

DELIVERANCE

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Today we're going to talk about demonology. Jesus spent His ministry on earth casting out demons, healing the sick, raising the dead, and doing other miracles. About one-fourth of His ministry was spent expelling evil spirits from people. The Bible tells us in Acts 10:38, "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with Him." Also 1 John 3:8 says, "For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil." I used to have a different view of demonology—that demons, evil spirits, unclean spirits, devils, whatever you want to call them—only appeared in India or third world countries where the people don't worship the True and Living God but worship idols. I was wrong.

I want to tell you about an experience I had a few years ago in a church in Dallas, Texas. All the people were singing, when all of a sudden this girl just fell on the floor. It looked like she was having a seizure. There happened to be a medical doctor there whose name was Dr. Rice. Some people in the church had a home about a block from the church, and he said to take her there so he could examine her. When we got her to their home, this girl was like a wildcat! Her eyes were dilated, and there was a strong masculine voice speaking out of this little bitty 18 or 19 year old girl, who probably weighed less than a hundred pounds. Suddenly, this thing began to attack me verbally, saying things like, "YOU'RE GOING TO HELL!" I said, "No, I'm not." I was scared because I'd never seen anything like this before. It said, "YES, YOU ARE GOING TO HELL," and I said, "No, I'm not. I'm not going to hell." It seemed to have power or authority over me, and I didn't know what to do or how to deal with the thing that was in this girl.

One of my good friends was so scared he left right away and was out of there fast, and there I was. I thought, "What in the world do I do?" The girl had supernatural strength, and she began to speak something like German that she had never learned—all kinds of wild manifestations of the devil came out of her. She was demon-possessed, and though I didn't know what to do, I'd always believed the Bible has power. It's like when you were a kid and watched those scary Dracula horror movies. The vampire would come toward the person, and all of a sudden the person would pull out a cross and the vampire would go "ARRRGH!" That's the way I thought about the Bible. I knew it had power, but I didn't know how to get the power out of the Bible. The grace of God helped me, because I'd never experienced anything like this before. I opened my Bible to the New Testament, and happened to turn to the book of Philippians. I began to read in chapter 2 verses 8-11: "And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

The demon said, "Don't say that! I can't stand those words! Don't say that!" I thought, "What a reaction!" So I said, "Well, at the name of Jesus every knee should bow—things in heaven, things on earth, and things under the earth." "Don't say that! I can't stand those words! Don't say that, don't say that!" I thought, "This devil is going crazy inside this girl and all I'm doing is reading the Word of God!" So I read it again, "And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him

a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow.” Again, there was the same reaction; “Don’t say that, I can’t stand that!” Then the demon grabbed the girl by her ears, and she said, “Don’t say that! I can’t stand those words, don’t say that!” The devil threw the girl down before me and she began to bow at the name of Jesus. And I said, “At the name of Jesus every knee will bow, whether in heaven or in earth, or under the earth.”

Just moments before, that devil had authority and power over me. I thought he was going to whip me, beat me up, throw me out of there—I didn’t know! All I knew was that the Bible has power, and I opened it and began to read. . The Bible says in Ephesians 6:17, “And take. . . the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.” You see, there is an offensive weapon which is like a sword that will cut and hurt the enemy. It is the sword of the Spirit, the Word of God. Do you remember when Jesus was tempted? The devil came to Him and said, “I’ll give you all the kingdoms of the world if you will bow down and worship me.” Jesus said, “Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve” (Matthew 4:10). Then the devil tempted Him, and tempted Him again, and Jesus said, “It is written, Satan . . . it is written” and quoted the Word of God. He used the sword of the Spirit and the Bible says the devil took off and left Him for a season.

The only weapon we have to defeat the enemy is the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God. Do you know what I learned from that? I learned this: Every time I want to study the Word, I think about how hungry I am and have to go find something to eat, or I think about all the things I didn’t do that day. I know that those in this discipleship class will have all sorts of excuses when they’re not here, why they can’t come. I finally figured out why. There’s something in the Bible God wants us to know and the devil doesn’t want us to know. So every time you come to study God’s Word, or do a discipleship class, there’s something in the Word of God the enemy doesn’t want you to know—he doesn’t want you to know the God behind these words.

There is a kingdom of darkness, and there is the kingdom of God’s dear Son. In Colossians 1:13, Paul says, “Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son.” What kingdom are you in? A kingdom is where someone has the rule and reign. Jesus Christ is a King. Have you ever given your life to Him? Are you following Him today, or are you letting other things have priority in your life? Jesus said this in Luke 6:46, “And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?” He wants to be preeminent in your life, to be number one. There is a kingdom of darkness that is trying to keep Him from that preeminence, that place of reigning in your life, because the enemy wants to rise up in that place of preeminence. Turn to Jesus today with all your heart, and realize there is an enemy. His name is Satan and he has demonic power, but the Bible tells us we have authority over him.

Jesus said in Matthew 10:8, “Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.” Preach the Gospel of the Kingdom, and as you go you have authority over the enemy. Don’t let the enemy talk you out of what God has for your life any longer. Make Jesus Lord and number one in your life. You will never regret it. God bless you.

DELIVERANCE (Outline)

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Philippians 2:8-11: “And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.
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Ephesians 6:17: “And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”

The Bible has power. We have an offensive weapon—the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. It is like a sword and it will hurt our enemy, Satan.

Jesus quoted the Word of God when He was tempted by Satan. He used the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, and the devil left him.

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There is something in the Word of God that the devil doesn't want us to know. He doesn't want us to know the God behind the words and he will try to keep us from studying God's Word.

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There is a kingdom of darkness and a kingdom of God’s Son. A kingdom is a place where someone has the rule and reign. Jesus is the king in the kingdom of God’s Son. Jesus wants to be number one in your life, and the kingdom of darkness is trying to keep Him from reigning in that place.

There is an enemy, Satan, and he has demonic power, but we have authority over him. Make Jesus Lord of your life and don’t let the enemy talk you out of what God has for your life.

DELIVERANCE (Teacher's Guide)

1. How does Ephesians 6:12 describe our spiritual conflict with the demonic realm?
It is described as wrestling.
2. What does Mark 16:17 teach us about the authority of the believer?
We have the authority in Jesus' name to cast out demons.
3. What must a person seeking deliverance from demons do according to James 4:7?
Submit yourselves to God, and resist the devil.
4. According to John 17:17, how can people be set free from spiritual darkness?
By being set apart to the truth of God's word.
5. Music anointed by God has great power. What do we learn from 1 Samuel 16:23?
That anointed music can cause evil spirits to depart.
6. According to James 1:14, how does Satan deceive us into making something evil look desirable?
He works with our own lust (to make something evil look desirable).

DELIVERANCE (Detailed Teacher's Guide)

Note: The following information may be read out loud (a numbered section at a time) with the person(s) being disciplined. After each numbered section is read, pause and ask the question(s) that correspond to the paragraph(s), and then discuss them.

¹Many battles have been fought over whether a Christian can be demon possessed. The Greek word for “possessed” is “daimonizomai” and literally means “to be demonized.” The Bible makes no clear distinction between degrees of demon activity (such as oppressed, depressed, possessed, etc.), but simply refers to people as being “demonized.” All Christians are fighting against spiritual powers (Ephesians 6:12), and if we don't put on the whole armor of God, Satan can certainly affect us or even control us.

²When a person has allowed a demon to gain entrance into his life to the point that the demon is controlling him, he often needs the aid of a Spirit-filled believer who knows his authority (power) in Jesus, to take authority over the demon and cast it out. The person receiving the deliverance must also resist the demon. If the person receiving deliverance does not sincerely want to be set free, it will either stop the deliverance or produce the sad situation Jesus describes in Matthew 12:43-45.

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This is Howard's account:

"My escort (an angel) informed me that he wanted me to see a demon in the process of actually possessing a human being . . . we were in the same hospital with my body but in a different room. The room appeared to be an employee's lounge. I saw tables, chairs, dishes with food, and in the room were a young man and a young lady facing each other while laughing and talking. It was obvious that they could not see me nor the angels, yet I was so close to them I could almost reach out and touch them. I could hear and understand every word they said. They thought they were alone and as they laughed and talked, they were unaware of the horrible creature standing between them. This demon was so horrible in appearance of his shape and form that I recognized him immediately to be from the lower group (of demons), the perverted group. The angels, the demons, and I were in the spirit in that room and were aware of everything that was happening. Those in the flesh were only aware of themselves for they could not see or hear us even though we were back in this physical world. Since we were in the spirit, we still communicated with our minds.

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"Because of this . . . demons have developed great skills in deception. The basic principle of their operations is to make something evil as desirable, beautiful, and non-threatening as possible so that the person being tempted will lower his guard and accept whatever it is that is being used to cause sin. Once someone is deceived, it becomes easier for the deception to remain. In the case of possession, it becomes easier for the demon to maintain his control." (Placebo, by Howard Pittman, pgs. 22-23).

⁵How does James 1:14 show us Satan's deception to make something evil look desirable?

Satan can do nothing about Christians who are in Christ, but if he can deceive you into believing his lies about you or God, he will defeat you. You don't have to out-muscle him to be free of his influence, you just have to out-truth him. Believe, declare and act upon truth, that is, God's Word. If additional help is needed seek out believers who know their authority in Christ.

More information can be obtained on this subject by contacting
<http://www.freedominchrist.com/resource.htm> on the worldwide web.

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(Discipleship Questions)

Read Mark 16:17-18

1. List the signs that will follow those who believe in Jesus Christ.
 - A. _____
 - B. _____
 - C. _____
 - D. _____
 - E. _____
2. In Whose name will all this be done?
3. Do you recognize that you can't do any of these things in your own name?
4. If we are to do them in Jesus' name, do you see why it is important to believe in Him?

Read John 17:14-17

5. What did Jesus give to us in verse 14?
6. What was the worlds reaction to those who believed the Word?
7. Was Christ of this world? _____ Are we, if we believe in Him? _____
8. What was Jesus' prayer to the Father on our behalf?
9. " _____ them by Your truth."
10. What is "Truth"?

Sanctify: separation of the believer of evil things and ways, to make holy, purify, consecrate, to set apart.

Read John 14:6

11. In what three ways does Jesus describe Himself?
 - A. _____
 - B. _____
 - C. _____

Read John 8:31-32

12. How do you know if you are a disciple of Christ?

13. If you abide in His word, then “you shall know the _____.”
14. What will the truth do for us?

Read John 1: 1-2, 14

15. Who is the Word?

Read John 8:36

16. Who is it that makes you free?
17. And if Jesus makes you free, is that a temporary fix or permanent? (circle one)

Steadfast: firm, secure, sure, firmly seated, settled, with strength, fixed

Read Galatians 5:1

18. How are you to stand in the liberty, or freedom, with which Christ has made us free?
19. What does Paul warn us not to do in the second part of this scripture?
20. Can you see that we have a choice to make?

We have freedom and liberty in Christ, and yet the snare or trap of the devil is always before us.

21. Which will you choose to walk in this day?

Read James 4:7-10 (Amplified version)

22. Who are we to be subject, or submit ourselves to?
23. How are we to stand against the devil? (AMP)
24. What will the devil do if you resist him?
25. In verse 8, James exhorts us to do what?
26. He tells us to draw near to God directly after telling you to resist the devil. Can you see the simplicity and wisdom in this command?
27. How is it we are to approach God regarding our sins? (v8-9)
28. How are we to be in the presence of our Lord?
29. If we humble ourselves, what will He do for us?

Read Ephesians 6:12-17

30. Who and what do we wrestle with?
 - A. _____
 - B. _____
 - C. _____
 - D. _____
31. What do we have to put on in order to withstand the wiles of the devil?
32. What are we to gird our waists with?
33. What is our breastplate?
34. What do you shod your feet with?
35. What is your shield?
36. What will your shield protect you from?
37. What is your helmet?
38. What is the sword of the spirit?
39. Did you realize that all the armor you put on is defensive protection, and the only weapon we are to wield against the devil is the Word of God?

Salvation: deliverance, health, safety, rescue, prosperity, posterity, all is well, perfect peace, to save, protect, preserve, do well, make whole.

Read 1 Peter 5:6-9

40. How are you to be in the presence of the Lord?
41. What are you to do with all your cares?
42. Why does God want us to give Him all our cares?
43. What two things are we commanded to be in verse 8?
 - A. _____
 - B. _____
44. Why are we to do those things?
45. Who is our adversary?
46. What does he want to do to us?

47. How are we to stand against the devil?

Read John 10:10

48. What is the sole purpose of the thief [devil]?

- A. _____
- B. _____
- C. _____

49. What is Jesus' purpose?

Read Proverbs 1:10, 15

50. What are you to do if sinners entice you?

Read Proverbs 4:14-17

51. "DO NOT _____ the path of the _____."

52. "DO NOT _____ in the way of _____."

53. "_____, DO NOT _____ on it."

54. "_____ from it and _____ on."

Read James 1:13-16

55. Does God tempt us?

56. Who tempts us?

57. How are we tempted?

58. What happens when desire is conceived?

59. What does sin full-grown do to us?

60. What does verse 16 command us not to be?

Read 1 Samuel 16:23

61. What two things would happen when David play music to Saul?

- A. _____
- B. _____

62. Read Acts 10:38

What did Jesus do under the power of the Holy Spirit?

A. _____

B. _____ ...who were oppressed of the devil

Read 1 John 3:8

63. What is the purpose of the Son of God, Jesus? _____

Read Philippians 2:8-11

64. What was Christ found in the appearance of?

65. How far did Jesus humble Himself?

66. "Therefore," or because Christ was willing to humble Himself, what did God do for Him?

67. What did God give to His Son?

68. What must all those in heaven, on earth and under the earth do at the name of Jesus Christ?

Call your vice, or addiction or problem what you like, if it has a name, it must bow to Jesus.

Read Psalm 107:19-20

69. When did "they" cry out to the Lord?

70. What was God's response to their cries?

71. What did God send to them that healed them?

72. "And _____ them from their destructions."

73. Rewrite this verse making it personal. When it says "they, their, them", replace it with "I, me, my."

Read Psalm 17-19

74. Who did God deliver you from?

75. Who is your support?

76. Why did God choose to deliver you?

Read 1 Corinthians 10:13

77. What does God promise you regarding temptations?

DELIVERANCE (Discipleship Questions)

1. A. Cast out demons
B. Speak with new tongues
C. Poison won't hurt us
D. Lay hands on sick
E. They will recover
2. Jesus'
3. Yes
4. Yes
5. His Word
6. Hatred
7. No – No
8. Keep them from the evil one
9. Sanctify
10. The Word—Jesus
11. The Way, The Truth, The Life
12. By abiding in His Word
13. Truth
14. Set us free
15. Jesus
16. Jesus
17. Permanent
18. Steadfast
19. Be entangled with the yoke of bondage
20. Yes
21. Make a choice which one you will walk in this day?
22. God
23. Resisting
24. Flee
25. Draw near to God
26. Yes
27. With clean hands, and a pure heart, single-focused humility
28. Humble
29. He will lift us up
30. A. Principalities
B. Powers
C. Rulers of darkness
D. Wicked spirits
31. Take up the whole armor of God
32. The belt of Truth
33. Righteousness
34. The Gospel of peace
35. Faith
36. The Fiery darts of the devil
37. Salvation
38. The Word of God

39. Yes
40. Humble
41. Cast them upon the Lord
42. Because He cares for us
43. A. Sober
B. Vigilant
44. Because the adversary walks about like a roaring lion
45. The devil
46. Devour us
47. Steadfast in faith
48. A. Kill
B. Steal
C. Destroy
49. To give us life abundantly
50. Do Not consent
51. Enter - wicked
52. Walk - evil
53. Avoid it - travel
54. Turn away – pass
55. No
56. Ourselves
57. By our own desires and lusts
58. Gives birth to sin
59. Brings forth death
60. Deceived
61. A. Saul would become refreshed and well
B. Distressing Spirit would part
62. A. Do good
B. Healing all
63. To destroy the works of the devil
64. A man
65. To the point of death
66. Highly exalted Him
67. The name above every name
68. Bow their knee
69. In their troubles
70. He saved them
71. His Word
72. Delivered
73. I cried out to the Lord in my trouble and He saved me out of my distresses. He sent His word and healed me, and delivered me from all my destructions.
74. My strong enemy
75. The Lord
76. Because He delighted in Me
77. I won't be tempted beyond what I am able to bear

DELIVERANCE (Additional Information)

This is a letter that was sent to Don Krow:

“My girlfriend was possessed by evil spirits and she did so many stupid things that she did not know she did. It took almost seven days to cast out all the spirits that possessed her. After the final deliverance, wherein the strongman came out, the deliverance team of our Church told us that she was set free from demonic possession. Two months after her deliverance we had an altar call in the church and she went up and stood at the altar. When the minister laid hands on her suddenly evil spirits began to manifest and she was set free again. Before that night, she did not have condemning thoughts about her past; she just kept on praying, “Greater is He who is in me” and hoped the thoughts would be gone. I believe she was doing her best to keep on the right track with Jesus. My question is this: Even if you are speaking in tongues, praying everyday and during praise and worship, you can feel the presence of the Lord, can you still be demon possessed?” E.J.

The response to this letter was:

Dear E. J.: I would like to answer your question in the following four ways:

I would like to give you some general information (see part 1).

I would like to tell you how demon possession occurs (see part 2).

I would like to give you a personal experience (see part 3).

I would like to recommend some resources to help you and your girlfriend (see part 4).

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Part 3 - A Personal Experience:

One evening I was riding in an automobile with a woman when suddenly she began to shake uncontrollably and lose control of her driving ability. I immediately reached over, laid my hand on her and bound the demonic spirits in Jesus’ name.

I asked her if she could get to our friend’s apartment. She said she thought she could. By the time we got there she was manifesting demons of a violent nature. We took authority over them in Jesus’ name and asked God to give us the discerning of spirits (a gift of the Holy Spirit) so that we could deal with this situation. As the Lord gave us discernment we commanded each demon by name to go from her. It was a mighty victory over the kingdom of darkness that night.

The next morning she began to manifest the same demons again. It was at this point that I learned a spiritual lesson. Instead of saying, “I thought we cast these demons out, they must be back!” I stood my ground and said, “I commanded you spirits out last night and as far as I am concerned you’re out!” The manifestations ceased, and the girl was delivered. What Satan wanted was for me to deal with him in the physical realm by what I could see, hear, taste and feel, but instead I used the shield of faith and quenched the fiery darts of the wicked (Ephesians 6:16).

If Satan can get you to follow manifestations he will beat you in the physical realm by putting on a show instead of you standing on God's Word.

Satan can do nothing about your position in Christ, but if he can deceive you into believing his lies about you or God, he will defeat you. You don't have to out-muscle him to be free of his influence, you just have to out-truth him. Believe, declare and act upon truth, that is, God's Word.

Part 4 - Recommended Resources:

"Nothing is more foundational to your freedom from Satan's bondage than understanding and affirming what God has done for you in Christ and who you are as a result. We all live in accordance with our perceived identity" (The Bondage Breaker, by Neil Anderson, p. 42). E.J., you said your girlfriend was having condemning thoughts before her last attack by demons. If she sees herself as a helpless victim of Satan and his schemes, she will live like his victim and be in bondage to his lies. But if she sees herself as the dearly loved and accepted child that she really is, she will live like a child of God. (Life for Today Bible Study Commentary, Andrew Wommack Ministries)

I highly recommend for you and your girlfriend to read the book The Bondage Breaker by Neil T. Anderson. In it, he gives a chapter on the steps to freedom and the prayers that need to be prayed to see the freedom that your girlfriend is seeking. It is a well balanced book that puts the subject of demonology in its proper place. It's a how-to book, not just an informational book. You can buy a copy at your local Christian bookstore.

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