

Our Lord Himself gave a very solemn warning when He said in Matthew's Gospel 12:43-45 "When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man ... he findeth it empty ... taketh with him seven spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first." Jesus is teaching here that when a person is born again and delivered from an unclean spirit, that it will try to return. Jesus said the man was empty. He had not done his part. Remember! Jesus remains only by your consent. You must be born again, filled with the Holy Spirit and the word of God. If you are not born again and are not meeting God's conditions and are not reading God's word regularly, you are in a dangerous position. Your body is a temple. When your sign says 'VACANCY', demons are free to enter. Christ is no longer present. When you are born again, your sign says 'NO VACANCY' and they cannot. If you do not have the baptism in the Holy Spirit, seek it! "Ye shall receive power when the Holy Ghost has come upon you ..." Acts 1:8, and you need God's power!

"Abstain from all appearances of evil". Philippians 4:8-9 tells us peace will be with us if we think on things that are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, of good report, virtue and praise. Why? because Satan will attack you through your mind if you read evil words, through your eyes if they dwell on evil sights, through your ears if you listen to evil. Be careful what you allow your mind to think, your eyes to see, your ears to hear, your mouth to speak and your body to do. It is no sin to have an evil thought or to hear an evil word. The sin comes if we choose to dwell upon it or obey it rather than take the 'way of escape' by resisting Satan. Jesus resisted Satan by quoting scripture to him! Break your silence often, praising God, singing hymns, quoting scripture and praying in tongues. You may have to do this dozens of times a day until Satan sees you mean business. It is important to pray in tongues as God's word tells us-in 1 Cor. 14:4, this 'edifies' us, or builds us up in the Lord. Jude 20 tells us praying in the Holy Ghost builds up our faith! This is praying in the perfect will of God for you. (Rom. 8:26-27).

Memorize the 23 Psalm and repeat it often aloud - Many have been delivered and healed by this alone! 'Resist the devil and he will flee from you'. (James 4:7). Staying delivered is in your hands, according to God's word.

"And they overcame him (Satan) by the blood of the lamb, and by the word of their testimony." (Rev. 12:11)

Overcome Satan by telling him what the blood of Jesus Christ does for you, and that his lease on your life is broken.

As often as you are oppressed, repeat the following from the word of God ALOUD and with AUTHORITY:

- + My sins are forgiven through the blood of Jesus.**
- + I am redeemed by the blood of Jesus ... out of the hand of Satan.**
- + I am justified and made righteous ... by the blood of Jesus.**
- + The blood of Jesus protects me from evil. I belong to Jesus Christ, God's Son ... Spirit, soul and body.**
- + Because of the blood of Jesus ... Satan has no more power over me. No more place in me.**
- + Jesus said these signs shall follow believers. "In my name shall they cast out devils."**
- + I am a believer- - And in the name of Jesus I bind all evil spirits!**
- + I command them to leave me! According to the Word of God -And in the name of Jesus!**



Deliverance
from DEMON
BONDAGE

ACCORDING TO GOD'S WORD

how to
be free

AND
how to
stay free

WHOSOEVER SHALL CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD SHALL BE DELIVERED ... JOEL 2:32

Christians can live free from mental torment, fear, jealousy, hatred, lust, pride, self-pity, addiction, gluttony and all other forms of bondage, oppression and defilement! There are two main causes for man's inner problems. The first is what Paul calls 'the flesh', or 'the old man'. That is man's carnal, unregenerate, rebellious nature which is influenced and buffeted by Satan. The second cause of inner problems is evil spirits, Satan's angels, which Satan uses to fasten upon some aspect of 'the flesh' and which will not relinquish their hold unless compelled to do so. The majority of Christians today are almost totally ignorant of the nature of evil spirits. Because many are fearful of things beyond man's understanding, they choose to ignore this portion of God's ministry, and as a result multitudes are needlessly living in torment. Much of the ministry of Christ was devoted to casting devils out of tormented people. Jesus states in Mark 16:17 that if we are true believers these signs shall follow us "In my name shall they cast out devils." This should be a part of our ministry to non-believers. The remedies provided in scripture for the two conditions are entirely different. The scriptural remedy for the believer's fleshly nature is complete surrender to Jesus Christ. (Romans 6:6; 6:11). Clearly, correct diagnosis becomes of great practical importance. We need to know what we are dealing with in each case. Is the problem caused merely by oppression - 'the flesh'? If so, we must get the person to commit his life fully to Christ. "Our old man was crucified with him (Christ) likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead .. they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts ". (Galatians 5: 24). Is the problem possession? If so - the scriptural remedy for evil spirits is to cast them out. (Mark 5: 8, 16: 17; Acts 8: 7, etc.). This is totally scriptural for nonbelievers. These two remedies cannot be substituted for each other. You cannot 'cast out' man's fleshly nature. Nor can you 'crucify' an evil spirit, or reckon it 'dead '.

DISCERNMENT

There is a danger that some people will attribute all personal problems to the activity of evil spirits. Each of the extremes--from total ignorance to indiscriminate labeling--is undesirable and harmful to the cause of Christ.

There are two principal ways to guard against such error. First, we must apply to ourselves the same standards of discernment that we would apply to others. If we have allowed the Holy Spirit to search every area of our own minds and hearts, seeking the cause of our problems, we are less likely to be hasty in our assessment of other people and their problems. Second, 'we must remember that every sincere Christian must renounce all known evil and make a wholehearted personal commitment to Jesus Christ. When a person is not willing to meet this requirement, there can be no permanent solution to his problems.

There are three main identifying marks of evil spirits. They enslave, they defile; they torment. If a person has renounced evil and committed his life to Christ but has still not found peace, the problem is very likely due to the influence of evil spirits. The sooner one recognizes this force and accepts the right way of being freed, the sooner he can return to a normal, happy existence.

There are a number of different areas within man's personality which Satan attacks. One main area is that of attitudes and emotions; oppression here leads to all types of mental disturbances. Another is sex; oppression here leads to obsessing urges, perversion, etc. Another is appetites and desires, which under the influence of evil spirits develop into addictions to food, alcohol, tobacco, pills, drugs, etc. Another area is that of religious beliefs and experiences, including contact with the spiritual world through channels other than faith in the atonement of Jesus Christ. In the last area, many professing Christians have disobeyed God's word to avoid sorcery and the like and have become involved in contacts with mediums, fortune-telling, horoscopes, ouiji boards, E.S.P., etc. Continuing such contacts almost invariably brings the influence of an evil spirit upon the person, visitations by apparitions, noises, etc.

The Bible reveals that Satan may seduce a child of God away from the protection of the blood of Jesus, entice him to miss God's will, and drive him on to death or self-destruction. When Satan with his demonic spirits gets in control of some phase of the Christian's life, the Christian becomes confused and defeated and must seek help. (1 Tim. 4: 1; 2 Cor. 12: 7; 1 Thess. 2: 18)

"Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." (Eph. 6:11-12) "Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices." (II Cor. 2: 11). Satan is out to render you ineffective as a testimony for Jesus Christ. (I Peter 5:8). He

There may be manifestations as you plead the blood and give commands but our authority stands, "I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you." (Luke 10: 19). The spirits may speak to you. Many come out by moaning, coughing, vomiting, writhing, yelling, great yawns, tears, spitting up-foam or blood. Astonishing? It happened with Jesus and early believers! Don't suppress it-to hold it in may prevent your deliverance.

Remember that demon spirits are 'beings' with wicked intelligence that seek a body in which to express themselves. They are Satan's angels. (Rev. 12:9) When they leave, evil afflictions leave. Addictions, perversion, cancer, apparitions go!

HOW TO STAY DELIVERED

It may be true that your deliverance was won by the prayers of others, but unless you now take action yourself, it can be lost in a moment of defeat. You will never be completely free or completely happy or permanently healed until you learn how to personally stay free by God's power. Satan's power is not cancelled out by the presence of Christ within us. The situation is serious enough for our Saviour to ask: "I pray, Father .. that thou shouldest keep them from the evil." (Jn. 17:15).