

"Moses spoke unto the children of Israel: but they hearkened not unto Moses for anguish of spirit, and for cruel bondage..."

Exodus 6:9

How many of us have loved ones who have destructive strongholds in their lives, but when we try to show them the way out ... they will not listen to us?

If we understand the scriptures, we should not be surprised by this response.

Moses was a man sent by God to lead his people out of cruel bondage. God said he had seen their affliction and heard their cries, so he sent a deliverer.

But when the deliverer finally came, the people wanted to stone him!

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What a frustrating experience this must have been for Moses. So he brought his complaint before the Lord. Moses did his level best to convince the great *I Am* that this was a lost cause, but the Lord would have none of it.

He was adamant. He would not let Moses off the hook.

The scriptures reveal exactly why the people would not listen to Moses. It is very important for those of us who are called to intercession to understand this so we will not grow weary in well doing. Exodus 6:9 tells us the people would not listen to Moses for *anguish of mind* and *cruel bondage*.

As a drowning person, in their panic, will often fight the one who is trying to rescue them, a person trapped in the cruel bondage of Satan and his minions will often vigorously reject the help God sends to them.

Those devils have no intention of going quietly. They have held that territory a long time, and their victim can not tell the difference yet between the oppressors voice and their own. The victim will personally feel the oppressor's resistance--its anger and resentment.

We know that freedom only comes to any of us through Jesus Christ, God's risen son. But don't the scriptures call him the stone that the builders *rejected--*A rock of offense and a stone of stumbling?

The good news is that both we and our loved ones can benefit from the next set of instructions God gave to Moses concerning the *liberation* of his anguished people.

God said, "speak unto Pharaoh." Moses was instructed to go not only to the people who were in bondage and tell them about their deliverance but also to the oppressor and command him to let the people go!

Look at the example given to us in Genesis:

- Moses was called by God and commanded to go...
- Moses went and told the people God would deliver them
- The people's misery increased
- Moses was then told to *go to the oppressor* and demand release

Are you praying fervently for the deliverance of a friend or loved one? Have you told them Jesus is their <u>only</u> answer? *Have you gone to "Pharoah" and demanded their release?*

"... and he gave them authority over <u>all</u> devils..."

"...and the seventy returned again with joy saying. Cord even the devils are subject unto us through thy name..."

"...prophesy unto the wind, prophesy son of man..."