

DELIVERANCE

OUR STRUGGLE AGAINST EVIL IS A REALITY

Ephesians 6:12

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

1 Peter 5:8,9

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom (you must) resist steadfast in the faith,

James 4:7

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you,

Ephesians 4:27

Neither give place to the devil.

Revelation 12:12,17

12 Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

1. Satan attacks believers through temptation. (Matt.4:1-11; Heb.2:18)
2. The believer is involved in a spiritual battle with the powers of the air. Revelation speaks of a war. (Ephe.6:12; Rev.12:17)
3. If the believer through sin, or contamination by the occult or Satanism, gives a foothold to the devil, he will use the opportunity. (Ephe.4:27 Amp. Bible)
4. A number of believers experience problems because they have not learnt to resist the attacks of the devil (James 4:7)
5. Satan can ensnare someone in such a way that he falls into demonic bondage. (2 Tim.2:26 Amp. Bible)
6. People can even become "possessed" or demonized as a result of this bondage from evil spirits.

CAN A CHRISTIAN BE BOUND THROUGH DEMONIC TIES?

Absolutely yes ! - If there have been circumstances or forms of contamination in one's life that has given the devil the right to keep one in bondage.

1. There was a woman bound for 18 years by a spirit of infirmity. She was a daughter of Abraham (a believer) (Luke13:10-17)
2. The Bible teaches of believers who have fallen into Satan's trap; (1 Tim.3:7 Amp. Bible; 2 Tim.2:26)
3. Backslidden believers can fall into the hands of seducing spirits. (1 Tim.4:1 Amp. Bible; 2 Cor.11:1-3)
4. Saul, formerly Spirit-filled, fell prey to an evil spirit (1 Sam.16:14)
5. People become demonically bound when they chose to disobey the explicit commands of the Lord about the devil.
6. People become demonically bound through their sins, (especially occultic) either from themselves or from their forefathers. Once they have become converted, this bondage through the generations is not necessarily cancelled. (Ex.20:1-5)

7. Witnesses from other churches, and times, world - wide, have told of people being delivered from tormenting spirits through the ministry of deliverance. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever!
8. People find it hard to believe that Christians can have a demon. It does not mean that the person is "possessed", only that the devil has a hold or an influence on some or other aspect of a person's life. The person is not eternally lost and will go to heaven, but the devil will obstruct the good relationship and fellowship with the Lord.

HOW DOES THE DEVIL AND EVIL SPIRITS OBTAIN A HOLD?

Through involvement in all forms of divination, witchcraft, spiritism, satanism and other occult practices (Deut. 18:10 -14)

These are all forms of idolatry, because you have become involved with the supernatural which is not from the Lord. The Word of God says "it is an abomination to the Lord."

Other things, like a difficult childhood, being abused as a child and addiction can also bring bondage.

WHAT CAUSES DEMONIC BONDAGE?

Not all things mentioned here will necessarily bring about demonic bondage, but they can, and we have found that they do bring about bondage.

Also, if your ancestors were involved in these things, it can keep the forthcoming generations in demonic captivity.

If you have ever been involved in any way in the following occult practices, whether done innocently or not, you have opened the door to the powers of darkness, even though such occult activity may have occurred many years ago or before you became a Christian.

Have you ever visited a fortuneteller? Has anyone read your palm or told your fortune by the use of cards, tea leaves, crystal ball, ouija board, or other means?

Have you consulted the ouija board (out of curiosity or in earnest), or played with the popular occult games being sold today: TV-games, computer-games, ESP, Telepathy, Kabala, Horoscope, Clairvoyant, Voodoo and so on?

Have you at any time consulted a medium, or anyone with psychic or clairvoyant powers ? Have you attended a seance or spiritualist meeting, or attempted to communicate with the dead or so-called spirit "guides"? Contact with witchdoctors, sangomas who throw the bones. Have you been cursed by anyone?

Have you practiced or experimented with ESP, telepathy, automatic writing, table-tipping, glassy-glassy, levitation of objects, yoga, remote influence of the subconscious mind of others, or self hypnosis? Have you been hypnotized?

When ill, have you sought (or were you subjected to as a child) treatment or healing of diseases, bumps, sickness, wart removal, etc., through magic charming, powwow. Spiritualism, or by anyone who practiced psychic, spirit or metaphysical healing, or who used hypnosis, the pendulum, or trance for diagnosis or

treatment? Acupuncture, Reflexology, Chiropractic and other alternative medical practices?

Do you read the horoscope columns or follow astrology? Do you read or possess occult literature (Books on ESP, reincarnation, dreams, fortunetelling, astrology, metaphysics, self-realization, magic, clairvoyance, hypnosis, yoga, handwriting analysis, or religious cults?) Have you seen occult movies, listened to occult music or music where Satan is glorified. Practiced Yoga, Karate and Judo?

Posters and pictures displaying satanic or similar themes. Astral Projection, Levitation, contact with Eastern religions and other cults eg. Hare-Krishna, Jehovah's Witnesses, Christian Science, Buddhism, Hinduism, etc.

Abnormal fear, panic. Pornography, blue movies, and all sexual activity before or extra-maritally. Abnormal sex and rape.

Unforgiveness, bitterness and hate. Depression and suicidal tendencies. Involvement in Satanic activities.

This is not a complete list, but is an indication of what type of things cause demonic bondages.

A SPECIAL WORD TO PEOPLE INVOLVED IN SATANISM.

There is definitely deliverance for those who were involved in Satanism. In our ministry we have seen what God has done to redeem people from Satanism.

If someone has been involved in Satanism, they must see us personally as the problems arising when someone wants to break free of Satanism, are greater than the average demonic burden. There is usually a need for after care, for a period, to be worked through with the person delivered, because the person may still be bothered by the Satanists or even demons.

There is specialised information available for those who have been involved in Satanism.

WHAT SYMPTOMS OCCUR WHEN SOMEONE IS IN BONDAGE?

We keep in mind that there can be other causes for these symptoms. These are what we have experienced in the ministry:

Illness.

Satan and his demons can keep people bound by infirmity - that is why some are healed instantly when the power of the devil is broken. Sickness in any case is not from the Lord. The Bible teaches that God heals the afflicted.

Psychic - occurrences.

Telepathy, clairvoyance. Hearing supernaturally. Supernatural touch/feeling. Predictions, magnetizing, concentrations, water divining and use of pendulum. People who dream dreams that do eventually occur; know about someone's death prematurely, hearing of voices speaking to one.

Hindrances at religious level.

The first thing that the devil does is to disrupt or break our contact with God. People experience the inability to pray or read the Bible. Troublesome thoughts, psychic or physical interruptions during prayer and Bible reading.

Neurotic

Untimely stomach and heart pains, panic attacks and hysteria.

Psychopathic.

Change of character, uncontrollable, extreme heart - ache, especially if not see beforehand.

Psychosis

Multiple nightmares, apparitions, compulsions, compulsive deeds, attacks, moments of insanity.

The most important consequence is that the devil always disrupts our relationship with the Lord. Our healthy, spiritual fellowship with the Lord is broken.

HOW IS ONE DELIVERED FROM DEMONIC BONDAGE?

Jesus is the deliverer. (John 8:3b) However, the Lord works through people and in people by the power of the Holy Ghost.

1. Pray for protection. Whenever we take a stand against the devil, we position ourselves under the protection of the blood of Jesus Christ. Ask the Lord's protection against the schemes and attacks of Satan and his demons.
2. Repent of own and forefathers' involvement in any of the things mentioned previously.
3. Rebuke in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ all the powers of Satan, who through these things had a hold in certain areas of your life.
4. Withstand the devil and the evil spirits in a Biblical manner. Command them to leave in the Name of Jesus Christ. Do this aloud.
5. Beware of the return of the evil spirits. The best way to guard against this is to lead a pure and dedicated life, wherein the Lord is sought after and served wholeheartedly.

CAN ONE PRAY FOR ONESELF?

Yes, it is sometimes possible to pray for oneself and to be completely delivered, but other times it is necessary for the help of someone with greater knowledge for total deliverance.

1. Lack of knowledge can prevent complete deliverance.
2. Some people are so powerfully attacked physically, emotionally or spiritually that they cannot carry on praying.
3. If there is someone present who has the knowledge and discernment and can agree, and can intercede when one is attacked, it is so much easier.

FOLLOW-UP AFTER HAVING RECEIVED PRAYER.

In most cases, "follow-up" is needed after deliverance has taken place. The Bible teaches us the devil never ceases from his evil work and we are sometimes caught unawares. The Word teaches as well that Satan will attempt to occupy again the "house" from whence he was driven.

FOLLOW-UP INVOLVES:

1. Nurture a deep spiritual communion with Jesus Christ whereby you will experience the peace and power that comes only from a real fellowship with God.
2. Live a pure and committed life. If you do not plan to serve the Lord with dedication, rather do not go for deliverance. You must be Spirit-filled and be victorious in His power daily.
3. Daily commitment to prayer and Bible study whereby we serve the Lord is imperative. You must be active as regards church services. Join the related cell groups in order to grow spiritually and have real Christian fellowship.
4. If you experience Satanic attacks, resist him through prayer and rebuke.
5. If the attacks are powerful and you are struggling to resist them, come back so we may pray together again. Sometimes it is necessary to pray together again, especially where the person has been in severe bondage.
6. It is always good to learn more about the subject in order that you are able to cope better. Books are available in Christian bookshops. We also have a supply of tapes on the subject.

IF YOU WISH US TO PRAY FOR YOU.

1. Get the necessary information either through reading or tapes. Study and listen prayerfully to the Lord.
2. Be prepared to make right with the Lord and to leave all known sin behind. Don't ignore certain things - pray about everything. If the devil uses three things as a doorway into your life, and you only close two, he still has one open doorway through which he gets to you. Many people don't experience total deliverance because they were too afraid or too shy to pray about certain things. It can also be that as a result of rebellion, you do not want to get rid of certain sins. The consequence is that you will not be set free.
3. Prayerfully make a list of the things you were involved in. Bring this list with you. If there are things in the list with which you do not agree, find out why people say that these things can result in bondage.
4. An appointment needs to be made. As there is such a demand from people for help, we are obliged to do this by appointment.

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