

None of us know the future, so the only comfort I can offer is to urge you to use **your voice**; cry out to Almighty God, in the Name of His Son, Jesus Christ! This is the start of a relationship with the loving God!

The loving Creator hears the cries of anyone who calls to Him: • *In the day when I cried, You LORD, answered me, strengthening me with strength in my soul.* (Ps 138)

Many people have been physically trapped! History is full of stories of people who were physically held captive against their will. **The ones** who endured with hope are the ones who prayed constantly. **The ones** who turned their heart to the Most High God, crying out to Him for mercy, in the Name of the Risen Savior, Jesus Christ, who arose from the dead! These received comfort in the midst of awful distresses:

• *In my distress I called upon the LORD. I cried to my God! He heard my voice! My cry came to Him, into His ears. The LORD is near to all that call upon Him, all that call upon Him in truth.*” (Psalm 18:6 & 145:18)

God's Son, Jesus the Christ, is the only **pathway** to salvation and rescue! We can't make an escape on our own. But we can turn our heart to the LORD God, asking Him to comfort, strengthen, and support us.

For those who are **trapped physically**, the only hope is to begin seeking God for rescue! God has many **promises** for the afflicted, poor, and needy, promising hope, peace, deliverance. But we must **personally** cry out to Him! In the midst of our terrible situation, He promises to give a peace in our

heart that surpasses our understanding, **IF** we talk to Him about everything, every day! (Philippians 4:6-7)

But, God's biggest desire for you is securing the '**Eternal Destiny**' of your spirit and soul!! You may be trapped physically; you may be trapped spiritually - but now is the time to talk to God, **the Lover of your soul!** He alone can save and deliver your spirit and soul, from an Eternity of Misery.

• **God LOVES YOU!** He alone is The Way of Peace, of Rescue for your spirit and soul!

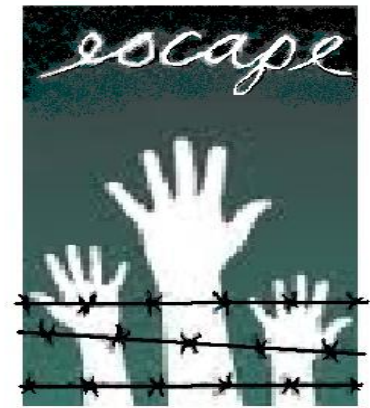
For the physical escape for those trapped physically, we must trust in God's timing, and maintain our prayerful vigil!

In the meantime, remember: the Lord Jesus stands at the door of your heart by His Holy Spirit. He calls to you to open your heart to Him! **“Come to Me, My beautiful one! You will find rest for your soul!”**

The Door to God's Peace and His Eternal Kingdom is through Jesus Christ! **Talk to God today!** He loves whoever trusts Him! He is near to sincere seekers. **Say a simple prayer.** Here's a prayer that may be helpful:

“Dear God: I know I'm a sinner. I believe Jesus died on the cross for me. I believe Jesus rose from the dead and is now in Heaven. I ask You to save me, cleanse me and forgive me for my sins by the blood of Jesus. I want to know you. Come into my life! Fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Bring me into Your Kingdom. Make me Your child. Amen.”

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Trapped, Captured

‘The Great Escape’ movie is about prisoners of war in WW2 that spent months digging a tunnel under the prison walls to gain freedom. Those men sacrificed **everything** to find a way of escape. Escaping was worth the cost for them! They dreamed of freedom, escaping the tyranny of their abductors. The cost was high. Many perished in attempting to escape. A few did succeed, achieving their freedom.

Tragically, it is a fact that many people today are trapped, captured, held against their will. Some are trapped physically. Some are trapped spiritually. Both Kinds of Capture are very grieving and distressing! Let's consider **Both Kinds of Capture**.

First, let's address an important factor that is **true** for everyone, trapped or not.

The Creator God knows exactly what you are going thru. He created you, spirit, soul, and body! Notice the significance of your entire being. You are a spirit, you have a soul, and you live in a body! God revealed this truth in His Word, the Holy Bible:

“Now may the God of peace Himself make you completely holy; and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept complete, blameless at the coming of our Savior, the Lord Jesus the Messiah.” (1Thess 5:23)

What does this mean? It means that even if you are **captured physically**, your spirit and soul can be free. However, some people are **held captive spiritually**, by the devil.

God says that people trapped by the devil need to: *come to their senses to escape from the snare of the devil* (2Tim 2:26).

These people are trapped - either by the occult or by their own prideful, self-exalted thinking! How do these people ‘**come to their senses**’? They must repent of their rebellion against God and His Word!.

The Holy, Supreme, LORD God of the Bible, gave His powerful Word for ALL people, to know His Ways! In His Word, He tells us many times that those who reject Him and His instructions are **trapped** spiritually by the devil! These walk in spiritual darkness, live in error, are entangled with the ways of the wicked (see 2Peter 2:17-21 & John 8:12).

But the merciful LORD God made **A Way of Escape** for people trapped spiritually in the dark snare of the devil. **The escape is** to ‘come to your senses’ by receiving, as your Lord and Savior, the Living ‘Light of the World’ - God’s precious Son, Jesus Christ: • *“as many as received Him (Jesus Christ), He gave them authority to become*

the children of God, to those who believe on His name” (John 1:12).

The First Step for ‘coming to your senses’, is to acknowledge your great need for the Ever-Lasting Creator by receiving His Son who died for you, to make the payment due for your rebellion (your sins) against God.

The Most-High God is full of compassion! He provided **The Way** for reconciliation with Him by sending Jesus to the earth! Jesus died on the cross to take the punishment for our sins so we could be forgiven!! JESUS said, • *“I Am The Way, The Truth, The Life: no one comes to the Father (God), but by Me.”* (John 14:6)

Our escape from the snare of the devil is **ONLY** in Jesus, the Christ! Anyone who believes in Jesus, cries out to Him, and receives Him, will receive God’s loving GIFT: • *“Everlasting Life in Jesus Christ our Lord”*

When anyone sincerely receives Jesus Christ as their Savior, then they are **Born of God**. Little by little, they will escape out of spiritual darkness and will begin to have freedom from this dark spiritual trap - the snare of the devil!

Now, let’s consider the trap of being **captured physically**. The physical trap of people, captured against their will, is another situation that the Creator God is fully aware of, and it saddens Him greatly!! However, these are the days of **The Time of the End!** The Prophets throughout the Bible revealed the End-Time Days as a time

of dreadful turmoil: *‘the wicked shall do wickedly!’* (Daniel 12:8-10)

The example of the great flood of Noah’s day reveals what the End-Time Days will be like! In Noah’s time, **multitudes** arrogantly, wickedly scorned, and rejected the Almighty God’s love and truth.

Now, in these End-Times, as in Noah’s day, violent danger, wickedness is **unrestrained!** **Which is why** many people are physically captured and trapped against their will!

Yes, evil is in all ages. Afflictions in this life are **unending!** But our Creator God has given every single person the ability to make decisions. Each of us can choose to do what we please. Sadly, the tragic fact is: many choose to do horrifying wickedness!

For now, we need to know this: **One Day**, God Almighty will expose all the hidden, violent things of darkness: *“God will bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good or evil”* (Eccl 12:14).

Ultimately, **a Day IS Coming** when, in the perfect timing, the King of Kings will set things right and do every man justice! He will crown the righteous; destroy the wicked! *“God has appointed a Day when He will judge the world in righteousness by that Man [Jesus the Christ] whom He appointed, having given proof to all men by raising Him from the dead.”* (Acts 17:31)

But what is the escape for those physically captured against their will? Is there any hope of escape for this kind of trap??