.
        1. An angel rescued Peter and other of the apostles out of prison. Acts 5:19; 17 -18
        2. God used an angel to deliver Peter out of prison. Acts 12:11; 7-10
        3. An angel delivered Paul from a shipwreck. Acts 27:23

CONCLUSION