

**THE REDEEMED CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GOD  
OPEN HEAVENS ASSEMBLY, JOHANNESBURG**

**DIGGING DEEP**

**Liberty to the Captives**

**Text: Obadiah 1: 17**

**Introduction**

The devil has a tripartite mission, it is to steal, kill and destroy but Jesus came that we might have an abundant life; John 10: 10. Many people are being held captive by the devil but they are not aware of this fact, the devil makes sure he deceives them into thinking captivity is not their problem, that something or someone else is. We will study symptoms of captivity and find solutions from the word of God. May the Holy Spirit teach us in Jesus name, amen.

**1. What is Captivity?**

It is any form of restriction that inhibits movement or freedom. It could be physical, spiritual, psychological, mental or financial. It could be in form of an incarceration, holding down, capacity restriction, failing at the edge of success, or truncating of destiny or a form of stagnancy. It could manifest in form of sickness, marital problem, an embargo upon one's life, or hostile environment. It could be in form of rejection/ refusal, or extreme antagonism. It could also be in form of small mindedness, fruitlessness, recurrent miscarriages, inexplicable depression or constant sadness. Exod. 3:9, Jud. 16: 1, 18-21, I Sam. 16: 10-11, I Chrn. 4: 9-10.

**2. Ways Out of Captivity**

- Step 1: Self Examination – Prov. 28: 13, Matt. 18:33- 35, Ps. 139: 23, Mk. 11: 25, Ephe. 6: 12-13, Isa. 47: 12-13.
- Step 2: Repentance and Restitution –I John. 1: 9, I John 3: 8, Acts 8: 22, Acts 3: 19, Joel 1: 14.
- Step 3: Divine Intervention – Isa. 49: 24-26, Exod 15: 3, Jer. 30: 16, Ps. 126: 1-2, Eph. 6: 11.

**Conclusion**

All forms of captivity in our lives must surrender. The liberty which Jesus purchased with His blood is yours. Arise and take it now.