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The Warfare Today



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Foreward

Dedication

Once again I must pay tribute to the faithfulness of the members of the Hegewisch Baptist Church for their unflagging prayer support and loving encouragement over these many years in this pastorate.

Without their selfless service and weathering of vicious storms which continuously attack a deliverance ministry, what has happened here would be weakened. As I have said so many times, I am truly blessed to have such a group of people surrounding me. They work; they sacrifice and give of their time, talents and material substance to see the deliverance message go forth.

When I was on the road traveling with the message, they stood with me. Now that I am at home for a season, they are still standing fast and holding the lines against the attacks of the enemy. Fortress Hegewisch stands united against the foe. These resident members, as well as our “long distance” members and loyal friends across the country and overseas, stand in the gap praying and supporting.

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A Word Of Explanation

Of the eleven books in the "Hosts of Hell" series, *Battling the Hosts of Hell--Diary of An Exorcist*, is the first and most comprehensive. It contains basic information necessary to completely understand, assimilate and utilize material in the succeeding books. These books were written to expose demonic

deceptions and teach Scriptural and tested methods whereby Christians can defeat evil spirits. Believers can learn to recognize snares and break bondage and curses.

Battling the Hosts of Hell-Dairy of an Exorcist, actually began in 1970 as a diary. It records the peculiar and startling events that precipitated me and my entire church into deliverance. Two or three publishers who were interested wanted to literally “gut” it of controversial material. One even wanted to cut it down to a small, rather bland pamphlet! Finally, in 1976, the money was borrowed to print the first edition.

In 1977, came Conquering the Hosts of Hell – An Open Triumph, followed by Demolishing the Hosts of Hell – Every Christian’s Job, in 1978. These supplemented “Battling” and reported on the continuing battle with evil spirits.

Annihilating the Hosts of Hell – The Battle Royal, took longer to compile, and because it was such a large volume, was split into Book I and Book II, which were released in 1981.

Editor’s Note:

In 1983, Eradicating the Hosts of Hell – Uprooting the Hidden Enemy was written as well as Smashing the Hosts of Hell – Every

Believer's Privilege. The Alcoholic Syndrome was written in 1990.

In 1991, Pastor Worley penned two more books, Grappling with the Hosts of Hell – The Victory for Today and Freedom from the Hosts of Hell – A Promise for Believers.

Harassing the Hosts of Hell – Attack! Attack! Attack! was the last book Pastor Worley would write, in 1993, before he went home to be with the Lord in December of that same year. He also authored fifty topical booklets between 1983 and 1993.

The booklets are all based upon the eleven books.

It must be emphasized that all the books are interrelated and dependent on each other, with “Battling” as the foundation volume and the successive books built upon the basic precepts and principles outlined in it. They enlarge and modify, reporting the latest revelations coming from Scripture and experience.

There is now a separate, comprehensive cross-reference Subject Index covering all eleven volumes. This makes the information in the books more accessible to workers for use against the enemy.

People often ask which book is best. It is difficult to say, for each is uniquely different from its predecessors. There is almost no rehashing of material printed earlier. For all practical purposes, each contains all new material, including the amplification of previously given information. The

Tables of Contents are fairly detailed and give a broad overview of what is available. Hopefully, the Subject Index will be a tool to make it even easier to find needed information quickly.

--Win Worley

Preface

I am indebted to the prayer support of so many persons at Hegewisch, as well as others across the country and in some foreign countries. There are dedicated believers in so many places who daily lift the ministry here to the Lord.

Others, driven by the forces of darkness, daily hurl curses our way. Some misguided souls even think they do God a service by cursing us. We are bent but not bowed. We have been scarred and suffered casualties but are still in the battle (Psalm 109).

We have successfully resisted the determined attempts of infiltration by witches and the blustering, blundering arrogance of those who have come in to "correct our many errors." Pompous brainless wonders of both male and female gender have attempted this.

They have several things in common: no

experience or real know-how, an enormous ego and a carload of Bible ignorance big enough to sink a battleship. They have no credentials except their inflated gall and confidence in their imaginary gifts and abilities.

Rumors of the demise of Win Worley and Hegewisch Baptist Church are greatly exaggerated! In a time of vicious onslaught, which has caused so many real deliverance works to compromise and others to flounder and collapse, we are still holding fast. The vision remains firm and the enemy is paying dearly for every skirmish and engagement.

“Therefore my beloved brethren, Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.” (I Corinthians 15:58)

1: Christians Have Demons

Christians CAN and DO Have Demons

“In meekness, instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;

“And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.” (II Timothy 2:25,26)

When you enter the ministry of casting out demons, inevitably you are challenged by the question, “Is it possible for a born-again believer to have a demon?” In charismatic circles the question is: “Is it possible for a believer who is baptized in the Holy Spirit to have a demon?”

“Absolutely not!” comes the stock answer. “The Holy Spirit cannot coexist in the same body with a demon!” This answer is designed to shut off all further inquiry and to close the mind even to the possibility as unthinkable. It is invoked with the insistence of a slogan. Yet it is not a scriptural

answer. It is an extra-Biblical piece of logic that stands quite by itself. The often-heard statement does not rest on Scripture; it rests on an assumption.

Actually, the answer to both of the above questions is definitely “yes.” It is a particularly dangerous delusion to think that Satan or the demons adopt any kind of a hands-off policy toward believers.

As a matter of fact, they affect and afflict believers as much as possible. They buffet, oppose and seek to tempt and deceive, in order to lead them astray. They look for, and quickly seize upon, any opportunity to hinder believers.

Almost one hundred percent of the deliverance we have seen has been among the born again believers. In fact, most of them were baptized-in-the-Spirit Christians. However, this is no guarantee against the inroads of evil spirits. Demons are by no means automatically disposed of through these or subsequent spiritual experiences.

Although evil spirits may have been rendered temporarily inactive or unable to function, there is always a possibility of a “revival” of their power during times of stress and pressure as long as they are inside. This explains the absolute necessity for removing them completely.

Some teach that under no circumstance can born-

again persons have demons. These same people will automatically attribute all emotional, moral and spiritual problems to something other than an evil spirit. If this be true then there is no need to cast out demons.

Of course this will create a severe problem because of the clear command of Jesus to do it. Was He confused? Did He fail to foresee that all of our modern problems would be solved by psychiatry and counseling rather than by deliverance? Why would He advocate something which was not necessary for the believers?

After ministering deliverance since 1970, one thing has become extremely clear. **Those who most vigorously oppose the deliverance ministry** are the ones who need it most! It is the enemy spirits inside (which they deny having) who make that layman or minister resist the truth which could set him free. Paul's directions to Timothy come to mind:

“The servant of the Lord must not strive, but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, “In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth.”
(II Timothy 2:24,25)

To refuse deliverance is to reject the only means powerful enough to break the shackles of demonic bondage. This will make it possible to move into that closer walk and victorious life in Christ Jesus which so many seek.

Savage opposition to the real deliverance ministry is faced everywhere. Workers' motives and words are constantly twisted and misunderstood. We must check to see who is manipulating persons and situations against us.

Press the battle against demonic foes who seek to block. Defeat of the enemy will allow this message to be scattered. This in turn will bring multitudes into the reality and power of the kingdom of God.

“In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when you are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ.

“To deliver such an one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.” (I Corinthians 5:4,5)

Here the apostle deals with the case of a disobedient and sinful believer in the church at

Corinth. In verse 10 of the same chapter, he specifically emphasizes that he is not speaking about evildoers of the world but those in the church. He makes that clear again in verse 12. Referring to another case, Paul writes:

“Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck: Of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme.” (I Timothy 1:19,20)

“In meekness, instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.” (II Timothy 2:25,26)

Several arguments are advanced to “prove” that under no circumstances can a born-again person have a demon. The most common statement is that a Christian cannot be “possessed.” This will be discussed later as a misnomer. In summary the arguments run something like this:

1. The believer is inhabited by the Holy Spirit;

therefore the demons cannot co-exist within the same body. The proof text usually used is I Corinthians 2:12; however, the verse does not say this.

2. Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil (I John 3:8), and indeed He did. In the case of problems caused by demons, the remedy and method of doing this is to cast out the demons in His name.

3. The struggle inside the believer is always revealed to be the struggle between the flesh and the Spirit and not a struggle involving demons (Romans 6 and 7). Were that the case, the conscientious claiming of the promises of God would solve every human problem.

4. The believer is delivered from the power of Satan and his demons (Colossians 1:12,13; Ephesians 2:1-3). Yes, but like many other promises, it does not happen automatically, but only as we voluntarily meet God's conditions for deliverance.

5. The Christian is provided with complete protection from the fiery darts of the enemy (Ephesians 6). This overlooks the rather obvious fact that the armor is designed for defense from external, not internal, enemies and that the believer's armor is not always in place.

In spite of these arguments, the dismaying fact remains that born-again Christians, including leaders,

are having difficulties and problems which can find no solution in natural infirmities. Even the endless conflict between flesh and Spirit does not explain the extreme intensity of the battle here.

It is no secret that many have become discouraged and filled with awful despair. Some have dropped by the wayside. Others have even committed suicide in their desperation and inability to find a solution within the framework of their theological understandings. Lack of knowledge in dealing with demons can be fatal or lead to crippling attacks.

In his tract **Demon Activity and the Christian**, Ernest B. Rockstad rightly concludes: “Experience, of course, is not the basis for the interpretation of the Bible. Nevertheless, if consistent experiences run counter to an interpretation, the dedicated seeker after truth will set out to find the reason. There must be a willingness to re-study interpretations under the direction of the Holy Spirit. He must be prepared to make any necessary corrections so as to be in full agreement with the facts as they are.”

He further points out that understanding the Biblical doctrine of human depravity is essential here. It should cause one to marvel and wonder that the Holy Spirit would enter a human being under any circumstance.

No one can argue anyone into believing that the old

fundamental stand against Christians having demons is fallacious. Donald Jacobs illustrates it this way: “There once lived a skeptical fisherman who heard unbelievable stories about people catching fish two feet long. He had never caught one over twelve inches.

“One day he caught one three feet long, held it by the tail, shook his head, threw it back into the water and said, ‘Just another lie.’ Likewise, faced with the evidence of a ‘real live demon,’ a western man would probably react just about this way. ‘There are just no such things,’ he would say.”¹

There is an excellent presentation of the whole question in Don Basham’s book, **Can a Christian Have a Demon?** Non-charismatic writers like Frances Manuel, Merrill Unger, Mark Bubeck, and Robert Peterson also teach that a Christian can have demons.

In his very balanced and scholarly treatise, “Demons in the World Today,” Dr. Unger writes, “In demon influence, evil spirits exert power over a person short of actual possession. Such influence may vary from mild harassment to extreme subjection when body and mind become dominated and held in slavery by spirit agents. Christians, as well as non-Christians, can be so influenced. They may be oppressed, vexed, depressed, hindered and

bound by demons.”²

Dr. Unger is frank to say that he had written in 1952, “To demon possession, only unbelievers are exposed.” Twenty years later, he writes: “This statement was inferred, since scripture does not clearly settle the question. It was based **on the assumption** that an evil spirit could not indwell the redeemed body together with the Holy Spirit.”³ Missionaries from all over the world wrote to him, telling of cases to the contrary; and he notes that the claims of the missionaries “appear valid.”

Hobart Freeman points out that “... as a result of erroneous teaching and beliefs, which are based neither upon scripture or experience, Satan has deluded many concerning the question, can a Christian be oppressed by Satan or possess evil spirits?...Can one who has never participated actively in any form of occultism be subjected or oppressed?

“The answer to both questions is yes, supported both from the scriptures and experience. Believers can be oppressed, vexed, depressed, hindered, bound, and afflicted by Satan or suffer infestation by demonic spirits.”⁴

Dr. Freeman differentiates between two states. One is full possession (where the life and will come

totally under the demonization and control of Satan), and the other is an invasion of the mind or body by spirits of infirmity, fear, resentment, doubt, depression, etc. This condition he terms infestation, which is aptly descriptive.

In his helpful pamphlet, “Expelling Demons,” Derek Prince explains facts linguistically, which should help unsnarl the semantic tangle.

“The New Testament Greek word for demon is ‘**daimonion**’...in the King James Version ...often translated ‘devil.’ Associated in the New Testament with the noun ‘**daimonion**’ is the passive verb ‘**daimonizomai**.’ The literal meaning of this verb is ‘to be **demoned**,’ that is, in some way under the influence or power of demons.

“In the King James Version this verb is usually translated by some phrase such as ‘to be possessed’ or to be ‘vexed’ by demons or by evil spirits. However, there is no distinction in the original Greek text to support these (translated) distinctions.”⁵

We dare not rest a theological distinction about the work of demons on a distinction in words of a language that does not even exist in the original Greek.

The term demon-possessed is misleading when used to refer to a Christian, for it implies total ownership and domination. The Greek text does not

use the term. Those with evil spirits **had demons** or were **demoned** or **demonized**.

Jesus commanded evil spirits to come OUT of victims, and they obeyed. Thus, the words inhabited, infested or demonized are more accurate descriptive terms than demon-possessed or demon possession.

Believers were definitely subjected to demonic attacks in the Scriptures. In chapters 1 and 2 of Job, the physical affliction and other disasters of Job are shown to be Satan's work.

In the synagogue there was a man with an unclean spirit (Mark 1:23). A woman called "a daughter of Abraham" (father of the faithful) had been bound with a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years (Luke 13:11-16).

Dr. V. Raymond Edmond, the late president of Wheaton College, wrote the following in answer to a question as to whether or not a Christian could have a demon:

"...The unguarded Christian may have demon possession in the soul, which would affect mental processes and emotions; or in the body, as was the case of the woman who had a 'spirit of infirmity eighteen years and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself.' (Luke 13:11)

"Of her, the Savior said when He healed her, 'Ought

not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, who Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?" (Luke 13:16)

To say that a Christian cannot be demonized in any area of his life is a happy but inaccurate generalization.”⁶

There is no reason to conclude arbitrarily, in the two latter cases, that the persons involved were not believers. Paul discusses contention and disputings over doctrine in 2 Timothy 2:23-26. Believers are indicated who have evidently slipped and need to “recover themselves from the snare of the devil, who are taken captive of him at his will.”

A member of the church in Corinth seems to have been overcome by a spirit of lust (I Corinthians 5:1-5). Jesus rebuked a spirit of fever in Peter's mother-in-law (Luke 4:38-39); he left her, and she was well.

In Mark 3:33 and Mark 9:25, Jesus uses this same term to rebuke Satan. Sickness is described as an oppression of the devil in Acts 10:38. Jesus often healed by removing spirits of infirmity, which are simply another method of Satanic attack. (See Luke 4:40,41.)

Simon the magician is presented as one who believed and was baptized. Evidently he had not been delivered from his occult bondage, and he was commanded to repent and pray (Acts 8:20-24).

How did Satan manage to “fill the heart” of the believers, Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:3)? The apostle Paul, himself, reports that he suffered buffeting from a “messenger of Satan” (II Corinthians 12:7).

Paul reproves the Corinthian Christians for receiving another spirit other than the Spirit they had previously received (2 Corinthians 11:4). This is a case in which the language of the King James translation does not fully convey the force of the original.

The Phillips translation says: “For apparently you cheerfully accept a man who comes to you preaching a different Jesus than the one we told you about, and you readily receive a spirit and a gospel quite different from the ones you originally accepted.” Or, as the Living Bible puts it, “You swallow it all.”

Paul inquired, in Galatians 3:1, about who had bewitched the believers to draw them away from the truth. “Bewitched” carries the overtones of the use of witchcraft and the casting of spells. The effects upon them were not just the effects of wrong mental impressions conveyed by false teachers.

It was evil spirits imposing false doctrine through false teachers. These references emphatically do not suggest that believers enjoy an easy exemption from the activities of demons. Rather than this, they are

particularly targeted for attack by them.

Robert Peterson makes an interesting comment: “It appears that the full force of deceiving spirits is directed against the spiritual believer in doctrinal rather than worldly matters, although the latter may be used after the believer has been ensnared by the more subtle means. In I Timothy 4:1,2 the Apostle Paul gives a full account of how wicked spirits attack the spiritual believer and by deception beguile him away from the faith through the use of false prophets.”⁷ This passage begins:

“Now the Spirit speaks expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils.”

Don Basham sums up the matter when he writes that there is an “almost universal sense of fear and loathing toward the whole subject of Satan and the evil spirits. Many believers have adopted the fallacious idea that if they ignore Satan, he will ignore them. Scripturally, such a position is indefensible”(I Peter 5:8,9; James 4:7; II Corinthians 2:11)⁸

People are mentioned in Scripture who were under various forms of demonic control. Matthew 16:21

recounts two unusual instances. Peter was first used by the Holy Spirit and then by an evil spirit! This sort of thing can definitely happen today.

Consider Peter, who one moment spoke by Divine revelation, declaring that Jesus was the very Christ. In the next moment he was reprimanded by Jesus, who rebuked Satan in him, saying, “thou savourest not the things that be of God” (Matthew 16:13-23). By divine revelation Peter had declared, **“Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God.”**

Jesus verified that the Heavenly Father revealed this truth to Peter. The apostle was an instrument in God’s hands to clearly state this fundamental doctrine upon which the entire body of truth and the church is built. Shortly after this, Jesus began to share with the disciples about His coming sufferings and death.

In Matthew 16:22, Peter rebuked him, saying, “Be it far from Thee Lord; this shall not be unto Thee.” Another translation renders this as, “Lord, have pity on yourself.” Thus, Peter was attempting to correct Jesus and to create self-pity, which is demonic. Evil spirits will drive us to feel sorry for ourselves and our situations. Thus, Peter became an instrument of the devil!

In verse 23 Jesus rebuked Peter: “Get thee behind me Satan.” He discerned Satan speaking through his follower, trying to dissuade Him from the cross. His

leading disciple became an instrument in Satan's hands in a fruitless attempt to interfere with God's plans. This alerts us to the fact that even very strong believers can become demonized.

“Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil.” (John 6:70)

The wording is explicit, not one **has** a devil (demon) but one is a demon. From the beginning Jesus knew Judas Iscariot was Satan's tool to betray him. Tragically, he was called out, had perfect teaching, and traveled with an outstanding group of men but was not changed by the experience. Through Judas, Satan infiltrated the ranks of those close to Jesus. It still happens today. Judas is a perfect example of unregenerate persons affiliating with the church. They are starched and ironed but have never been washed! With a perfect leader and teacher, one in twelve was so thoroughly demonized that he was said to be a demon!

“When I was with them in the world I kept them in Thy name. Those that thou gavest me I have kept and none of them is lost but the son of perdition {Judas} that the scripture might be fulfilled.” (John

17:12)

Strangely enough, the Antichrist is the only other person in the Bible who is designated as the son of perdition.

It is recorded that Satan personally entered into Judas (Luke 22:3; John 13:2,27). As he surrendered to devilish lies, Satan took over completely. It is possible that from this moment on Judas was scarcely aware of what he was doing. When one yields so completely to the enemy, he loses control over his physical, mental and emotional faculties.

There is no evidence of genuine repentance, only deep remorse (Matthew 27:3-7). Like so many today, he was not sorry for his sin; he just regretted that he got caught. It may have been only after the crucifixion that he emerged from a kind of trance. Then he began to comprehend his dilemma. Nobody likes a traitor. Religious leaders who bribed him wanted nothing to do with him and even refused the return of bribe money.

The apostles pulled back in shock and horror from one they had trusted and counted as a brother. As so often happens when demon power has run its course, the dupe who has been used becomes suicidal. Judas hanged himself (Matthew 27:5). Evidently the rope snapped, for the record says that

“...falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst and all his bowels gushed out.” (Acts 1:18)

In Luke 9:55, Jesus sent the disciples ahead to arrange for lodging and food in a Samaritan city. Racial animosity flared, and the Samaritans refused to receive them. The incensed disciples came back to the Lord and offered to call fire down from heaven to consume the hostile villagers.

“Wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven and consume them and destroy them as Elias did?” (Luke 9:52,53)

Jesus rebuked them, saying, “Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of.” They were unaware that evil spirits of Hatred and Revenge were directing them to retaliate and get even. Angry and frustrated, they wanted swift judgment upon those who had offended them. When we give way to a desire to get even, we open ourselves to wicked spirits of Spite, Anger and Resentment.

Note that Jesus told them they did not know that the demons were manifesting through them. Because they were speaking and acting under demonic influence and direction, the Lord was forced to check them.

When such feelings flood in because someone has hurt or disappointed us, we tend to react angrily and defensively. Instead, we need to examine carefully to see what is actually taking place and move into binding and loosing spirits.

After the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, a spirit of generosity swept throughout the body of believers (Acts 5). People sold possessions and liquidated assets. They brought the proceeds to the apostles' feet to be dispersed and managed. It was a ministry to poor and needy people in the church body.

Ananias and his wife were believers who sold something belonging to them. Because they received more for it than expected, they decided to say that it brought in less. The gift was given to Peter and declared to be the entire amount.

By revelation, Peter asked the man why **Satan had filled his heart** to lie to the Holy Ghost and to keep back part of the money. He had attempted deception with the Holy Spirit in order to make a religious show. Peter asked him bluntly, "Why has Satan filled thine heart?" (Acts 5:3)

Ananias and Sapphira's hearts had yielded to seducing evil spirits who persuaded them to lie. Because you can neither deceive nor lie to God, the couple was smitten and died the same day. They

failed to repent and confess their sin of covetousness. If God did this today, as a matter of course, many churches would be decimated!

Two passages in Scripture speak of Paul being affected by evil spirits during certain times in his ministry. On his last visit to Ephesus, he gave the Myletis elders a farewell address.

“And now behold I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there.” (Acts 20:22)

The Holy Spirit had not bound Paul’s spirit; but he was impelled to go on to Jerusalem, overruling every warning.

“Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city saying that bonds and afflictions abide near or are awaiting me” (Acts 20:23)

He knew that going to Jerusalem meant he would suffer bonds and afflictions. They sailed to Tyre to stay a week. Disciples received prophecies, warning that there was very real danger awaiting Paul in Jerusalem (Acts 21:3).

The veteran warrior, Paul, was no stranger to suffering for Christ. As they tarried in Caesarea many days, a Judean prophet, Agabus took Paul's girdle. After binding his own feet and hands he said:

“Thus saith the Holy Ghost, so shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle and shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles. And when we heard these things, both we and they of that place besought him not to go up to Jerusalem.” (Acts 21:10)

Paul's companions and the members of the Caesarean church all plead with him not to go to Jerusalem. His answer:

“What mean ye to weep and to break mine heart, for I am ready not to be bound only but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.” (Acts 21:13)

Having set his course, he refused to deviate from it. Some feel that, in this instance, an evil spirit may have bound him. However, Paul had a good track record; and perhaps he pushed on, knowing and

accepting the danger his friends so feared for him. This is exactly what Jesus did.

“He set his face steadfastly to go to Jerusalem.” (Luke 9:51)

Paul was received gladly and cordially by James and all of the Jerusalem elders. For thirty years Paul had attacked legalism and all kinds of Jewish beliefs and traditions, correctly teaching that Jesus was the only sacrifice for sin.

Lies had been scattered that Paul was preaching against the temple and the law; therefore, they advised him to shave his head, go into the temple and offer sacrifices. To pretend adherence to these things now would seem to be compromise.

However, Paul evidently felt no check in his own spirit about it. Doubtless he felt that, like Timothy's circumcision in Acts 16:3, it was not necessary but merely expedient. Perhaps he was operating in the same rationale he indicated when he said that he was willing to become all things to all men that by this he might save some (I Corinthians 9:22). Later he would write:

“For if I build up or I build again the things

which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor.” (Galatians 2:8)

In the temple he was denounced, arrested and imprisoned. From that day on, he was unable to minister openly. Later he was a prisoner in a rented house in Rome. Here he was able to reach only a few who came to see him.

However, this was the period that produced the prison epistles to the churches. Without a doubt this part of his ministry was the greatest thing he ever did. These invaluable writings have guided, nourished and under-girded millions in the body of Christ over the centuries.

Some claim that in Acts, chapters 19,20,21 there are indications that Paul erred. If this be true, then he was subjected to a demonic onslaught so cleverly devised that even the veteran apostle failed to discern its purpose.

His personal conviction caused him to keep on going, disregarding all warnings and prohibitions. Keep in mind that Paul was wiser than his peers in the ways of the Lord and certainly far ahead of any of his modern day detractors.

The word translated “bound” is a very strong term, meaning that you no longer have freedom to

decide for yourself. Something was binding him. A Christian can be invaded by an evil spirit and be bound. This can heavily interfere with the operation of the gifts, particularly with discernment.

Believers are to minister, worship and see truth in the Spirit. A common example of binding is that many cannot lift their hands to praise the Lord or pray because they are bound in the spirit. (Psalm 134:2; I Timothy 2:8)

Although we are not to submit to demonic manipulation, we should prayerfully consider what others suggest. This is particularly true of those who are proven friends of the ministry. However, this openness to correction and suggestions coming through friends must be balanced with caution. Job's friends were very sincere and were believers in the Word of God, but they were drastically mistaken concerning their friend Job. With friends like them, he did not need any enemies!

When God is sovereignly leading you, others without the vision and insight given to you may sincerely try to curb or change your course of action. Because they are wrong, they, thereby, can be used as tools of Satan to hinder or stop the work of God.

It is an awesome responsibility to pioneer a work of God. Only abject and continuous submission to

God will be able to protect you from becoming puffed up and misled. This is where seasoning and time spent walking with the Lord become absolutely essential. Bragging and braying about imagined conquests and abilities would not be sufficient here.

You will never be successful in obedience in larger matters unless you have first learned obedience in small things. God makes leaders from those who have successfully served their apprenticeship, being a good and faithful follower. It is possible that even directed prophecy might be influenced by the vessel through whom it comes. Therefore, it is not always 100% accurate.

Had I listened to my peers and others closest to me, I would have never moved into the stormy waters of deliverance. On occasions I have yielded to pressures from well-meaning friends and associates. When this overruled my own strong leading from the Lord, serious blunders occurred.

For example, well-intentioned concerns of people around me brought pressures to set aside elders to assist me and ease the load I was carrying. I had some checks in my spirit about doing it but did not want to seem to be a proud know-it-all.

Accordingly, I set aside two men. For the next five years the ministry went through hell! They attempted to set in motion covert plans to wrest the

leadership of the church from me. Determined to adulterate the vision of the deliverance ministry, they planned to set themselves up as dictators over the little flock.

They wanted me to preach, draw in the crowds and raise the funds. From behind the scenes they would quietly direct and control everything, including me. Rather than sharing the deliverance vision of service, they were hungry for power, dominance and control. They regarded their positions as an opportunity to seize the ministry for themselves and their sons. Had I yielded, I would have become a mere figurehead and they the “power behind the throne.” (Echoes of Korah!)

They were set on a course that would destroy the vision and the ministry that God had given to me. At first I did not want to suspect them of such gross carnality, ignorance and selfishness, but it became more and more obvious as time went on.

Long before these men came on the scene, the church was financially sound. There was no mortgage, and money was piling up in the bank to buy a larger facility. I had a growing, enthusiastic army of workers, **already trained** in evangelism and deliverance.

Foundations of the ministry were established upon my **vision from the Lord and the scriptural**

foundations I had taught. When these men walked through the doors of the church, they knew **less than nothing** about demons and deliverance. Their families were total disasters, involved in the occult, drugs, alcohol and sex. The ministry was the salvation of all nine children in the two families.

I asked the Lord if I should force them out of their positions. I had asked the church to set them in and knew the flock would back me in demoting them. However, the Lord said this would give them an importance they did not actually have. I was to checkmate their moves to hamstringing the ministry, and in His own time He would remove them.

I fervently promised Him that, if He would deliver me and the church from these two, I would never appoint any more; and I haven't! We have many men in the fellowship who function as elders, and the flock recognizes and depends on them. They are elders by function not by title. Some people cannot handle titles, for Leviathan and Behemoth leap into control.

God cleaned house after five years; and they fled the flock, taking thirty-three with them. They left, following a false prophecy given by a demonized woman of their group. Sadly they drew about 7 or 8 young preachers into their dissension. In Hegewisch they were developing their gifts but have not

preached since leaving.

Deluded pride convinced the elders and their little flock that their leaving would cripple the church and force me to seek their help to restore order. **Instead, the exodus produced the greatest flow of blessings that had come in five years** (I John 2:19)! Much of their damage and treachery came to light only after they left the fellowship.

Immediately young people, once more, began to pour into the church. The women, whom the “elders” had quietly discouraged from ministering, again surged enthusiastically into the battle to free the captives. My policy was always to enlist all in the battle, and the ladies were especially valuable in dealing with other women. Offerings flowed in; and four months later the \$46,000 note on the new building was paid off completely, making us debt free again. All of this occurred without a single special offering or mention of the debt!

In Acts 20, “bound in the spirit” doubtless refers to a spiritual binding, but in Paul’s case it had physical implications as well. When we do not have the peace of God about a course of action, it is better to put it on hold or cancel it. A good rule of thumb is **if you doubt, don’t!**

With spiritual growth and advancement come greater dangers. These involve confrontations with

stronger and more cunning demons. Many servants of God crash out from the lofty heights of success. Unfortunately they may come to believe that their spiritual gifts and successes immunize them from pitfalls faced by ordinary believers.

The question arises whether a thirty-year veteran like Paul was so deceived that he adopted a wrong course that led to his imprisonment. In Jerusalem the Lord told him to be of good cheer, for He was with him and had prepared him to be a good witness in Jerusalem and Rome (Acts 23:11). If indeed he was led astray, God certainly did make the best of a bad situation. Not only did the Lord not rebuke him, but his course of action was endorsed.

Paul had a great prophetic ministry and was even transported to the third heaven (2 Corinthians 12). He saw things that could not be explained in human words. With all his success in the ministry, some speculate that Paul may have given place to pride, resulting in carnal confidence. This is indeed a notorious problem among leaders and especially those who believe in deliverance. We must always be on guard lest we trip and fall in this area.

“Pride goeth before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall.” (Proverbs 16:18)

When the disciples returned from ministry, they were rejoicing because demons were subject to them. Jesus set their priorities straight. Deliverance on earth dramatically affected things in the heavenlies. As they were ministering to demonized people, Jesus saw Satan fall as lightning from heaven. Jesus warned his disciples:

“Not withstanding, in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.”
(Luke 10:20)

He was cautioning them to spare them from falling into a trap of pride, self-confidence and boasting. Also, He was reminding them that having their names written in heaven was to be the source of their rejoicing. The battles here on earth ebb and flow, but that which is in heaven is established for eternity and never changes. Our rejoicing is to be based on something that is not subject to change.

2 Corinthians 12:7 declares that lest Paul be exalted above measure because of the abundance of revelations, he was given a thorn in the flesh. This was a messenger (angel) of Satan, literally a demon,

to buffet him. This evil spirit had entered Paul's flesh, causing excruciating problems.

It is impossible to know if this was a physical or moral weakness or a combination of both. One thing is certain -- it was so painful that it drove him to his knees. Many speak of their having a thorn in the flesh. However, Paul's thorn was given because of the abundance of revelations. Most of these other persons have little or no revelation, but they have huge ambitions backed by powerful spirits of Behemoth and Leviathan!

Three times, Paul earnestly sought relief; but the Lord refused, saying he must endure and be patient. It had been sent to keep him from pride. The mighty apostle was under fierce demonic attack, and God permitted this for good and sufficient reasons. Strangely enough, most of the other explanations of the thorn come from those who seek to debunk the deliverance ministry.

Probably illness was brought about by the fall of man, which contaminated all nature. Contact with nature brings us in contact with multitudes of germs. Workers were dealing with a person infested with tropical amoebas and other parasites. Manifesting demons declared that they gave life and protection to the invaders.

Evil spirits will not come out with pills or

injections. When sickness does not respond to proper medical treatment, suspect that it is demonic. Discernment is spiritual radar that will pick up signals that an evil spirit is operating.

Pray for healing by laying on hands and/or anointing with oil. If healing does not come, it is likely that a strong evil spirit is hidden somewhere in the roots of that ailment. Demons will not come out by laying on of hands although in some cases this might cause a very violent reaction.

There are Scriptures that indicate that believers can and do have demons:

“Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor for we are members one of another. Be ye angry and sin not, let not the sun go down upon your wrath”
(Ephesians 4:25,26)

Lying is mentioned in verse 25, anger in verse 26, and is followed by an admonition that no place be given to the devil. This warning would not be necessary unless it was possible to do it. Through lying, wrath and other sins, believers can and do open the door for demons.

The sun is not to go down on wrath, perhaps

because demons are so active at night. After midnight most people are asleep, and restless evil spirits come out to roam and prowl. They will seek out, attack and harass anyone who is open and vulnerable.

Jesus used a parable to warn against going to sleep while the enemy sows tares. Retiring when upset and angry may well leave one exposed to attack.

“The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him and delivereth them.” (Psalm 34:7)

The condition for protection is to forsake evil. Anger and wrath are sin, not just weaknesses. Paul also mentions stealing and evil speech in Ephesians 4:28,29.

“For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus whom we have not preached or if ye receive another spirit which ye have not received.” (II Corinthians 11:4)

Corinthian believers had already received the Holy Spirit, and Paul speaks of the possibility of their

receiving another, or demon, spirit.

Sincerity is no protection, for one can be sincerely wrong. Those snared in cults such as Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses, Christian Scientists, Moonies, Krishna and other New Age traps may be more sincere than true Christians. However, this does not rescue them from heretical errors. Neither will baptism in the Holy Spirit block the reception of demon spirits if the doors are open.

When the power of God begins to move in a person's life, he quite naturally becomes an object for the devil's most crippling attacks. This should not bring despair or fear to the believer, for the power of God is greater than all the power of the devil.

The unreasoning fear of demons is fostered and directly promoted by Satan and his hosts. This prevents intelligent interference with their program, keeping it shrouded in darkness and mystery.

I personally have seen case after case of persons who became disturbed and genuinely frightened at the mention of casting out demons. After being delivered of demons, many of them became fearless and enthusiastic deliverance warriors.

Basham concludes that a Christian can be tormented or afflicted by evil spirits in some area of his life and still be a sincere Christian. This is just the same as if he were being tormented by physical

sickness. He could still be a sincere Christian.

It is always a blessing to see truths, not mere speculations, in print concerning spiritual warfare. Satan never misses an opportunity to pound away at you, arguing that the majority must be right. Actually the majority has always been proven wrong in both secular and sacred history!

Accusations will fly that you have gone off your “theological rocker” to become involved in anything so controversial. Don’t you know it is actively and determinedly opposed by a great majority of the professing brethren? How reassuring now and then to hear from a brother who is discovering some of the same truths and insights which you have received.

I shudder when I hear someone remark skeptically, “Well, I just can’t believe that. I’d have to see it first.” They seek to shield themselves by mere ignorance! Be careful; you may well experience manifestations in yourself or in your immediate family to chasten you.

I believe Satan is sometimes enraged when people express doubts about his ability to provoke the wild and outlandish manifestations of demons in a deliverance session. I am convinced that if someone sneers at the idea that the devil can work in certain fashions, they may learn the truth with sad

consequences to themselves and/or their families.

For myself, I had no real problem believing in a personal devil and in the fact that demons can infest both lost and saved as they have opportunity. After we began casting demons from afflicted Christians, I ran into a storm of angry, abusive questions about the subject. I had to go back through the Bible to think through the truths God had given to me. Over and over the scandalized cry came, "You can't do that!"

To me it was as foolish as telling Peter he could not walk on the water when he was already doing it. It was as pointless as the demon who indignantly informed me that I could not come against him. How annoyed he was when I pointed out that I was already doing it and that he was absolutely powerless to stop me.

It is like trying to prove the sky is blue on a clear day or that water is wet. These are such self-evident truths, but they are so difficult to show to those who are predisposed to disbelieve them. It is amazing, for many of the critics are well versed in many crucial doctrines in Scripture. How sad it is that Satan has managed to hoodwink them in this vital area!

Religious spirits will pounce upon people through the preaching of another gospel. Peter said, "Silver or gold have I none, but such as I have give I thee..." Teachers and preachers can only transmit what they

are, for you **cannot impart to others what you have not received yourself**. Emulate the Berean Christians. They daily searched the Scriptures, checking to see whether the things Paul was teaching were true.

A teacher polluted with spirits of error, greed and confusion can only impart the same to those whom he teaches. Submission to a religious faker is submission to evil spirits operating in him, and you may lose control to them.

Be careful who prays for or lays hands on you. Just because they feel “led” to pray for you is not necessarily a good reason to accept it. This includes radio, television and tape ministries. Many times these are religious spirits and lead multitudes astray into bondage.

Be extremely careful about falling “in the Spirit” or being “slain” in the Spirit. There is no Biblical basis for the practice. Ananias and Sapphira were slain in the spirit and were buried the same day. In the Scriptures when someone was smitten, fell into a trance or ecstasy, or was transported in the Spirit, there was no laying on of hands, no prayer and no catchers! In the few instances where people fell in the Bible, they fell on their faces and were very frightened.

Nowhere did this happen on an assembly-line basis

as in many modern meetings where people fall like dominoes. Folk rush forward, eager to have some kind of exciting and mystical religious experience. Conditioned to believe, when one they believe is a man of God lays hands on them they go into a swoon or trance. When questioned about its benefits, most have nothing to say except that they feel good.

In the Bible there is not a single case of a person “slain in the Spirit” by the laying on of hands. Be cautious, for transference of spirits is very real. The Bible says lay hands suddenly on no man. It might be wise to refuse to let anyone lay hands suddenly on you.

Learn to discern what spirit is operating; for when you submit to a ministry shot through with demons and using witchcraft methods, you are on perilous ground. I have known of cases where, when the spirit causing the person to fall was rebuked and commanded to come out, a demon manifested.

This is not to say that every single case of falling is totally demonic. This could be just a physical reaction. If God does it supernaturally and people are healed and genuinely blessed, it is fine and good; but this is very rare.

We must be on our guard because everything supernatural is not necessarily of God. The devil can cunningly counterfeit even the noblest experiences.

Certainly we ought to stop using the expression, “slain in the spirit.” It comes from references in Isaiah and Jeremiah to the enemies of Israel **killed by God**.

Do not be gullible but cautious, evaluating all things by the Word of God. The authenticity of an experience can be evaluated by I Corinthians 12:7. The manifestation of the spirit is given to every man to produce spiritual profit and benefit the person.

If you go out in the spirit, if you are slain, zonked or whatever you call it, and afterwards are still the same, what did it profit? Some never go out in the spirit and they question, “What is wrong with me?” Some are more responsive to this kind of experience. Extreme caution and care are essential.

“From whence come wars and fightings among you? Come they not hence from your lusts that war in your members? Ye lust and have not, ye kill and desire to have and cannot obtain, ye fight and war yet ye have not because ye ask not... Do you think that the scripture saith in vain the spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy.” (James 4:1-2,5)

We are guilty of loving, lusting and coveting after

the things the world can offer. Behind the lusting and killing, there is a wicked lusting spirit dwelling inside us. Certainly James is not referring to the Holy Spirit, for He does not lust or envy. The reference is to a demonic spirit, operating to create greed, lust and other evil desires.

These can be such strong drives that there may be a willingness to kill in order to satisfy them. Some say the reference is to a human spirit, but it is to an evil spirit. Others believe it is the Holy Spirit and refers to the conflict between the flesh and the spirit discussed in Galatians 5.

However, our regenerated spirit (the new man) does not lust or envy. My weaknesses and failures are not rooted in my spirit but in my body and soul (mind, will, emotion). John pointed out the impossibility of that which is born of God to sin (I John 3:9). My flesh is not born of God; but my regenerated spirit, which cannot sin, is born of God.

If I sin, it is not my born-again spirit, who is a new man, holy and perfect. When speaking about the new man, James refers, not to the human spirit, but to the regenerated spirit. An evil spirit will cause us to desire things that God withholds from us. These may be good or useful but not what God desires for us.

Adulterers and adulteresses love worldly fashions,

recreations, music, possessions, etc. The entire carnal advertising industry is geared to create lustful cravings for the things in the world. In a Christian this spirit can generate such overwhelming desires that they are classified as lust and will pull him away from the paths of righteousness.

“In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves.” (2 Timothy 2:25,26)

Here, Paul speaks about rebellion to the ministry and message of the Lord. They need to repent and acknowledge the truth to find release or deliverance out of the devil’s snare, for he takes them captive whenever he chooses.

Make no mistake; rebellion will cause you to lose your freedom in Christ, and you will not be free to do your own will. One of Satan’s most subtle deceptions is to cause the victim to think he is doing his own thing.

Repentance of wrong attitudes and actions is absolutely essential if we hope to be delivered. Many fail to obtain freedom in spite of long and repeated prayer sessions with competent workers. Usually this is because there has never been more than a superficial show of repentance and forgiveness of

others.

There will be no freedom until the true condition is acknowledged and there is sincere repentance. Some come repeatedly for prayer against pain and various ailments and sicknesses but have no significant results.

Until there is complete honesty and confession of stubborn pride, disobedience and rebellion, which is the root of their problems, there can be no significant and lasting healing or deliverance. Usually Christians are responsible for most of their own demonizations. They even tend to cling to the demonic roots after they have been exposed. Recognizing the truth about oneself paves the way for freedom.

There are always people opposing the leaders in every church. Such rebels resist every message, because they are controlled by spirits of Rebellion, The Brute (Unteachableness), Stubbornness and Disobedience. Usually only 2% to 5% of a congregation fall into this category, and the majority of them are happy and growing. So much of the heavy demonization is rooted in rebellion and stubbornness. Repentance is the only remedy, and it sets the stage for real freedom from enslavement to evil spirits.

Every Christian has a fleshly body. and God is specific about how He feels about the behavior of the

flesh. We read this in such Scriptures as: Galatians 5:17; Romans 8:7,8; and Jude 23 which says: "...hating even the garment spotted by the flesh." In view of this, how could the Holy Spirit bear to dwell in ANY Christian? Yet He does indeed indwell every believer.

The key to this apparent contradiction is found in I Corinthians 6:16,17 -- "But he that is joined to the Lord is one spirit." When you were saved, which part of you was born again? Was your soul (mind, will, emotions) or your body born again or glorified?

We know that, in the future, the bodies of believers will be glorified (II Corinthians 5:1,2; Philippians 3:21). However, none of these were saved, delivered or made perfect at the time of conversion.

It is your spirit, your innermost part, which was born again. When the Holy Spirit accomplished the new birth, He entered your spirit, washed it pure and clean and in-stalled the new man in there.

The Holy Spirit, Himself, became the earnest of our inheritance, the seal to guarantee redemption of the purchased possession (Ephesians 1:13,14; 4:30; I Corinthians 1:22). That new man is squeaky clean and kept that way by being sealed safely in your spirit until the day of redemption (I John 3:9; 5:18).

The Temple of Israel was divided into three main

areas: the Holy of Holies, the Holy Place, and the Outer Court. God Himself dwelt in the Holy of Holies.

When we are born again of the Holy Spirit, He dwells specifically in our Holy of Holies, our innermost part, our spirit. This is inviolate, and no demon can dwell where the Holy Spirit is. The new birth cleanses and seals it until the day of redemption.

Next consider the soul (mind, will, emotions) and the body. In type, they correspond to the Holy Place and the Outer Court. There was a time when there was filthiness in the Holy Place of the Temple but not in the Holy of Holies (2 Chronicles 29:1-6). Even so, today there are spots, blemishes, and wrinkles that are very apparent in God's people, the body of Christ.

Some vehemently argue that there is no place in the gospels where Jesus cast a demon out of a **born-again** person. Of course, those objecting were **not there** and, therefore, are merely speculating. Did Jesus do anything to born-again people in the gospels?

Nowhere in the gospels does Jesus **heal** one who was designated as born-again, but that certainly does not invalidate the healing ministry. Neither can such speculative reasoning invalidate casting demons out of Christians.

Jesus Christ is perfect health and healing; however, a Christian can still have a sickness (James 5:14,15; Philippians 2:25-27; II Timothy 4:20). Thank God, He is our Healer (Psalm 18:12; 81:8,9). The term deliverance is a Bible term, and its use is preferred over exorcism. This is because the latter is associated with improper and inhumane efforts by the heathen to rid people of their demons.

Jesus quite explicitly stated that deliverance from demons was the children's bread (Matthew 15:27; Mark 7:28). In the light of Luke 11:24-26, why would you want to cast a demon out of a lost person, unless you could be certain that he would get saved quickly thereafter? Generally it is unwise to cast spirits out of lost persons; for they have no defense against the reentry of the demons, accompanied by seven worse ones (Luke 11:26; Matthew 12:45).

So many today are teaching, as doctrines, the beliefs and traditions of men. These are religious assumptions unsupported by the Scriptures "...after the commandments and doctrines of men" (Colossians 2:22). One such fable, conceived by demons and promoted by wishful thinking, is that most or all of a person's demons leave at the moment of the new birth.

Demons have often sneered, declaring that the Body of Christ is largely controlled and even guided

by demonic religious forces. Although this may be somewhat exaggerated, there is still a chilling amount of truth in it. Since the vanity of man refuses to admit the real source of the trouble, indwelling demons, especially the religious teaching spirits (I Timothy 4:1), are winning the spiritual war.

Evil spirits laugh and point out that the religious and secular Pabulum offered as remedies will never solve the troubles of the people. So long as the reality of demon infestation is flatly rejected, there is little hope to break the stranglehold of the enemy spirits on their captives.

If leaders begin to be troublesome, hidden spirits in them will be brought into play to curb and pull them down. Unfortunately, what demons say is true. The first step to spiritual health and real help is to toss away foolish pride and correctly diagnose the trouble. Deliverance is the answer; but like soap, it must be applied to be effective.

Jesus Christ commands that the gospel be preached to everyone (Mark 16:15). In verse 17, He declared that believers must cast out demons but did not specify that they be cast out of lost people. Since He did not so qualify the command, neither should we. If the new birth expelled most or all of one's demons, there would be little or no need for a deliverance ministry for Christians.

Strangely enough, multitudes of born again, Spirit-filled Christians' lives have been revolutionized for God through deliverance. Thousands of godly lives have been created by a ministry that many have branded as superfluous and bogus. Jesus has plainly told us to cast out demons.

Men constantly come up with "easier" and "better" ways to get rid of them. They say, "Just get the people saved, and their demons will automatically be expelled." This reasoning is very similar to that of fundamentalists who claim that we are automatically baptized in the Holy Spirit at the moment of salvation.

When the Lord Jesus cast out demons, often there was some kind of convulsion, crying out or other obvious reaction accompanying the exit of the evil spirit. Thus, if it were true that most or all of one's demons leave at the new birth, then big evangelistic crusades would become mass convulsions!

When God gave the land of Canaan to Israel, He did not immediately remove all the squatters already there. They were driven out and the land occupied by little and by little, so that it could be taken over, lest the beasts of the field multiply against them (Exodus 23:27-30; Deuteronomy 7:20-24). Since God's program is perfect, there is no need to change or try to improve it. We merely need to learn what the plan is and be obedient to follow it.

When a person is born again by confessing his sin and asking the Lord Jesus Christ to come into his heart and save him (Romans 3:23,24; Revelation 3:20), he is received by the Father; and salvation comes instantaneously in the experience of the new birth. Love, joy, and peace are the by-products.

The Holy Spirit comes to indwell and seal the believer as God's earnest of redemption (Ephesians 1:13,14), and His abiding presence is guaranteed. This is done until the believer is redeemed completely (in point of time) by being taken to be with the Lord. This can be through the doorway of death or through the door in the sky (I Thessalonians 4:16,17).

The Holy Spirit, therefore, inhabits the body of the believer in a peculiar and special way in these days since Pentecost. There the Holy Spirit was poured out on the assembled believers. The child of God (John 1:12) is accepted in the Beloved, Jesus (Ephesians 1:6), and blessed with the assurance of God's presence and blessing (John 10:28-30).

In spite of these wonderful changes, scarcely a week will pass in a babe's life (assuming he follows the Lord in Bible study and prayer) that he will not be convicted of some sin of omission or commission (James 4:17). This must be confessed (I John 1:9) and put away (Proverbs 28:13). This process will continue indefinitely as long as the believer is

growing in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Many of these sins of omission and commission were present at the time of conversion, and some will lie unnoticed by the believer for months until the Lord deals with them. The Holy Spirit is able to co-exist with these unconfessed sins.

Why then is it so difficult to accept the fact that the Holy Spirit is able to also co-exist with indwelling demons until they are detected, hated, renounced, and expelled in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ?

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2: Frightened Leaders

The Curse of Frightened Leaders

“For God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love and of a sound mind.”
(II Timothy 1:7)

“There is no fear in love, but perfect love casteth out fear because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.”
(I John 4:18)

Today we are laboring under the curse of frightened leaders. Our world is led by frightened leaders in every field of endeavor, including the economic, religious, social, educational and political spheres.

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James warns us that those who aspire to lead and teach must be judged with greater strictness than the rank and file.

“My brethren, be not many masters {teachers}, knowing that we shall receive the greater {stricter} condemnation (judgment).” **(James 3:1)**

Everywhere today many filled with zealous ambition come forth clamoring to be leaders. They anxiously appoint themselves instead of waiting on the Lord to do the choosing and sending forth. Sadly, it seems that everybody wants to be a chief, but no one wants to be an Indian! Surely it grieves the heart of the Lord, for He knows that followers do not rise above their leaders.

Such grasping for leadership is often cloaked under the cover of pious religious zeal, but very few are actually willing to pay the price. To be a leader in God's army you must overcome pride and fear. You must be willing to humble yourself and serve an apprenticeship under those who are more mature in the Lord. There must also be a willingness to take an unpopular stand to be faithful to the Lord and His principles.

In **Joshua 1:8,9**, God promises to go with His people. Joshua was commanded that the law should never depart out of his mouth. He was to meditate on it day and night and to do all that was written therein. This would ensure that his way was prosperous and successful. Here God gives **His** formula and the spiritual key to achieving a productive and fruitful life, doing the works of Jesus.

Many zealous and ambitious folk are seeking to manipulate God, using the same means employed by the world system. Great numbers of religious groups and so-called ministries are financed by secular, religious fund-raising. All types of carnal hoopla and hype are utilized under a religious veneer. This is disgusting and nauseating, for Scripture teaches no such thing. If God is unwilling to support a work or "ministry," it should be permitted to expire peacefully. There is no reason to prolong the

misery. It should be taken off the life support machines and allowed to die in peace! Why should we try to pump artificial life into a religious corpse that God has abandoned?

Even if God might have initiated some of these things at the outset, when they were hijacked by the enemy they lost His blessing. Still, determined but misguided leaders will battle to give life to the cadaver with lavish and expensive promotions and religious programs. They neither know nor care that the Holy Spirit has departed, writing Ichabod over the entire operation (**I Samuel 4:21,22**). After God writes Ichabod over a minister or ministry, it is a mockery and a fraud to attempt to keep the zombie going. Nothing is then left but soul power and a great host of religious evil spirits.

These demonic forces are constantly empowering and financing such disasters and visionary new projects. The terrible travesty is that such evil spirits seem to have little difficulty in finding foolish humans who are eager to be their tools to steal, kill and destroy.

Blinded by success like carnal Samson, they do not know that God has departed from them. Shaking themselves as before, they charge out confidently in soul power. This puts them firmly under demonic control.

Counterfeiting religious spirits will cause people to leap up and shout hallelujah, to clap, to applaud or turn cartwheels down the aisle. Demons can mouth empty “praise” and mimic all the gifts. They can cause speakers to preach loudly, fervently and with great sincerity.

From pulpits or on radio and TV, they shriek hysterically, swallowing the mike and even having holy hiccups at the end of every sentence. I do not know how long they practice to learn how to use various methods of manipulating crowds. Some have hands laid on them and receive a load of these religious demons.

Equating volume with power, they loudly shout the message, lying convincingly to raise money. The dead giveaway is the constant emphasis on money, money, money. When your batter is thin, you have to fling it hard to make it stick! This does not mean that all loud and excited preaching is in this category. However, there are flocks of phony, noisy people using volume and bombast to cover the emptiness of what they say.

“Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits to see if they be of God; because many false prophets are gone out into the world.” (I

John 4:1)

So often, unseasoned workers have moved from Holy Spirit power into soul power, and the dupe who is involved does not even know the difference. A very famous television preacher had a very brief encounter with deliverance. Even this rather superficial contact caused him to realize and to say publicly that for many years he had moved and preached under demon power!

All the time he and his associates thought that he was under a mighty anointing of the Holy Spirit. It is too bad that he did not pursue deliverance further, for he would have discovered much more about the hidden works of darkness and their clever deceptions in modern-day churches.

What a horrible time this is when **leaders** are unaware of Who the Holy Spirit is and what He is not. Using the Scriptures selectively to “prove” their peculiar positions and doctrines, they do err, knowing neither the Scriptures nor the power of God! **(Matthew 22:29; Mark 12:24)**

Anything can be “proof-texted” from the Bible. For example: You **should commit suicide and you ought to do it right away**. “Judas went out and hanged himself,” “Jesus said go thou and do

likewise;” and “What thou doest, do quickly.” Ridiculous? Of course it is! However, that forcing of Scripture is about as theological and logical as a great deal of wild preaching and teaching going on in our day.

Such rank idiocy promotes religious heresies, cults, isms, splits, schisms and spasms. Across the country there are groups built and operating on just such ridiculously flimsy and nonsensical twisting of the Word of God. Some man or woman’s weird and demonic ideas and speculations are being enthusiastically promoted.

“Have I not commanded thee, be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed for, the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.” **(Joshua 1:9)**

God told Joshua not to fear, for there are many frightening things that can panic and paralyze leaders. They receive special attack from the enemy, for God’s people cannot be guided right by those so driven. Demonic fears are demoralizing and destructive.

The Fear of the Lord (**Isaiah 11:2**) is quite different. It is a deep, reverential awe and worshipful

attitude toward God and is said to be clean. An example is King Jehosaphat who feared, called a fast and sought the Lord. He was not a “Pollyanna” who said everything was fine. He faced the utter seriousness of the situation squarely and took appropriate action. This is the kind of leader needed.

“In nothing be terrified by your adversary.”
(Philippians 1:28)

“Hearken unto Me ye that know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law. Fear ye not the reproach of men, neither ye be afraid of the revelings. “I, even I am He that comforteth you.” **(Isaiah 51:7, 12)**

If you walk with the Lord, you are going to need comfort. I remember how, as a baby Christian, I enjoyed and liked to sing happy gospel songs (and I still do). I noticed that some of the mature Christians seemed to favor strange songs.

These spoke about God standing with the believer through times of disappointment, sorrow and suffering. I wondered why they were attracted to such music. After I, myself, went through God’s

grinder a few times, I found out what the song writers were experiencing. After this I sang these songs with tears of appreciation and loved the Lord more.

We can love happy songs and also the ones that cause the tears to flow. Maturity in the Lord brings an understanding of the faithfulness of the Lord through trials and dark days, no matter what happens. Thus, we will move toward the “balanced ministry” about which everyone talks but few attain. The Lord says,

“I, even I am He that comforteth you. Who art thou that thou shouldst be afraid of a man that shall die. And of the son of man which shall be made as grass.” **(Isaiah 51:12)**

Why fear people who will be gone soon, dying like the grass? Twenty-five or fifty years from now, you will scarcely remember some of the things which are so distressing now. You will wonder why there were so many worries as you feared to cross those bridges that never materialized. You will wonder why you lost so much rest over something that no longer matters.

“God has not given to us a spirit of fear but power, love, sound mind.” **(II Timothy 1:7)**

An evil spirit of fear is very much with us. But there is a fear of the Lord, which is clean and will cause you to come before the Lord in reverence and holy fear. Rather than frightening, it is an awesome and energizing thing. The fear of the enemy will paralyze, frighten and shake you up. Since God has not given us that kind of spirit, when that strikes it is not from the Lord.

The moment such fear attacks, bind the spirit and refuse to entertain him. Pray: “God has not given me a Spirit of Fear. You are from the enemy, so just keep moving. Go and find someone else who wants you. I reject you and rebuke you in the name of Jesus Christ.”

“The fear of man bringeth a snare but whoever puts his trust in the Lord shall be safe.”
(Proverbs 29:25)

These verses show us how God wants us to regard things. Those in leadership who are caught in the throes of fears can and do make dreadful mistakes.

“Now therefore go to proclaim in the ears of the people saying whosoever is fearful and afraid let him return and depart early from Mount Gilead.” **(Judges 7:3)**

Gideon's army dropped from 32,000 to 10,000. Fear has decimated countless armies and brought ignominious defeat. Finally, Gideon had only 300 men. I am sure he had a real problem with this and assumed the Lord wanted a martyr. There was no way that he and his 300 could win over 200,000 or more enemy troops. However, he was faithful and saw the glorious victory of God. **I Samuel 15:22-26** tells how King Saul fell into presumptuous sin.

The ruler came up with an excuse and blamed the people for his disobedience. This was a lie, for it was his idea. He probably came up with the excuse on the spur of the moment because he was so frightened by Samuel's arrival.

Samuel said: “Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and in sacrifices as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold to obey is better than sacrifice, to hearken better than the fat of rams; For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft; stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because

thou has rejected the Word of the Lord, He has also rejected thee from being king.” (**I Samuel 15:22, 23**)

Other verses indicate that Saul feared the people. What a tragic situation! Although Saul was the political head of the nation, he was dominated by fear and lost his throne even while he sat on it! He held the title for a long time after this, but he deteriorated rapidly as a leader.

God demoted him from his position because he was fearful and desired to please the people more than God. How many crowd-pleasing preachers have gone down to disaster doing the same thing? The crowd is always fickle. Remember the same crowd, who shouted, “Hosanna” as Jesus came into the city, shrieked, “Crucify Him! Crucify Him!” a short time later.

“Zedekiah the king said unto Jeremiah, I am afraid of the Jews that fall to the Chaldeans lest they deliver me into their hard hand and they mock me. “But Jeremiah said, They will deliver thee, obey I beseech you the voice of the Lord which I speak unto thee so it shall be well unto thee and thy soul shall live.” (**Jeremiah 38:19,20**)

The prophet urged the king to surrender to the Chaldeans and save his life. The terrified leader said he feared that Jeremiah was lying. This king feared and did not obey the voice of the Lord through His prophet.

Consequently, his sons were executed in front of his eyes; his capital city was besieged and fell. The king's eyes were burned out, and he was led away in chains as a captive. All this came about because of his fear to obey the voice of the Lord God.

“When Peter was come to Antioch, I, Paul, withstood him to the face because he was to be blamed; “For before that certain came from James he did eat with the Gentiles but when they were come he withdrew, separated himself fearing them that were of the circumcision.”

(Galatians 2:11,1-2)

Peter was in full fellowship with the Gentile believers until some folk from “denominational headquarters” arrived. He quickly withdrew himself from those with whom he had been fellowshiping and catered to the newcomers.

Paul was outraged and stood up, confronting him

before the entire church. Today we are told by some to be loving and never mention any failures of the brethren. Paul did not use this modern method of sidestepping issues and hiding sin. The sin was public and so was the rebuke.

Today this approach is about as popular as a case of the seven-year itch. If you dare to cry aloud about the abominations perpetuated in the name of Jesus, if you lift your voice in indignation about exalting the idolatry promoted by the Babylonian Roman Catholic system, you are said to be out of order.

According to the new “love” doctrine, you must not do anything so crude or “unloving.” Those who practice such heresies are to be embraced as brethren, and no word of protest is permitted. However, we **cannot** be associated with the Roman Catholic, harlot system.

It is true that some of her ensnared people may be born-again because they have received Jesus Christ as Savior. However, these poor people are enmeshed in a system that teaches idolatry, strips Jesus of His position and glorifies His mother. They do not speak of the Mary of the Bible but of Semiramis. The infant in her arms is not Jesus Christ but Tammuz, the abominable son of Nimrod.

When that cup of abomination is lifted up, people

are instructed to look to it worshipfully. Christians ought to know the truth. A majority of Hegewisch members are former Roman Catholics. They came out of her because they were seeking freedom, joy and the peace which Jesus, alone, can give.

“Come out of her my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.” **(Revelation 18:4)**

“Wherefore come out from among them and be ye separate saith the Lord; and touch not the unclean thing and I will receive you.”

(II Corinthians 6:17)

When something is wrong, it should be exposed. This includes big-name evangelists who use secular fund-raisers. If they sink under the load of their debts, good! God is the one who said, “**owe no man anything.**” It is no wonder that they are going under. Claiming to have a vision from God, they plunged recklessly into debt. They should have let God implement it, and then He would finance it.

So many of these hotshot preachers think that everything they think or say is straight from the mouth and mind of God. Such arrogance has caused reckless and foolhardy ventures, which are a

disgrace and not worthy of being associated with the precious name of Jesus Christ. They launch stupid and extravagant projects and expect God's people to come in and pay the bills.

The Hegewisch deliverance ministry is the result of several very real visions the Lord gave to me. Because I do not go about continually tooting my horn about it and I refuse to implement the vision, people may not realize that this is the fact. Waiting on God to do this paid off, and the church stands completely debt free, with its ministry extending all over the world. When God wants something done, He only needs willing workers. He is well able to direct and guide the details.

There never has been any necessity to use high-pressure hype, special offerings, fundraising drives and pledges or other such programs. God always has sent in the money to pay for everything.

Our present building cost \$250,000.00. By careful management of our funds, we had saved \$207,000.00. Six months after moving into the building in October 1978, we were able to pay off the \$43,000 note. The money came in without special offerings, announcements or drives for money.

I am convinced that there is no reason for churches to be under crushing multi-million dollar mortgages. There are preachers all over the land

who are laboring under constant worries and fears because of huge building debts and bond payments. Every Sunday night is their Stewardship Night to meet the budget. This is a shame, causing the world to feel that poor old God cannot meet His bills and has to be bailed out!

God's people need to cut back and live within their means, not burden themselves with crushing debts. God's rules of finance are found in Proverbs, and they will work for both individuals and churches.

We must cut back extravagant expenditures, trying to keep up with the world system. When our nation's economy eventually explodes and collapses, most of the churches in the country will also go. There will be no need for government intervention to destroy them.

They will self-destruct, ruined by their heavy mortgages. Frightened leaders must concentrate on raising funds because they are over-obligated financially. Everyone has heard endless television "beg-a-thons." Scores of radio programs regularly plead for money to stay on the air. **There is no New Testament precedent for such wholesale siphoning and begging for money, utilizing all sorts of cheap gimmicks and trickery.**

Even God's anointed leaders are often cursed with gigantic inherited debts made by foolish, pride-filled

visionaries. These fools rush in, refusing to wait for God to make the way. Soon after creating the debt debacle, the authors of the disaster will be suddenly attacked by the “led” disease. They rush off, bragging and braying, to afflict other congregations and groups with their reckless and stupid schemes.

Someone else always has to come and try to make sense out of the financial chaos. It is sad that these hucksters and promoters are running loose among the people of God. Hundreds of thousands of dollars and endless hours of toil and turmoil have been expended to fuel these catastrophic ventures.

When the Israelites built the temple, they did not go into debt for it. They did not go to Egypt to secure a loan to build their building. God’s people have been snared by horrible economic nooses. This loads their preachers with unbelievable pressures to raise money to meet payments.

They are not free to give their time to the ministry of the Word, which is their reason for being at the head of a flock. It is better to have to meet in substandard quarters and be financially solvent than to be in a heavily mortgaged cathedral. At least you can devote yourself to doing the works of Jesus.

Another thing that curses leaders with fear is their conditioning and training to fit into denominational pens. One of the reasons such groups were first

organized was to provide stability to the churches. Then the ministers would not be at the mercy and whims of unstable leaders and congregations.

Some of the arguments for getting together involved helping the poor preachers to have a decent livelihood, enlarging and streamlining evangelistic and missionary programs, etc. This did not last long, for soon preachers were living in a house they did not own. They were increasingly under the control of “denominational servants.”

The denominational worker’s main job evolved into cranking out programs and reports to justify the existence of an ever-enlarging bureaucracy and their very adequate salaries. These plans rapidly became directives for others to carry out, implement and finance.

Participation steadily became more and more coercive, rather than voluntary. If someone were to follow the Holy Spirit and lead his church in a different way, wrath and displeasure from the headquarters was not long in appearing. “Non-cooperative” became the worst sin imaginable.

Some groups are quite open about it, for they have the whip hand and they know it. Often they hold the mortgage papers on the church and can dump non-conformists out unceremoniously on the street. Others, like the Baptists, have to be a bit more subtle

but will still cut your throat. I have long, jagged scars all over my back from such denominational workers who smiled to my face but stabbed me savagely as soon as my back was turned.

Do not feel sorry for me, for I survived it all. I did learn that when you are truly God-called, often you must be a kind of maverick. When I was saved and later called to preach, I was in a Southern Baptist church. I began to preach in Southern Baptist churches and am still a Baptist preacher, properly licensed and ordained by my home church. However, if I could not preach, all the papers in the world would not make me a preacher.

Without a call of God, no amount of schooling can produce a God-called preacher. It is possible to manufacture professional religious politicians to manipulate people and be a good mixer. However, in **Acts** when God was ready to send someone out, the Holy Spirit said, "Separate Me Barnabas and Saul." He did not say "Mix me up Barnabas and Saul." Preachers are not called to be good mixers but are to be separated from the world and unto God!

Many occupying pulpits are not called to preach, and some are **not even born again**. You can speak glibly about salvation even if you have only been starched and ironed but never washed. Others who were genuinely called to preach have been imprisoned

in a stifling denominational system. They have little or no freedom and live in constant fear of denominational workers who might descend on them and turn their members against them. This is not a New Testament situation. Some preachers are fearful because last year's numbers are higher than the current year.

When I came to Hegewisch Baptist Church, I had just been through the denominational mill again. Once more, for no reason, I had been betrayed and lied about by the "brethren." My heinous crime was that I failed to lick the right boots. I had always known, since I was called by God, that my job was to preach the Bible, and everything else was secondary or superfluous.

The week before I came to Chicago for a revival meeting at Hegewisch, they had thirteen in Sunday school. When I preached there was a church full of people. No one in the tiny congregation knew them, but God sent them in.

I did not want to move to Chicago. The little church had a great many problems, financial and otherwise. They were perched in a tiny building in the land of icebergs and polar bears! This southern fellow was only too glad to get on the train and return home after the very successful meetings. While there, they unanimously called me to come and

be their pastor. I told them they would have to move me, and I felt safe. I was sure they could not raise the money. One week later they called and had all the necessary funds! I was shocked. I never did not want to go anywhere more than I did not want to come to Chicago, but the Lord was insistent.

Just a few years ago I found out why it had to be Chicago. In dealing with a demon he moaned, "Why, oh why didn't you stay in Texas, you idiot? Why did you have to go to Chicago?" I said, "The Lord told me to go there." He said, "I know that, but why didn't you stay in Texas?" I asked what difference that made. He said, "Because you would never have gotten this ministry off the ground down in that Bible belt. We've got so many religious spirits there; we could have blocked you and choked it out."

I did not know it at the time, but Chicago is also a central air hub for the entire country. From here I could fly thousands of miles all over the country and to foreign countries, carrying the message of deliverance. Of course at the time I was called to Chicago, I never envisioned going anywhere except in a car or possibly on a train. I had never flown anywhere since my army transport days in World War II China. I expected to stay at home and pastor as I had done most of my ministry.

However, God knows what He is doing and why.

If you are going to fear anything, fear displeasing the Lord; and run His way. Do not fear man and go the wrong way. There are preachers who will not practice deliverance although they know it is right. They fear splitting their churches. It is true that half the congregation will probably jump ship within the first three months of real deliverance ministry.

Leaders have been taught that losing members is a sign of failure, and they panic. To gain members is said to be success; therefore, preachers pattern after the “mushroom tabernacle” movement. Mushrooms grow up overnight and die off almost as fast, for there is not much substance to them. It takes much longer to grow an oak tree from an acorn.

Most of the churches are dead wood, full of things that need to be removed. Deliverance is the best laxative I know and will positively move everything which needs to go. When it enters a situation things begin to happen. Many will dash off to other places because, actually, their roots were never there anyway.

It is surprising how many leaders have no business being in the positions they occupy. Sometimes the pastor does not even belong in the pulpit. He will flee the post because deliverance pulls the lid off a can of worms. One California man read a copy of *Battling the Hosts of Hell* and took it to his

pastor. He said, "I saw this man minister and read this book. I wanted to see what you think, Pastor."

When the man returned a couple of weeks later to check if his pastor had read the book, he said that, at first, he thought Worley was Looney Tunes. But since this was supposed to be Biblical, he decided to destroy the preposterous deliverance arguments with the Scripture. He pulled down his Hebrew and Greek lexicons from Bible school, quite certain that Worley's contentions were not Biblical at all.

However, he was amazed to find that he could not shake the arguments for deliverance. The Bible actually did say what Worley had stated about demons! But he said, "I couldn't do what he's talking about. It would split our church right down the middle." When Bible truth will split a church, this is exactly what is needed.

The body of Christ is not in need of another enlargement campaign. It very desperately needs a thorough pruning and cleansing to flush away that which does not belong there. At Hegewisch we have an open-door policy; the door opens both ways. We did not invite you; and if God did not send you to us, good-bye and blessings on you as you leave. All people who come make us happy -- some by coming, some by leaving! We are **not** playing the religious numbers game.

If God sends a dedicated man forth, he will have the capability to stick through thick and thin. If He does not guide your move, then you are certain to be a miserable failure and a mere religious machine or robot.

“His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber. Yea, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand; they all look to their own way, everyone for his gain, from his quarter.”
(Isaiah 56:10, 11)

Fearful leaders have paralyzed the body of Christ, stagnating the work. Real leaders must speak up when something is wrong, whether it is the popular thing to do or not. Paul did not say to ask Brother Hymenaeus and Alexander to have a conference to reconcile their differences, so it could be kept quiet and not get out in the church.

Instead, **Paul** wrote a letter to be read to the entire church. He announced that he had delivered those two wicked men over to Satan for the destruction of the flesh. Their sin and dissension was public;

therefore, their exposure and castigation also must be public.

John wrote, in one of his epistles, that Diatrophes loved being preeminent and had asserted this by trying to put others out. The apostle firmly declared that he would put him in order when he came. This was one of the sons of thunder, and he did not sound gentle. He certainly had no intention of coddling such a troublemaker. We are not called on to be doormats for demonically driven people!

“All ye beasts of the field come to devour, yea and all ye beasts in the forests.

“His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber.

“Yea, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand: they all look to their own way, every one for his own gain, from his quarter.

“Come ye, say they, I will fetch wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink: and tomorrow shall be as this day, and much more abundant “ (**Isaiah 56:9-12**)

Preachers are supposed to be the watchmen on the wall, to sound alarm in case of danger; but His watchmen are blind. Therefore, it is simple for all the beasts (demons) in the fields to come in and devour God's heritage. No wonder Paul speaks of fighting with beasts at Ephesus (**I Corinthians 15:32**). Blind and ignorant watchmen neither know nor believe what the Lord commands.

Plainly, the commission includes deliverance from evil spirits (**Mark 16:17**). God's frequency continues to broadcast "Emergency! Emergency! Deliver my people! Deliver the captives now!" He is **not** saying to build cathedrals or cities, nor to have great fund-raising drives. He is concerned about people bound in heathen darkness, here and abroad, who will never be free except through deliverance.

All men are blind because they refuse to see, refuse to hear, and are willingly ignorant. There is no excuse for ignorance when the Scriptures are so very plain. It is not that difficult to understand the message of deliverance.

Unfaithful watchmen are all branded as dumb dogs that cannot bark, sleeping, lying down and loving to slumber. Where will I go on vacation? Where can I float my boat? When can I go fishing? When do I speak at the Lions Club? When will I go to the

Rotarians? These men, masquerading as God's spokesmen, are merely watchdogs who will not bark a warning! Non-barking watchdogs are worthless. Blind dogs will not see the enemy coming; deaf and ignorant ones will not recognize the foe.

Sadly, this is the status in many churches riding the charismatic merry-go-round. Everybody who comes to town must be invited to minister in order to have a "balanced ministry." So the dancing girls with the tambourines, the rock bands, the jazzy quartets, karate kids, etc. come in to entertain. Now Brother Fund Raiser will speak and manipulate the crowd; next Brother Jump-the-Bench-and-Shout will lead the worship and praise service. Finally, Brother Deeper Truth will dump his garbage on us, etc., etc., ad nauseum!

Deep truth becomes simple and easily grasped by God's people when the Holy Spirit presents it through a teacher whom He has gifted. So-called "deeper truth" which you cannot understand is of no value. Be glad you cannot grasp it; put the lid on your garbage can lest he fill it full. The Bible admonishes us not to get away from the simplicity that is in the gospel of Christ.

Whatever happened to simple things like the plain truth? It's certainly not found in the Herbert Armstrong error! The deliverance message is so

simple and straightforward; it is incredible that it should have been overlooked for eons.

The gospel message has swept on and advanced, in spite of all failures to believe ALL that the Lord has said. Think what it will be when we practice a truly balanced ministry! **There can be no real balance without deliverance.** So long as leaders avoid and run from it, fearful of the brethren, there can be no actual balance.

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3: Shepherds Leading Astray

Shepherds Who Are Leading Us Astray

Jeremiah pronounced judgment on Babylon and the Chaldean Empire (**Jeremiah 50**). They had come against God's people, and their empire was eventually destroyed as a result of these prophecies. The book of Revelation speaks of a Babylon that shall resurrect herself.

She will emerge equipped with all of the occult

power and wickedness of her ancient namesake. This evil entity will play a prominent part in the end-time scenario. We are, at least, in the beginnings of the end times. No doubt, we will experience an ever-increasing acceleration into the very heart of the fulfillment of end-time prophecies.

Pronouncements concerning Babylon are especially encouraging, for they remain prophetic of what God will do again to the revived Babylon. The horrible religious and political system of that day was smitten by God, and He will certainly do it again.

In our own day and age, we can clearly see the formation of a religious Babylon, busily establishing close ties with economic and political entities. God is still against the Babylonian system whenever and wherever it raises its ugly head and moves to take control.

This passage speaks of a real empire destroyed by the hand of God according to His Word. A richer and fuller meaning is here for us today because this resurgent and very powerful Babylon is coming into prominence in the world system.

The word of the Lord spoken against Babylon and the land of the Chaldeans was:

“Declare ye among the nations, and publish, and

set up a standard; publish, and conceal not: say, Babylon is taken, Bel is confounded, Merodach is broken in pieces; her idols are confounded, her images are broken in pieces.” **(Jeremiah 50:2)**

This is referring to demon worship and the evil powers which energized this tremendously wealthy and oppressive society. In spite of the tremendous prosperity and power inherent in the world system, God has already pronounced its doom.

Bel and Merodach, her chief deities, are to be destroyed and broken into pieces.

“For out of the north there cometh up a nation against her, which shall make her land desolate, and none shall dwell therein; they shall remove, they shall depart, both man and beast.” **(Jeremiah 50:3)**

The ancient site of Babylon remains vacant today. In her resurrection she will sit upon seven hills. The awesome monstrosity will be a combined religious, economic and political system. The demonic power driving the whole enterprise will be black witchcraft, as it was in ancient Babylon.

Ancient Babylon was destroyed so completely that

even today, nomads living nearby will not camp overnight on the actual site of the city. It is so demon-ridden that they say it is haunted, and they fear the place.

“In those days, and in that time, saith the Lord, the children of Israel shall come...going and weeping...(to) seek the Lord their God.”
(Jeremiah 50:4)

In the day of Babylon's ascent to her utmost power, those who belong to God will come weeping because of the desolation, oppression and wickedness and seek God's intervention. They shall ask to join themselves to the Lord in a perpetual covenant, committing their lives completely to bringing it to pass.

“My people hath been lost sheep: their shepherds have caused them to go astray, they have turned them away on the mountains: they have gone from mountain to hill, they have forgotten their resting place.” **(Jeremiah 50:6)**

What a sad day when those appointed to watch

the flocks have instead caused them to go astray! The sheep have been skinned, bilked, robbed, ravaged and raped. Instead of leading and guiding, they have mercilessly driven them. Rather than bringing rest and peace, they have filled the sheep with fear and insecurity.

Shepherds are supposed to supply strength, help and leadership for the sheep. Sadly, the false shepherds have scattered the sheep. They assure their charges that they need no deliverance, for they cannot have demons. Problems are said to be only psychological and can be solved with a pill and/or a visit to the psychiatrist at \$75.00 to \$125.00 an hour.

These heartless men have led the sheep where there is no grazing or water. They declare that there are no miracles today; those were only for the early days when they did not have the New Testament. Such things were for ignorant people who needed the spectacular to get their attention.

However, good born-again people and the preachers, themselves, have been saturated and stuffed with Professor Sawdust and Dr. Dry Shucks. The lush green pastures, which God prepared to nurture and grow for His people, are declared to be for another age. Certainly, we are as hungry and needy as those in the first century.

Paul said that he had thrown overboard all his

educational attainments and social position to grasp the excellency of the knowledge of Christ (**Philippians 3:8**). Our Bible was not compiled for Bible schools or seminaries to dissect, analyze and explain away. It was written for ordinary people so their lives might be blessed and encouraged to believe what God has planned for His own.

Shepherds have led their charges astray, for they, themselves, have been misinformed. Almost all of the older major colleges and universities in this land were Bible-centered when they were established. Harvard, Princeton, Yale, the University of Chicago, etc., all are examples of this. God's Bible-believing people gave the money to build tremendous schools and seminaries.

These were all later infiltrated and taken over by unbelieving parasites. This is typical of those who build nothing but can only hijack and destroy what somebody else has done. Almost anyone can be taught to drive a truck, but it takes an engineer to design and manufacture a vehicle.

We have very few spiritual engineers nowadays; mostly we have religious truck drivers. Our problem is that those who are driving trucks wrongly assume they also know how to build one. This can be a drastic mistake. We must return to the basics of understanding what God actually does, how He

builds and the foundation upon which He builds. We have been brainwashed to believe that there must be great numbers in order to have a great church.

Preachers and other religious leaders regularly play the numbers game. However, on occasion Jesus deliberately drove away crowds who came to hear him. Once He spoke to devout Jews a message that convinced them that he was advocating cannibalism. (Eat My flesh, drink My blood.) The horrified multitude fled, and attendance dropped from thousands to twelve. Everywhere, Jesus drove them away.

Several times Scripture states that **there was a division because of Him**. Paul created the same kind of commotion. When he preached in the synagogue, they turned him out. Preaching on the streets, he was arrested, flogged and flung in jail. Today, this sort of plain speaking is thought to be out of order and not loving.

We have absorbed the world's idea of what constitutes success or failure. If there is a church of forty, doing the works of Jesus, and another with 2,000 members who are only shouting slogans about doing something, which group do you think is successful and really pleasing God? Slick, public-relations hype, combined with manipulative super-salesmanship, does not indicate success in the

spiritual realm.

People following their shepherds have been led astray. These men enthusiastically promote building God's cities, churches, denominations, hospitals, schools, etc. Millions of dollars are poured out to do great things for God, yet NOWHERE did Jesus or the apostles direct such operations! It is frightening to see how the Biblical emphasis so often gets lost in the mad rush to raise and spend hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Preachers who have been considered great are nothing more than high-powered manipulators and glorified religious fundraisers. In neither Old or New Testament is such a program outlined. I am convinced that people have gone astray by listening to voices telling them to do this and that, or go here and there. We must get back to the Word of God, learn to know the truth and go exactly by His program.

“These signs shall follow them that believe; in My name shall they cast out devils.” **(Mark 16:17)**

Where are the signs? New Testament churches, programs, crusades, etc. will definitely have New

Testament signs. These are: In Jesus' name they shall **evangelize, cast out demons, speak in tongues, lay hands on the sick and they shall recover (Mark 16:17,18).**

Doing the works of Jesus must produce some biblical signs -- **NOT** just talk, empty promises, music, entertainment, or dancing. It also is **NOT** multi-million dollar fundraising campaigns to build structures and organizations designed to impress the world and dazzle carnal believers. The Lord never said that we must build attractions to compete with Disneyland. This sort of foolishness has cost millions of dollars, all extracted from the gullible sheep in the body.

There are those who have heard the voice of The Shepherd, urging them to stay close to Him. These know that His main thrust is to get people saved, to have them delivered from evil spirits, baptized in the Holy Spirit and healed. The authority of the believer is not a toy to be exploited to gain things for oneself. It is a weapon given to break down the demonic strongholds, casting out demons and destroying their evil works.

Matthew 23 describes a cardinal sin of the Pharisees. They stood at the door. Not only did they refuse to enter themselves, but they refused and blocked others from the help. Thank God for the

thousands of desperate ones who push past them to secure release.

Surely God will deal severely with everyone who stands at the door of deliverance and refuses to enter. Even harsher treatment is reserved for those who use their influence, power, radio, television, magazines and churches to attack and turn people away from the only hope for freedom.

Babylon must fall, but this will not happen so long as the church apes her. For example, witness a church producing marvelous religious spectacles trying to compete with Hollywood. Because God never ordained such things, flocks fed this kind of religious garbage will easily be re-infected and return to the world. They should be taught the Word of God on evangelism, deliverance and healing. Only then will they believe for miracles to destroy the works of the devil in themselves and others.

“So then, faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.” **(Romans 10:17)**

Babylon must be challenged, for God has ordained that her gods be utterly destroyed. This will not come about by having a TV spectacular of young people dancing and leaping about. A sensuous

Salome can do the dance of seven veils, catering to carnality; but all it will do is get the head of a Baptist preacher!

You never destroy the works of the devil by going through his doorways. We must stick on the old paths -- so old that they are new. The fight is on for the freedom of the people of God. They need liberation from astronomical debts, both personal and in the churches. It seems incredible that although the Bible plainly enjoins, "Owe no man anything." (**Romans 13:8**), preachers have no qualm about plunging churches deeply into astronomical debt. No wonder members feel free to go on spending splurges also.

Credit should be used with extreme care. We should work to get out of debt, live frugally and save. A financial crash is coming which will smash all of those who are over-extended in credit buying. You are overloaded with debt if the slightest financial wave will sink you. Self-sacrifice, discipline, frugality, hard work and avoidance of debt are Biblical principles spelled out clearly in the Proverbs.

This modern generation needs to change its whole philosophy and economic outlook. Foregoing many expensive frills, once thought to be necessities, is a step in the right direction. There is far more joy in serving the Lord Jesus than in mere material gain and

pleasure.

Shepherds have led people astray, turning them away on the mountain and to the hill, having forgotten their resting-place. God's people need a place to come and rest. God's house ought to be such a place, not promoting passivity but providing a refreshing change of pace.

What a blessing to be associated with believers and be away from the railing clatter of the world, the blaring of radios and televisions, the awful music, etc! What a blessing just to meditate on the Lord Jesus, what He purposes for us and what He has done and is doing! Because of this, when people come to Hegewisch for ministry, we insist that they attend the service first. There is real help in the songs, the testimonies, the message from God's Word and in simply gathering with God's people.

Many believers have never attended a church where the members are united. So often various cliques vie for control. It is good to come where people minister together, where there are no robots and where they go to the Word of God, seeking to understand what God says and how He leads.

Out of this kind of diversity comes an amazing unity. Is this not the way the early church functioned and flourished? The norm should be for a united people to gather, bound with love for each

other and a singleness of purpose. Barren churches produce leanness in the souls of the people. They have little or no spiritual energy or vision. Where there is no vision, the people perish (**Proverbs 29:18**).

One thing that keeps Hegewisch Baptist Church going is the God-given vision of loosing the bound ones. Never will He let us forget there are multitudes who have not yet heard the message of deliverance, for this is close to His heart. Books and tapes are going all over the country from here, causing tremendous upsets in the kingdom of darkness. Demons confess that this is creating a lot of trouble for them.

Certainly we are by no means the only force moving against Satan, but he is desperately concerned about the real deliverance movement. This ministry can slow, even stop, his program and reverse it; therefore, he has moved to obliterate or at least adulterate and weaken its thrust.

“They have found a resting place. All that found them have devoured them.” (**Jeremiah 50:7**)

This is a sad fact, for on every hand there is evidence

that the sheep have indeed been devoured. Wicked, heartless wolves have made them promises, taken their money, “prayed” for them and told them they were well. But this was a lie. However, God says:

“For, lo, I will raise and cause to come up against Babylon an assembly of great nations from the north country: and they shall set themselves in array against her; from thence she shall be taken: their arrows shall be as of a mighty expert; and none shall return in vain.”
(Jeremiah 50:9)

The arrows will fly with such deadly accuracy that every one will fell a soldier. This army, which God is raising up to march on spiritual Babylon, will be given great authority. The arrows of authority given us will knock down and destroy the troops of the wicked one. This is the reason for unbelievable pressures and such unreal attacks that sometimes you wonder if you are going insane.

The enemy is very disturbed about what is happening. As we move deeper into the battle, we can scarcely measure the immense damage and the hurt already inflicted on an angry and aroused enemy. We battle for the restoration of the

fragmented soul, to loose people's minds, wills, and emotions from demonic bondage. We can expect to see even greater reverses for the enemy and will throw the enemy back if we persist. Do not expect an easy battle, for soldiers will be attacked, maligned and discredited if possible.

4: Behemoth

Behemoth, One Determined to Speak for God

“Behold now Behemoth, which I made with thee; he eateth grass as an ox. Lo now, his strength is in his loins, and his force is in the navel of his belly. He moveth his tail like a cedar: the sinews of his stones are wrapped together. His bones are as strong pieces of brass; his bones are like bars of iron. He is chief of the ways of God....” (**Job 40:15-19**)

Behemoth is an evil spirit, heavily involved in

disrupting genuine compassion and sound spiritual judgment. It is a sad fact that these virtues are extremely conspicuous by their absence in a great many of our religious leaders today.

In ancient times, Solomon was one of the wisest men on the earth. Most of us have been taught that, when given his choice, the king asked God for wisdom; but this is incorrect.

“And now, O Lord my God, thou hast made thy servant king instead of David my father: and I {am but} a little child: I know not {how} to go out or come in. And thy servant {is} in the midst of thy people which thou hast chosen, a very great people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude.

“Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people.” **(I Kings 3:7-9)**

The real source of Solomon’s wisdom was the understanding heart given him because of his right choice. The Hebrew word translated understanding means to hear intelligently. When the king requested understanding, the Lord gave him ears to hear and

eyes to see. If we desire wisdom from the Lord, we must first seek the very same thing, an understanding heart.

Unfortunately, it seems that very few of our leaders today have this sterling quality. This could even be the root of the greatest problems in our nation. It is a frightening phenomenon that so many of our political, judicial and religious leaders simply have no true sense of the difference between right and wrong.

Of course, a great many of them have never been born again. This explains the almost non-existent compassion they have toward those they lead. In days gone by, there have been leaders who possessed or at least observed some kind of rules of morality.

Today we have presidents, congressmen, senators, judges and others in authority who do not know right from wrong. They are amoral rather than having a sense of morality! Behemoth is one of the chief spirits retarding the ability to make right judgments.

Today, as always, leaders need both compassion and spiritual judgment. Without these qualities operating, there can be no real justice. It was Solomon's understanding heart that generated in him an ability to render fair and appropriate judgments.

“And God said unto him, Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself understanding to discern judgment; Behold I have done according to thy words: lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee. And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches, and honor: so that there shall not be any among the kings like unto thee all thy days. And if thou wilt walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as thy father David did walk, then I will lengthen thy days.” **(I Kings 3:11-14)**

True and righteous judgment is not something that we simply see with our eyes but involves spiritual discernment. If there is anything that is hindering this, we must get deliverance from it.

“Judge not that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and

with what measure ye meet, it shall be measured to you again. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thine brothers eyes, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye.” **(Matthew 7:1-2)**

Many Christians believe it is wrong to judge others, but this is not what the Scripture teaches. We are to judge rightly and appropriately. The problem is not in judging but in judging correctly. Using wrong judgment is what puts us into error.

“For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? Even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.” **(I Corinthians 2:11)**

Behemoth is an evil spirit who hinders and handicaps spiritual judgment. Deliverance from this demon will assist in getting our spiritual eyes opened to the things of the Lord. Like Solomon, we can have eyes to see and ears to hear if we will seek the Lord for understanding.

“Now we have received, not the Spirit of the World, but the Spirit which is of God; that we

might know the things that are freely given to us of God.” **(I Corinthians 2:12)**

Of course, we do not understand all spiritual knowledge. This is not because God is unable to show us these truths, but it is due to our inability to appropriate what the Lord is saying. Evil spirits can set up all kinds of confusion in our lives to make understanding God’s mind more difficult.

“Which things also we speak, not in the words which man’s wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth comparing spiritual things with the spiritual. But the natural man receives not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct Him? But we have the mind of Christ.” **(I Corinthians 2:13-16)**

There will always be elements of God’s grace of which we do not understand. We cannot even grasp the magnitude of our own salvation and will never comprehend it until we get to heaven. However,

there are some things we must know if we are to obtain and cultivate compassion and love for others.

“But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.” **(Hebrews 5:14)**

Only those who are growing in grace and knowledge of the Lord are in view here. They feed on the strong meat of the Word, which will develop the believer's senses to be able to know the difference between good and evil. Prayer, Bible study and walking daily with the Lord are good spiritual exercises.

Spiritual judgment can also be sharpened by cultivating the right people as friends. Pastor Worley is such a person and has been a great help to me and to many others. He has taught and helped many to strengthen their spiritual sense of judgment.

Job was considered a prince in his country and was one of the wealthiest men in the world of his day. God declared him to be one who shunned evil and feared the Lord.

“And the Lord said unto Satan, hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God and escheweth evil? Satan answered the Lord and said, Doth Job fear God for nought?” (**Job 1:8-9**)

Job offered sacrifices daily to the Lord for both himself and his family. As sin crept up in his life, he took care of it immediately (**I John 1:9**). He loved and served the Lord. This father also prayed for his family daily, that they too would serve the Lord.

In spite of this, his children still had some problems in their lives. This was not necessarily a reflection on Job. Like all children, his undoubtedly chose to go their own way at times.

The Lord allowed Satan to make direct attacks on Job's home, his family, his flocks and herds. He was stripped of about everything he possessed. However, “In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.” (**Job 1:22**) Unlike many today, he did not just give up on God and say, “What's the use? It doesn't pay to serve God!”

“And the Lord said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none

like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? And still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst Me against him, to destroy him without cause.” **(Job 2:3)**

During these trials, Job had no idea why all this was happening to him nor how long this devastation would last. There was no way to know if this would continue for a week, a month, a year or for the remainder of his life. He had been given no information about, nor forewarning of, the catastrophic problems which befell him and his household.

“Now when Job’s three friends heard of all this evil that was come upon him, they came everyone from his own place; Eliphaz the Temanite, and Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite: for they had made an appointment together to come and mourn with him and to comfort him.” **(Job 2:11)**

This would have been fine if these men would have done that. This was the correct and spiritual thing to do, but this is not what they did.

“Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said, If we assay to commune with thee, wilt thou be grieved? “but who can withhold himself from speaking” **(Job 4:1,2)**

Instead of comforting him, they just sat and stared at him without speaking for seven days! When they finally broke their silence they said, “We can see that you are going through this trial, and we are going to tell you what is wrong with you.”

“Behold thou hast instructed many, and thou has strengthened the weak hands. Thy words have upheld him that was falling, and thou hast strengthened the feeble knees. But now it has come upon thee, and thou faintest; it toucheth thee, and thou art troubled. Is not this thy fear, thy confidence, thy hope, and the uprightness of thy ways? Remember I pray thee, who ever perished, being innocent? or where were the righteous cut off? Even as I have seen, they that plow iniquity and sow in wickedness, reap the same.” **(Job 4:3-8)**

What Eliphaz said was correct, but the problem came as a result of his poor spiritual judgment. Remember the earlier statement that Job had not sinned and that God was moved against him without a cause. What he said did apply to sinners but not to Job; therefore, it was a false accusation. How would you like to have friends like that show up when something horrible had happened to you? How much help would they be? It is terrible what we sometimes do to our friends, our loved ones and ourselves.

Instead of a helping hand, we sometimes offer them a gun to shoot themselves. We must stop jumping to conclusions and ask the Lord for understanding. Only then can we be a real encouragement and blessing to others.

This can also work inside the individual believer. When you begin to hear those whisperings deep within your soul, remember how the demons operate. They may say, "They that sow iniquity plow wickedness. God is judging you. This is God's fault."

Many times we blame God, not realizing that the Lord may be trying us by fire. He does this to cleanse us of filth so that Jesus Christ can be more easily seen through us.

“Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth: therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty” **(Job 5:17)**

Eliphaz was completely wrong when he said that God was chastening Job. This was not judgment! God allowed this to happen so that Job, later, could say, “I have heard of you by the hearing of the ear. Now my eye seeth you.”

This is exactly what happened. Job endured this dreadful time of testing in order to learn to see the Lord through it all. He had heard about the Lord and now, as a result of these trials, he knew Him. This revelation came to him when first he humbled himself in sackcloth and ashes.

“To him that is afflicted: pity should be shewed from his friend; but he forsaketh the fear of the Almighty” **(Job 6:14)**

One brazen attribute of Behemoth is that he has no fear of the Almighty God.

“My brethren have dealt deceitfully as a brook, and as the stream of brooks they pass away.”

(Job 6:15)

Job's friends came to mourn and to comfort him. Instead, they dealt deceitfully with him and blamed Job for the tragedy. Having forsaken the fear of the Lord, they failed to ask the Lord what to do. Proper fear of the Lord would have caused them to consult God **first**.

However, they were like Joshua who dealt with the Gibeonites and “asked not counsel at the mouth of the Lord.” (**Joshua 9:14**) Jumping to their own wrong conclusions certainly grieved and wounded Job.

What a disappointment when those from whom you expected help and support mercilessly attack you. This is typical behavior produced in those deceived and controlled by demons. Religious spirits are some of the cruelest and most heartless in the spirit world. They come speaking sweetness and light while they slip around from behind and thrust a knife in their victim.

“Return, I pray you, let it not be iniquity; yea return again, my righteousness is in it. Is there iniquity in my tongue? cannot my taste discern perverse things” (**Job 6:29-30**)

Here, Job is saying that if he had done something wrong, he would have confessed it as sin. He is questioning whether he knows right and wrong and is caught up in trying to justify himself to his friends. They attacked him repeatedly, forcing him to attempt to defend himself.

It is impossible to convince a demon of your innocence. This is exactly what Job was trying to do. Arguing with a demon is a no-win situation, and you will just go in circles. Deliverance is the only remedy for this. When the demons attack, we must counterattack with the Word of God and the name of Jesus. This requires a mature understanding of Scripture and Bible precepts. We **must** study to equip ourselves to cope with the enemy.

“How long wilt thou speak these things? and how long shall the words of thy mouth be like a strong wind? Doth God pervert judgment? Doth the Almighty pervert justice?” **(Job 8:2-3)**

His friends are under the mistaken assumption that Job had some sort of secret sin in his life for which he was being judged. They told Job that God does not pervert justice; therefore, they inferred he was

guilty of something. As a matter of fact, Satan and his demons were simply allowed to attack Job. Like Job, we would have had trouble understanding this trial. It would be difficult to believe that God was gracious and merciful in these circumstances.

Eliphaz misunderstood the true nature of God's love. He thought love was conditional. In effect he said, "God really doesn't love you, Job, because of your sin."

"If thy children have sinned against Him, and he have cast them away for transgressions; If thou wouldest seek unto God betimes, and make thy supplication to the Almighty; If thou wert pure and upright; surely now He would awake for thee." (**Job 8:4-6**)

"If you had done the right thing, God would be there to help." How would you like for your friends to come and tell you that, when you were down and out? What these men were saying was correct, but it did not apply to Job. Their spiritual discernment was incorrect, having been distorted and clouded by the Spirit of Behemoth.

“Behold, God will not cast away a perfect man, neither will He help the evil doers.” **(Job 8:20)**

This was another cruel cut. “If you were perfect, God would not have cast you away.” In other words, “Here all this time we thought you were a good guy, and now we see that we were deceived. All the time you were hiding sin in your heart. We suspected all along that you were really no good.” This is a typical slanderous demonic attack.

“This is one thing, therefore I said it, He destroyeth the perfect and the wicked.” **(Job 9:22)**

“My soul is weary of my life; I will lead my complaint upon myself; I will speak in the bitterness of my soul. I will say unto God, Do not condemn me; shew me wherefore thou contendest with me.” **(Job 10:1,2)**

At this point Job began to believe their unjust criticisms. He wondered, “Lord, why are You condemning me? Why are You judging me?” He was shaken enough to listen to the demonic lies. The Lord does not do things to us because He hates us.

We must not allow evil spirits to deceive us in this way. We must allow God to sharpen our discernment of spirits (**I John 4:1**).

“Thine eyes have made me and fashioned me together round about; yet thou dost destroy me”
(**Job 10:8**)

Job simply could not understand why this was happening and was becoming bitter towards God about it all.

“Should not the multitude of words be answered? and should a man full of talk be justified? Should thy lies make men hold their peace? and when thou mockest, shall no man make thee ashamed?”
(**Job 11:2-3**)

Now Job is accused of being a liar. “You just won’t admit that you have done wrong.” Does this sound familiar? Has your wife, husband or anyone else ever told you this **unjustly**?

“For thou hast said, My doctrine is pure, and I

am clean in thine eyes. But Oh that God would speak, and open His lips against thee” (**Job 11:4-5**)

Job’s friends wanted God to tell him that he had done wrong, justifying themselves. They demanded repentance from Job. They wanted the Lord to punish him for his sin.

“And that he would shew thee the secrets of wisdom, that they are double to that which is! Know therefore that God exacteth of thee less than thine iniquity deserveth” (**Job 11:6**)

In effect, they were saying, “God did this to you. Still, He is going easy on you.” With this kind of friend, you do not need enemies. This kind of comfort Job did not need.

“Hear now my reasoning, and hearken to the pleadings of my lips. Will ye speak wickedly for God? and talk deceitfully for him?” (**Job 13:6-7**)

Job went right to the heart of the situation here.

His friends, who had appointed themselves to speak for God, were wrong; and he realized it! The Spirit of Behemoth was speaking wickedly and deceitfully through his friends.

When Old Testament men were set up as judges, they were really speaking for God. The problem was not in speaking on behalf of the Lord but in speaking falsely. The prophets who spoke for God were speaking truth, and God honored them for it.

“Judge not that ye be not judged, for with what judgement ye judge, ye shall be judged.”

(Matthew 7:1-2)

It is necessary to get the beam out of your own eye before attempting to cast the mote out of someone else's eye. Get yourself cleaned up so that the demons will not cloud your judgment. Then you shall be able to judge properly.

“Behold now Behemoth, which I made with thee; he eateth grass as an ox. Lo now, his strength is in his loins, and his force is in the navel of his belly. He moveth his tail like a cedar: the sinews of his stones are wrapped together. His bones are as strong pieces of

brass; his bones are like bars of iron. He is chief of the ways of God....” **(Job 40:15-19)**

God was speaking to Job. His friends believed they knew the ways of God and tried to explain them to Job. Unfortunately, they were deceived.

“Will ye talk wickedly for God and talk deceitfully for Him? For thou writest bitter against me, and makest me to possess the iniquities of my youth.” **(Job 13:26)**

Many spiritual leaders will pray for you, and some merely prey on you. If, apparently, there is nothing happening, they will say, “It is just your youthful immorality that is holding back your prayers.” They always come up with a convenient excuse: “You are being judged for some wrong that you have done.” Often the believer is rebuked for not having enough faith.

“And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth. And his disciples asked Him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind.

Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.” **(John 9:1-3)**

Jesus was not concerned with the sin or past sins of the man or his parents. The Savior’s keen spiritual discernment revealed that the blindness was not the result of his parent’s sin. It was “that the works of God might be made manifest.”

“Then Job answered and said, I have heard many such things: Miserable comforters are ye all.” **(Job 16:1-2)**

“Surely such are the dwellings of the wicked, and this is the place of him that knoweth not God.” **(Job 18:21)**

You must read the entire chapter to realize that he is actually saying that Job does not really know God. “You are really not saved. You don’t really know the Lord.” This is also what demons say. They will attack your salvation and will try to convince you that your salvation is conditional.

“Why do ye persecute me as God, and are not satisfied with my flesh?” (**Job 19:22**)

“Why have you taken the position of God?” This is the snare into which the Pharisees fell. They questioned the healing of the young man in **John 9**. They were not concerned about the man nor were they thrilled by his miraculous healing.

They were extremely upset because this had been done on the Sabbath day! A religious rule had been violated, and they were outraged. Here again, the Spirit of Behemoth lifts his ugly, legalistic head in protest.

“Will He reprove thee for fear of thee? Will he enter with thee into judgment? Is not thy wickedness great? and thy iniquities infinite.” (**Job 22:4-5**)

His friends were saying, “Admit that you are an evil and wicked man. This is why all these things have happened to you. Confess your sins so that everything can be okay.” Demons will often tell you things like this just to confuse and mislead you.

“Behold, I go forward, but He is not there; and backward but I cannot perceive Him: On the left

hand, where He doth work, but I cannot behold Him: he hideth Himself on the right hand, that I cannot see Him: But he knoweth the way that I take: when He hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.” (**Job 23:8-10**)

God uses testings to purge and cleanse us. Job realized that God **does indeed** know where he is. Unfortunately, Job had gotten caught up with trying to justify himself to his skeptical and querulous friends.

In all this exchange, notice that they accuse him of many things, including possessing the sins of his youth and of being a hypocrite.

“So these three men ceased to answer Job, because he was righteous in his own eyes. Then was kindled the wrath of Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite, of the kindred of Ram: against Job was his wrath kindled, because he justified himself rather than God. Also against his three friends was his wrath kindled, because they had found no answer, and yet had condemned Job.” (**Job 32:1-3**)

Since they could find nothing which was actually

wrong, all they could do was to level false charges against Job.

“Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said, Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge?”

(Job 38:1-2)

God castigates Job’s three friends for their failure to grasp what He is actually doing.

“Hast thou an arm like God? or canst thou thunder with a voice like him? Deck thyself now with majesty and excellency; and array thyself with glory and beauty. Cast abroad the rage of thy wrath: and behold everyone that is proud, and abase him. Look on everyone that is proud, and bring him low; and tread down the wicked in their place. Hide them in the dust together; and bind their faces in secret. Then I will also confess unto thee that thine own right hand can save thee.” **(Job 40:9-14)**

In other words, God is telling Job if he can say all these things then he will be able to save himself.

However, the man cannot, for he is not like the Lord.

“I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear:
but now mine eyes seeth thee. Wherefore I
abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes.”
(Job 42:5,6)

Job repented because he had tried to justify himself. He had not understood that God was just and knew exactly what He was doing. God was not judging him for sin, after all, but was allowing all this to happen for a special reason.

As a result of his awful trials, Job finally obtained a deeper understanding of the Lord and His purposes.

“And it was so, that after the Lord had spoken these words unto Job, the Lord said to Eliphaz the Temanite, My wrath is kindled against thee, and against thy two friends: for ye have not spoken of me the thing that is right, as my servant Job hath.” **(Job 42:7)**

Their problem was that they did not speak faithfully for God. God was very angry with them for their presumptuous and pompous speaking. He

was ready to kill them.

“Therefore take unto you seven bullocks and seven rams, and go unto my servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering; and my servant Job shall pray for you: for him will I accept: lest I deal with you after your folly...”
(Job 42:8)

Eliphaz and his two friends are important for the lesson they teach us. If you speak correctly for God, there will be no problem with God. However, if faulty judgment causes you to judge falsely, you will be in trouble. Deliverance from Behemoth is essential to freeing your judgment and discernment so that you can speak with truth and authority in all spiritual matters.

5: Manifest Sons of God

The Manifest Sons of God

The Manifest Sons of God movement has a rather loosely defined theology. What one group believes another may reject. However, there are some basic concepts upon which the Manifest Sons of God preachers generally agree.

SOME BASIC BELIEFS

The fundamental, central doctrine or belief of the Manifest Sons of God is that there is a third experience in God beyond the baptism in the Holy Spirit. This theology states that there are three experiences in God, which are typified by the three major Old Testament feasts. Thus, the Feast of the Passover corresponds to salvation, the Feast of Pentecost to the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and the Feast of Tabernacles to a future experience, immortality.

Sin will be removed from the believer's body (at least from certain believers, not necessarily all), and a group of Manifest Sons of God will appear on the scene. The principal verse used to prove this concept is **Romans 8:19**. "For the earnest expectation of the creature (creation) waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God." This manifestation of immortal Christians is regarded as an event which will occur before the return of Christ.

Some Manifest Sons of God preachers believe this event was set by God for a future date. Others are persuaded that this third experience has always been possible for all Christians, even though no one has yet attained this state of perfection.

An interesting theory is advanced by a leading Manifest Sons of God spokesman. He believes that the great theologian Martin Luther never preached on the baptism of the Spirit, speaking in tongues and gifts of the Holy Spirit because it was not the proper time to introduce it. Finney, Spurgeon, Moody, Cartwright and others of their day also did not preach about healings, miracles, tongues and interpretation because God was keeping them secret until the right time.

However, when God's time for the restoration of Pentecost came, little common men began to preach these deeper truths of the Holy Spirit. This was because the door, called the second veil, was open. This "second veil" was the baptism in the Spirit; the third veil will be immortality in our present bodies, which will be made sinless. This will happen at some future time set by God.

This same preacher also writes that this experience goes beyond anything man has ever received, either in the early church or in the church to date. How this is going to take place and what it

will be like, cannot be determined. It is the same as the early church, which could not have described the glory of that outpouring before it had been experienced. He was convinced that it would be the same in this day. The time is at hand, and God's divine purposes shall surely be fulfilled in the Body of Christ.

(Historical note: Finney, Moody, and Torrey were all baptized in the Spirit and Luther wrote that the Spirit and the gifts are ours.)

Other Manifest Sons of God preachers apparently believe that born- again persons in all ages had the possibility of immortality open to them. They say Paul referred to this in **Philippians 3:12**.

“Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected, but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me.”

Unfortunately, Paul missed God's best and so failed to qualify for immortality--or did he????

No matter which version of how sinless immortality is to be attained is true, they will have power far beyond anything ever known to man in

history. With this they will accomplish undreamed of miracles and healings and administer smashing defeats on Satan on a massive and unparalleled scale.

SOME COROLLARY BELIEFS

Manifest Sons of God preachers also known as The Man Child Company, and Super Apostles and Super Prophets are firmly convinced that the Bible is a primarily spiritual book. Therefore, the Scripture does not necessarily mean what it says. There is always a much deeper spiritual meaning. To grasp the Bible's spiritual truths, one must understand these deeper meanings. A very basic example of this concept is to arbitrarily announce that the three Old Testament feasts are three separate experiences in a Christian's life.

There are others as well:

1. God is no longer interested in the physical nation of the Jews (Israel) because Christians now constitute the spiritual Israel. Some verses used to support this position are **Galatians 6:16** and **Matthew 21:43**. One Manifest Sons of God preacher said he would not be at all surprised if God destroyed the physical nation of Israel just to demonstrate and prove that He is no longer interested in the physical

Jews.

2. Lucifer is not Satan. The Lucifer described in Ezekiel 28 was really Adam in the Garden. Satan may have been created just as he is, to be utilized for the tempting and perfecting of God's sons. The Mormon church also teaches that Lucifer and Satan are not the same.

3. The mark of the beast is something all people have, including Christians. It is a mark we have on our spiritual beings, a mark of loyalty to "Babylon." Apparently the world or the "traditional" or non-spiritual church is in view here. The mark is not, therefore, a future physical mark as is described in the Scriptures.

4. Heaven is going to be progressively revealed as something here on earth. It is definitely not a city coming down in descent from another place. Heaven will appear from the spiritual into the visible. The New Jerusalem in Revelation is a picture of the perfected body of Christ.

A formula given by one Manifest Sons of God preacher is: The City= a People= the Abode for the fullness of God= Body of Christ= the Lamb's wife= the Church in glory and perfection. In this city, God becomes man; and man in God's image becomes the expression of God. There are not two beings, but

two have become one. Among the better known advocates of the teachings are Bill Britton and Kelley Várner.

This is only a brief synopsis. The similarity between the main doctrines and objectives of the Manifest Sons of God are chillingly similar to the bold thrust of the New Age Movement. The Word Faith doctrines based on the Gnosticism of E. W. Kenyon are taught by famous religious leaders such as Kenneth Hagin, Kenneth Copeland, Capps, Price, Hinn, Myers, etc.

These erroneous Gnostic doctrines “set up” their hapless disciples to slide deeper into the deceptions of the Manifest Sons of God.

In some cases many have embraced the doctrine of Ultimate Reconciliation. The text often quoted is:

“And having made peace through though the blood of His cross, by Him to reconcile all things unto Himself; by Him I say, whether they be things in earth or things in heaven.”
(Colossians 1:20)

Upon this, a whole system of teachings is based. They claim, among other things, that there is no eternal hell. An army of purified and sanctified

Manifested Sons of God will march into the Lake of Fire. By preaching the gospel in power, this army will convert the millions held there. Even Satan and the demons will be reconciled to God and will stroll the streets of heaven.

To be fair, it should be pointed out that most of those who espouse the teachings of the Manifest Sons of God totally reject this extreme position. However, there have been a number of preachers and many others who have been taken in and have swallowed this heresy.

From heresy, it is not difficult to slide into the New Age Movement. Suffice to say that we should always be on the alert for that most ancient framework of false teachings, introduced in the Garden of Eden by the super false teacher:

- Ye shall be gods (power).
- Ye shall not sin (sinless perfection).
- Ye shall not surely die (immortality).

Those who practice and teach such things have fallen into one of the oldest heresies on earth. We must get back to the simplicity which is in Christ and away from cumbersome and fanciful half truths and clever verse twisting. Even very sincere and zealous persons can be entrapped.

For more information see:

“Seduction of Christianity,” by Dave Hunt

“Vengeance Is Ours,” by Al Dager

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6: Recognizing Demons

Recognizing Demons

“Strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even to those that by reason of use of their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.” **(Hebrews 5:14)**

We need to be able to recognize demons, knowing who they are and what they are. They are not an “it,” but definitely are persons without bodies. Christian people are notoriously lazy and like a nest of little baby birds. When mama bird comes with a nice worm, they go squawk, their mouths pop wide open, and they will swallow almost anything poked at them.

It is much better when God’s people are

challenged to go scratch their spiritual heads, get into their Bibles and see if these things be so. It might well be the best thing that ever happened to them. You might discover the preacher is right, but even if he's wrong, it makes no difference. You will bump into all kinds of good things that God wants you to have anyway. Either way you win.

You will find the word, "demon," translated erroneously in the King James as "devils." The Greek word for devil is "diobolas" and is always singular, referring to Lucifer, the fallen archangel himself. Never does it refer to his hirelings or underlings. Although the King James Bible has translated it "devils," you need to change it to "demon" in your thinking.

This will be an exact rendering of the Greek because "daimonia" is the universal word for the demonic entities themselves. There are multitudes of them, and they are the angels who fell with Lucifer. I am aware of other theories about the origin of demons, but they seem to be based on vague or uncertain Scriptures. You also will not support it by interrogating demons.

All the demons with whom I ever talked claimed to be fallen angels. They talk of their former dazzling beauty before their master touched them. They are fallen angels and totally reprobate. You will not be

able to reason with them. They are much more intelligent than humans are, although they do dumb and stupid things when they are under attack. Realize that the enemy is at a severe disadvantage when Christians attack because the armies of heaven back up every move of the believer who is charging the enemy.

Remember that God will not support you if you go on your own, only if you are doing what He ordered done. **Mark 16:17** states that “these signs shall follow them that believe, in my name shall they cast out demons.” Where are your signs, New Testament Christians? Cast out any demons lately? How strongly do you believe?

The only reason people do not cast out demons is unbelief. Until you hate God’s enemies, you will never get rid of them. Many say, “If I have any demons, I want to get rid of them.” The implication is that they really don’t have any because they are in good shape. People ask if we think everyone has demons. I answer that I’m still looking for one who has none.

We need not worry about it. When we get perfect there will be a tornado, and the chariots of fire will descend to take us up. Because we are still walking around, there is no danger. Enoch walked with God and was not. A little girl told the story. She said that

once Enoch and God went for a walk. Towards evening God told Enoch they were closer to His house than Enoch's and he should just go home with God.

When you get closer to God's house than you are to your own, you will go home. If you are still here, God is not finished with you. When you finish, Elijah, God will send the chariots after you; and you will go out in a tornado. However, so long as you and I are walking around on the earth, there is still something God is working out; so don't worry about being perfect.

Some do not like getting deliverance for fear they will get soiled. All of us are on the way to becoming something, but we are not there yet. God is making us to be conformed to the image of His Son. Only God would undertake that.

The demons are called unclean or evil spirits. The word "demon" also means spirit or breath. Most of these things will come in and out of the breathing passages. Demons have personalities, which means they have knowledge, will, and emotions.

Demons do not always lie. They prefer to lie, but they do not always do this. In **Mark 1:24** when Jesus stood in the synagogue to read and talk, demons screamed out and said, "I know you Jesus; I know who you are."

Sceva and his seven sons were Jewish exorcists. A strange man came to town and was getting results such as they had never seen. Sceva was smart enough to stand by in order to watch, listen and learn. He decided to try the new method with his seven sons.

Sceva said, "In the name of Jesus, whom Paul preaches, you come out of him." What the demon said in Greek is extremely interesting. He said, "Jesus, I know or acknowledge. Paul, I know about; but who are you?" Then he proceeded to fly on those eight men, beating them half to death and stripping them naked. All eight terrified, naked men streaked down the road, covered with bruises and scratches, bleeding profusely.

You cannot walk into a demon's household and challenge him without authority or leadership from the Lord. The evil spirits have knowledge about you; and what they don't know, they can get from their friends. The devil has a dossier on you, listing every weak spot-- every dirty rotten thing you ever did, said or thought about. All he has to do is access your file, and any demon working on you has access to full information.

The demons have access to vast resources of knowledge. You and I have access to tremendous reserves of power and protection. The demons have

information; and when you get one on the ropes, you treat him as a prisoner of war.

I know people say you should never talk to demons because you are liable to be given wrong information. But you can get that from well meaning Christians! You must weigh and consider everything against the Word of God, the Holy Spirit and the check in your own spirit. If you are such a baby that you are afraid to cope with demons, they will just throw you the little ones. You will imagine you have the whole bunch, and the person will continue in torment.

You must dig deep to get at the roots. Put some of those big ones on the ropes and pressure them. In war, all captured prisoners are routinely put through interrogation. This is not very pleasant for the prisoners, but with enough pressure you can even force information from hostile witnesses. Naturally, everything he says must be checked and cross-checked, but he knows many useful things. With the Holy Spirit clamping and angels harassing, you can defeat him. We are not to attempt to find out things which are none of our business.

Occasionally, I have seen people gather around and begin talking about the future, etc.; but we are not here for a fortune-telling session. We only need information that will destroy the roots of the demonic

power in this person and others.

Evil spirits have knowledge which is useful in the battle, and often God forces them to give facts which destroy their holds. My books have been like blockbusters in Satan's kingdom. This is because they are filled with information wrested from the enemy. This information is hashed, rehashed, checked and cross-checked against the Scriptures. The methods are then tested in the laboratory of deliverance sessions to prove they work. There are many unworkable theological theories which have paralyzed the body of Christ.

Demons have said that they hate "those damned books" because they are so dangerous. They say, "We keep telling them they are full of lies. Don't listen to Worley. He talks to demons, and you will get all confused. A lot of the stupid fools try those things in the books and they work."

This is because they are handbooks of spiritual warfare. If you try out what is in them, you had better get ready for action. When you persist, suddenly the trap door will open, and you will plunge into a warfare you never knew before. The enemy is panic-stricken by any believer who is armed with knowledge and determination.

Demons have knowledge. They are persons and have wills. In **Matthew 12:44**, the demon thrown

out of a person said, “I will return.” He had made up his mind to do it. In **Luke 8:31-33**, the spirits wanted (willed) to go into those swine rather than out of the country.

Demons also have emotions. James says that the demons believe and tremble (**James 2:19**). I have often seen a demon begin to manifest, causing the person to tremble all over. The first time this happened to me, I asked the Lord what it meant; for I didn’t know. He answered, “Haven’t you read the demons believe and tremble? Because they believe what you are saying, they tremble with fear.” They believe the Word of God and are troubled.

Demons have knowledge, will and emotion and are persons without bodies. It seems that they are unable to express their vile, evil natures completely without a body in which to function. They will even go into animals but prefer humans. This is how they do their dirtiest and most rotten work.

We need to learn what it means to discern spirits, for there is a gift of discerning of spirits. I believe every Christian has all the gifts in embryo stage, and they can be brought forth. The reason many people’s gifts are not operating is because they do not know they are there, or they are afraid to try them out.

I would encourage you to try out the gifts. Some

would answer that they tried once, fell flat on their face and were terribly embarrassed. Remember the first time you tried to ride a bicycle? You had to learn how to balance and how to lean with it. You may also need practice using the gifts of God and may need to learn how to develop and operate them.

“Strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even to those that by reason of use of their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.” **(Hebrews 5:14)**

We need, in these dreadful days, believers who are neither gullible dummies nor sanctified idiots. If somebody hollers, “Hallelujah!” many think it is automatically of the Lord. Never do they stop to check anything or raise a question.

I have been in deliverance sessions when a particular spirit began to shout, “Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Praise the Lord! Everybody lift their hands and praise Jeeesus! Come on folks; let’s praise Jeeesus!” That spirit had been picked up in a Pentecostal church.

We have found other spirits such as “We are Right and we have the Truth.” Another spirit in a lady began stamping the foot saying, “I am right! I am

right!” Her husband, sitting beside her, said, “Boy, have I ever heard that!”

We need to discern between good and evil and exercise our senses through this discernment. This does not happen automatically; it happens by cultivation and seeking the Word of God. We must be careful who puts their hands on us because spirits can transfer through the hands. Be sure to cover your body and soul with the blood. Some claim they are automatically covered, but you’d better not count on it.

You are covered with the blood but not the part they are touching. If you were entirely covered with the blood, there would be no demonic problems. There are parts of you which are open territory. We must take it from the enemy, dedicate it to the Lord and hold it.

Lazy believers want God to do everything. He has already done the hardest part when He saved you. He is now at the right hand of the Father, keeping you saved as great High Priest and interceding for those who believe.

The demons are the enemy, and there are definite symptoms of their activity. There are psychological signs of demonic operation. There are persistent, recurrent, evil and/or destructive emotions or attitudes which dominate a person, contrary to his

own will or nature. These things come on him and just take over.

This is not what the person wants to be; and yet there are things such as resentment, vengeance, envy, hatred, fear, jealousy, pride, self-pity, tension, etc. which pop up. When demons operate, often they have been showing themselves in these areas so long that a person can never remember not being like this. Thus, you hear remarks such as, "I've always been like this; all the men in our family tend to be short-tempered." "The women in our family develop cancer."

When I hear such things, I suspect family curses which must be broken back to ten generations on both sides of the family. **Deuteronomy 23:2** declares the bastard to be cursed to the tenth generation (400 years). What happened in your family on both sides 400 years ago? There is good reason to believe the curse of illegitimacy is there and needs to be broken.

Many protest that all the curses are taken care of. How many times we have battled with demons who kept saying that they had grounds to stay until we broke a curse! Then they admitted they had no grounds to stay and had to go. Born-again people can be the most gullible of the gullibles.

When demons manifest, they drive, they harass,

they torment and produce compulsive behavior which slows down, stops or even reverses spiritual growth and progress. Compulsive behavior means you go out of control, exploding outside or closing up like a turtle so you can't get out and nobody can get in.

If Satan cannot have your soul, he wants your life. The church will never reach her zenith of power until she is able to cope with and break these major bondages from the people. Do not get discouraged because of the hardness of the way (**Numbers 21:4**). There will be a day when you will be able to win over the forces arrayed against you. Then you will reach the potential which God purposed for you.

He will not wait until you are perfect to use you. If He waited for this, then certainly no one would be on the trail. I know of none who are perfect except the Lord Jesus. The rest of us are all becoming. We are to be battling the enemy.

Then one day when you least expect it, God will tag you and say it is your turn to receive more deliverance. It could be that some baby believer to whom you ministered and taught will be the very one to help you. My deliverances have all been at the hands of people whom I trained to be workers, either directly or through the books and tapes. Never forget that when the sowing is good, so is the

reaping!

Demons in me were so furious that they said, "Don't try that on us. We know all of his tricks, you stupid fool. You've learned everything you know from him. We know what you're trying to do." It did not help them though; I had taught my workers to be persistent, and they stayed after them. God is working on all of us who are willing, clearing the land slowly but surely, by little and by little.

Have you ever thought about how glorious it is that God uses us in spite of our rottenness and weaknesses and not because of them? He uses everyone this way. Two kinds of people are greatly used. Some are greatly used by the devil and think it is the Lord. Others are genuinely used by the Lord to accomplish His purposes.

Many so-called ministers operate under the power of witchcraft. Their followers are like robots and are carbon copies because Satan is a duplicator. In all the peculiar people who make up Hegewisch church, there is not one carbon copy. I would really be worried if I had a carbon copy walking around because I know that God never duplicates -- He creates. Although they may be similar, they are all uniquely different.

On a tree with thousands of leaves, not one is exactly alike. All have characteristics in common but

are uniquely different. If the devil made that tree, each would be identical, as if they came off a Xerox machine. Many of these so-called ministries spreading across the country actually operate by utilizing, knowingly or unknowingly, the power of witchcraft and soul power.

This only creates clones of them. These clones dominate and manipulate their followers, who register no spiritual growth. Spiritual growth and development is a characteristic of those operating under real leadership from God. Witchcraft and mind control can produce only demonic imitations of the leaders.

To those whom He has chosen to minister in His name, God gives what the Greek calls charisma. This is a magnetic power which draws people to them and causes them to have confidence in that individual. If a person who has been so gifted by God decides that he, himself, is the reason this is happening, the power is subverted and misused. Soon he will be on the discard pile with the Balaams and Demas'.

However, there are those who recognize this charisma is coming through them, drawing people to be taught of the Lord. Realizing that this is the drawing power of the gifts flowing through them, they are careful that the glory all goes back to God.

If they honestly teach their followers to so glorify God, then the river will keep flowing.

The counterfeit is **mind control**. In the beginning it produces something resembling charisma. Often, people are drawn in even in greater numbers than those responding to charisma. Those who have genuine charisma from God and their followers will experience bitter opposition from the enemy to pull them away from the right course.

Mind Control is in charge, powered and promoted by the enemy. He “blesses” those working with him to validate his workers and prove that his methods really work. The idea is promoted that it cannot be any good if it is small, but if it is big it is great! This depends on what is in view. If it happens to be something dead, I would rather have a dead gnat than a dead elephant. Unfortunately a lot of these religious dead elephants are tooting their whistles, repeating endlessly that they are great because they are big.

Under **charisma** the followers grow and develop spiritually. They begin to reach out to others and bring them into the knowledge and truth that they have received. They get on their feet, begin to read the Bible for themselves and get answers directly from God. Although they will occasionally need help from the leader, maturation enables them to move ahead and reach out to help others to the Lord.

Often those who come into a group which is operating under mind control and soul power are already Christians who have grown some in the Lord. One of the tragedies is that they will suffer spiritual regression. This is because they are attached, by a spiritual umbilical cord, to a leader. This is the dreadful error of the “shepherding” movement. Across the country, without exception, this movement has broken fellowship between believers and has caused people to form little cliques and groups.

Those who previously were seeking, walking and rejoicing in their freedom now can do nothing without asking a human leader. They have come into bondage. How terrible it would have been if Paul had been under that kind of leadership. God sent the Macedonian call, “Come over and help us.” “All right, Lord, I’ll send a runner to Jerusalem and ask Peter, James and the others what they think about it.” What a mess that would have been!

When Peter was on the roof at Simon’s house, what would have happened if he had asked the church? What if he had gone to those straight-laced Jews who were still clinging to the rules about a tanner and touching dead bodies? The vision came and told him to go over to a Gentile’s house. He did not send a runner over to ask the elders if it would be

all right for him to do what God had said.

Really, it becomes ridiculous. “May I go on vacation? May I buy a new car? Should I marry this person? May we plan to have a baby now? May I change jobs?” What ever happened to prayer to see what God wants? Certainly, I believe in scriptural authority. I believe in a chain of command. I know we must fit into the pattern, but this robot control is garbage. It is unscriptural mind control; and if you get rid of those spirits, it will be broken.

A funny thing happened once when some people were trying to get me under a certain group. This one preacher was very excited about my books. He was really beating the drum, and he went right to the top honcho to get me accepted. A great council of the elders and apostles met.

I read a critique they drew up on Pastor Worley. It was the funniest thing I had read in a long time--absolutely hilarious. Among other things, I lacked “proper cover,” did not subscribe to being under authority and many other things. The fellow hesitantly gave me the report with fear and trembling, fearing that I would be upset.

As I read it, I threw my head back and laughed; for it was the funniest thing I had read in a long time. He thought I would be upset. I asked, “Why? Who are they? I had no need of their approval when

God was vindicating my work on every hand.” These men were pathetic and needed deliverance from many things. I needed their endorsement like I needed leprosy!

Too often they, themselves, were living in adultery, drinking and smoking and trying to pass it off as acceptable behavior. Psychic signs and wonders in their services were called the work of God. If you ever go to one of those places that has a “checklist” system with five hundred don’ts and seven hundred fifty do’s to measure spirituality, run, do not walk, to the nearest exit.

God’s people are not to operate this way. Be sure to remember that there is a ditch on each side of the road. If you go too far to the right or too far to the left, you will be in the ditch. Demons have stated that they can make sin and evil out of anything by going to extremes.

Demons expose themselves by their unnatural attraction to charms, fetishes, fortune telling and all kinds of occult things. They also manifest their presence in enslaving habits: alcohol, drugs, cigarettes, uncontrolled sex, uncontrollable faults, etc.

Do not become confused with the difference between sin and temptation to sin. Birds can fly over your head all day long, and even with a gun you

could not shoot down every one. However, if you allow one to build a nest in your hair, then it is your fault.

Even so, temptations fly over constantly. If the thought never came, there would be nothing to refuse in Jesus' name. However, if you let it sit there, stirring and stewing, then you move into sin. I mention this because so many Christians come under condemnation, thinking, "I am so filthy; I am so terrible." This is because the devil speaks slyly and accusingly, "See what you think about all the time?"

The remedy is to begin praising the Lord because you are not like that any more. The same thing is true for dirty dreams. From your past, Satan dredges up sewage since you refuse to let him do anything in your conscious mind. When you push it aside and win victories over him, he waits until you are asleep and then attacks.

Evil spirits betray their presence in outbursts of blasphemy, profanity and filthy conversation. Persistent and violent opposition to God always manifests in the lives of the demonically tormented. Demons fight to avoid the truth and the work of the Holy Spirit.

The source of the bitter opposition to tongues is not theology, but demonology. People involved in it are convinced that they are defending the faith. Saul

of Tarsus took to the road to hound Christians out of business. God put Saul out of business instead, and he began to travel for the Lord.

Men are ordained of God to be the leaders of the home, churches and government. If you were the devil and you wanted to smash up God's plans, who would you hit the hardest? You could knock that man down by getting at the woman, which is what the enemy did in the beginning. He will do the same thing today if the man does not have the spiritual fortitude to refuse to go along with the wrong.

Another thing that he has done very well is to create a society in which men don't cry -- the macho man. The Macho Man spirit is a dirty, rotten character who makes a mess of marriages. I first met him in Florida many years ago in a nineteen-year-old Cuban boy. The men in our society start out as little boys looking to their fathers as their patterns. They must have a masculine image to which they can relate.

If a dad is affectionate, he may hug and kiss his daughters even after they have grown up. But after the son reaches a certain age, he no longer receives that. Instead, he receives a pat on the back "because men don't hug, and men don't kiss." Society says it's all wrong. So as the boy grows up, he gets hurt; but men don't cry! "What's this? Are you a sissy?"

“No sir!” “Are you crying?” “No sir!”

The boy tightens up and holds back his feelings. As this goes on over a period of months and years, he builds up a knot in his stomach that hurts fiercely. I do not know how many knots I have seen leave people's stomachs in deliverance. However, getting men and boys straightened out is the key to putting lives, homes and churches in order.

A man on his feet will help the woman to get on her feet. He will make a good husband, father and leader in God's work. In our society, over a period of years as a boy grows up, he begins to build a wall to protect himself. Nobody likes to get hurt. He is as busy as can be inside, building a protective wall so others cannot injure him.

By the time he reaches early teens, that wall is high and strong. He can take a pretty good lick and show little reaction because he hides behind that wall. However, a strange thing has happened; he has become a prisoner of his own creation. He develops bound emotions and can only reach out a limited distance before he bumps into the wall.

Also, people who reach toward him can only get so far before they hit the wall. When he marries and reaches toward his wife, he will hit that wall. She reaches out to him as they seek to become one. She, too, hits that wall. He may do and say all the right

things, but in her spirit she is grieved and wounded because she senses he is holding back. Breaking demonic yokes with love is discussed in *Annihilating the Hosts of Hell*, pp. 99-102.

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7: Deception Today

Deception by Evil Spirits Today

“Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” **(John 8:32)**

In the many attacks which come upon the true Church of Jesus Christ from the deceiver, some people are special targets. These Christians must have wisdom to understand his deceptive workings if they are to pass these severe tests during the end times **(Luke 21:34-36; Revelation 3:10)**.

Among the members of the Body of Christ, there are varying degrees of growth. The Lord, therefore, permits varying levels of testing and provides a way of escape for those able to discern their need (I

Corinthians 10:12,13). Because God is sovereign in the universe, Satan is strictly limited in what he is able to do in the lives of believers (Cf. **Job 1:10,12;2:6; Luke 23:31**).

There are some still in babyhood, and others have not received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. These still need the milk of the Word and may not benefit greatly from this study. However, there are others who might well be called to be the advance guard of the church. They seek or have received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

Honestly and earnestly, they sigh and weep over the powerless church. They grieve about the ineffective witness and distress, caused by the confusion generated by the heretical teachings of E. W. Kenyon and others. These erroneous doctrines have been zealously taught by many sincere believers in the Seed Faith, Word Faith, Manifest Sons of God and Prosperity movements.

There is also outright compromise being vigorously promoted in many groups by the Ecumenical Movement. Out and out heresies are aggressively pursued by the Mormons, Christian Scientists, the Walk, The Way and other cultic movements. Such deceptions have led thousands to embrace their very deceptive errors.

Devout followers seldom stop to think about the

special schemes, prepared by the enemy to trap and render them ineffective. These are in particular danger from the cunning deceptions of counterfeit christs and false prophets. Such dangerous charlatans hold out the dazzling lure of “signs and wonders.” Even sincerely cautious believers can overlook the demonic threat and be unprepared to meet the challenge.

Sadly, such Christians are often recklessly primed to follow the Lord blindly at any cost. Their fatal weakness is ignorance of how to cope successfully with and effectively combat the spiritual powers of darkness in the unseen world.

Often they are filled with earlier learned mental misconceptions, and these hinder their being equipped for genuine spiritual warfare. Such false ideas lull into a false sense of security, giving grounds for more explicit deception, which makes them an easy prey.

CAN “HONEST SOULS” BE DECEIVED?

One widespread and deeply embedded false idea is that those truly seeking the Lord are automatically protected from being led astray. This Satanic lie has been around for nearly 2,000 years of church history.

Flourishing errors always first infect devoted believers who are trying to follow the Lord.

Failures in such groups and those of today's well-known pastors and TV evangelists follow this pattern. Each was sure that he would never be overcome by the wiles of the devil. Nevertheless, they became easy prey to lying religious spirits, cleverly counterfeiting the workings of God.

Such wicked spirits work tirelessly to induce believers to obey the letter, rather than the Spirit, of the written Word. This pushes them into lopsided truth, which produces flawed fruit. Many suffer because of devotion to supposed "Biblical commands," firmly believing they are martyrs for Christ.

The world classifies them as weirdoes although they conscientiously give their highest devotion to the Lord. Deliverance could help them, but first they must understand and admit that the powers of darkness have deceived them.

In the aftermath of the Welsh Revival, large numbers of devoted Christians were swept away by the demonic infiltration into the ranks. Unfortunately, they were unable to discern between the workings of the Lord and those of evil spirits. Following that revival, other movements arose.

They were pulled into confusion by a conspiracy

of counterfeiting spirits. Victims fall deeper into deception in spite of their zeal for God. Unless awakened and returned to sanity (**II Timothy 2:26**), these people may waste their lives, serving the enemy rather than the Lord Jesus.

INADEQUATE SAFEGUARDS AGAINST DECEPTION

God's children need to realize that correct intentions and faithfulness to their convictions are not adequate protection against deception. There is no guarantee against the enemy's tricks, except to give constant heed to the Biblical admonition to watch and pray.

Those who are true, faithful and honest can be hoodwinked by Satan's deceiving spirits because:

(a) Being saved does not also bestow abundant knowledge.

(b) By nature the mind is darkened (**Ephesians 4:18**) and under a Satanic veil (**II Corinthians 4:4**). Penetration by the truth is the only way to renew the mind and destroy that veil. The extent of this is determined by an individual's ability to understand and appropriate the truth.

(c) Deception comes when wrong thoughts are

permitted to control the mind under the illusion that they are true. Susceptibility is based on ignorance, not on moral character.

(d) To think that God protects merely because one is true and faithful is indeed a dangerous notion. Certain conditions must be met in order for the Lord to work, for He does not coerce but seeks cooperation. He will not rescue a man from ignorance when He has provided him with the knowledge which can prevent him from being drawn into error.

(e) Were it not possible, Christ would never have warned His disciples, "Take heed; be not deceived."

Understanding these things emphasizes the necessity to be seeking truth and illumination constantly from the Lord. Minds are like parachutes; they function only when open. Closed, inflexible minds almost guarantee a fall into dreadful satanic snares.

THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

Throughout church history, the rise of various heresies or delusions is clearly apparent. The period of deception always begins with some climactic

spiritual turning point, such as the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Such a spiritual experience encourages a full abandonment to the Holy Spirit. Like fasting, this opens one to both good and evil supernatural powers in the spirit world.

This is particularly threatening because formerly, the believer has used all of his reasoning faculties to judge right and wrong. His supreme object in life has been implicit obedience to carry out God's will at all costs. He may fail to recall that all that is supernatural is not of God. This can be a grave risk to the inexperienced whose whole being is slyly subjected to the powers of darkness.

Is an abject surrender to "obey the Spirit" in accord with the Scriptures? It is strangely paradoxical that such a basically scriptural attitude could be such a source of danger, and even annihilation, for many devout children of God.

SHOULD WE "OBEY THE SPIRIT"?

Peter spoke "The Holy Ghost, Whom God hath given to them that obey Him," before the council at Jerusalem. However, nowhere else in the Scriptures is this same idea supported. This complete passage needs careful reading. Before the Sanhedrin, Peter said, "We must obey God" (**Acts 5:29**) "... for we

are witnesses....and so is the Holy Ghost....God hath given to them that obey Him” (**Acts 5:32**).

According to the first words of the passage, does he mean obedience to the Spirit or God? The distinction is important, and this phrase can only be understood by comparison with other Scriptures. God in heaven is to be obeyed through the power of the indwelling Spirit of God. There is a potential danger in leading believers to obey a spirit in or around them, rather than looking directly to the Heavenly Father above.

THE HOLY SPIRIT’S WORK IN THE BELIEVER

Through baptism in the Spirit, the Holy Spirit is introduced as a person into the believer’s consciousness. For a time, this may even obscure the other Persons of the Trinity. Before crucifixion Jesus said, “He shall not speak from Himself” (**John 16:13**) and would act as teacher, not of His own but the words of Another (**John 14:26**).

He would not bear witness to Himself (**John 15:26**) nor glorify Himself (**John 16:14**). He would only speak what was given Him (**John 16:13**). **The entire purpose of the baptism is to lead Christians into a closer union with Jesus Christ**

while the Spirit works in the background.

Entrance into the spiritual world catches the believer's full attention. This can be just the opportunity the crafty arch-deceiver needs to put a new twist on his trickery. Ignorance of scriptural concepts can lead to falling easily into demonic traps. Evil spirits must work to regain power over him to neutralize him in aggressive spiritual warfare.

THE PERIL OF THE SUPERNATURAL

The inexperience of a believer concerning the spirit world can be a grave peril, without proper teaching and preparation. Everyone must learn how to discern the will of God from the counterfeit. Too often, he does not realize that two channels are broadcasting.

Those aware of these two sources in the spirit realm understand that very few believers find the pathway of true obedience to God. Many factors intervene, including the believer's own mind, spirit and will. Each of these areas is open to enemy attack.

The believer must learn the scriptural principles upon which the Lord works. He must also understand the danger of the enemy, counterfeiting

God as Father, Son, or Holy Spirit. A spiritual gift permits discerning of spirits; however, this works with a knowledge of doctrine (**I John 4:1**). This will sort out that which is of God from the erroneous teachings.

Discernment detects the presence of evil spirits. Knowing lying spirits are at work does not guarantee the understanding needed for analysis of the doctrines set forth by a teacher or pastor. There must be knowledge to discern with complete confidence, in spite of heavy spiritual resistance and camouflage. It is necessary to detect subtle teachings which bear telltale demonic signs yet appear to be from God.

By judging his fruits and understanding Biblical principles of the character of God, the believer can check himself. There is always a purpose in God's commands and none are given which are out of harmony with the Lord's character and His written Word. They are not mystical, capricious or superfluous, for these are marks of the enemy's leading.

SUSCEPTIBILITY OF BELIEVERS

To understand how the enemy can gain ground for deception after a tremendous spiritual experience of victory, remember Elijah. Following the smashing

defeats to the enemy on Mount Carmel, Jezebel struck back with her furious threats; and the prophet panicked and fled. Plunging into a deep, lonely depression, he forgot the victory, felt all was lost and prayed to die.

In earlier years, through inheritance and yielding to sin, evil spirits gain many strong footholds. They hide and lie in wait, undetected and quietly working. The manifestation of a demonic spirit can seem natural.

It can be merged with the person's character and personality and have almost unhindered control in certain areas of his being. This may be evidenced in some habit, perhaps in a besetting sin. Most often this will be lodged in a secret part of the soul, known only to that individual. Prior to the baptism in the Holy Spirit, sin has been dealt with.

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sin and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (I John 1:9)

However, an evil spirit who betrays his presence by some peculiar habit may well be overlooked. In the baptism in the Holy Spirit, body and mind are surrendered to God. Occasionally there may be a

demon hidden inside who obtained shelter years before. In this way, he can operate under the cover of a true work of the Spirit of God.

The genuine work of the Spirit will cause the heart to be flooded with love, for a time. Out of a joyful spirit, the believer is able to witness. However, soon a spirit of fanaticism, a subtle spirit of pride or self-importance can creep in. This means that even honest, sincere believers can be deceived and controlled, to a degree, by wicked spirits. This can cause them to desert fellow believers and plunge headlong into deep deception. Most of these captivated ones will be held in permanent delusion unless set free by deliverance. Many religious wrecks illustrate the tragic truth that those who fall away never seem to be able to return to the truth.

CAREFULLY EXAMINE ALL THEORIES

Only the truth of God's Word can instruct us in the protection afforded by practicing real spiritual warfare. In this struggle with powers in the heavenlies, we must know how to bind and loose spirits and pull down strongholds (**Matthew 18:18; Ephesians 6**).

Careful alignment with the Word of God and the

courage to execute its directives is essential. Our position of power and authority, identified with Christ in the third heaven, is high above Satan, Principalities, Powers, Thrones, Dominions, Rulers, Kings, Princes and all other angelic ranks.

Remember that the mind of the natural man (**I Corinthians 2:14**) will always fail in this great conflict. Reliance upon the opinions of others or upon our own human conceptions of truth will be manipulated by Satan to deceive us. He will undertake to “prove” these theories and views in order to conceal how he is accomplishing his purposes.

The importance of open minds, able to examine all things, cannot be overestimated. Careful meditation on and study of the things of God and the Spirit must be cultivated. All truths previously held and all phrases and expressions used in so-called holiness teachings must be closely scrutinized. Any twisting or misinterpretation of truth or any theories and phrases not correctly understood could have dangerous consequences.

“JUDGE ALL THINGS”

Scripture explicitly teaches that in the latter days evil spirits will pour in, bringing deceptions couched

in doctrinal form. For this reason no teaching should be accepted without careful scrutiny (**I Timothy 4:1**). Paul states, “He that is spiritual judgeth (examines, investigates, decides) all things.” (**I Corinthians 2:15**).

God honors a spiritual man’s intelligence by inviting judging and examining of His own works by His Spirit (**I Corinthians 2:14**). Even the things of the Spirit are not to be accepted without examination and discernment of the source. It may not be necessary to understand nor be able to explain all the workings of the Lord. The spiritual man, however, is able to judge all things.

It is proper to reject all things which his spiritual judgment is unable to accept. The things of God can surely be discerned. “Try the spirits to see if they be of God.” (**I John 4:1**) Not only is the believer to judge the things of the spirit, he also must judge himself.

“For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.” (**I Corinthians 11:31**)

“Brethren, be not children in mind, howbeit in malice be ye babes, but in mind be men.” (**I Corinthians 14:20**)

The Holy Spirit works to bring us to full age, so that we are able to examine, prove and demonstrate (**II Timothy 3:2**), so that we are able to “prove the things that differ” in order to be “sincere and void of offence” until the day of Christ (**Philippians 1:10**).

DOCTRINES REQUIRE EXAMINATION

Every doctrine must be examined carefully and confirmed in order to determine the will of God. Both just and unjust criticisms must be humbly received and examined to see if they are valid. Spiritual truth from all parts of the body of Christ should be analyzed, regardless of the personal pleasure or pain they produce. Knowledge of truth is the first prerequisite for successful warfare. Satanic lying spirits must be exposed and the truth sought and faced eagerly with a sincere desire to know and obey it.

THE TRUTH THAT SETS FREE

“Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” (**John 8:32**)

Freedom from a network of lies begins by believing the truth. A willing assimilation of the truth is critical to deliverance. A sinner must know the truth of the gospel if he is to be saved. Freedom for the believer from demons must also be sought. "Ask and ye shall receive."

God sets free by the Holy Spirit, in accordance with the Word of God and deliverance prayer. Personal discerning of truth, through knowledge and understanding, will aid in teaching others.

Uncomprehended truth, lying dormant in the mind, can be suddenly materialized into experience in a time of need. The Lord often utilizes this to come to our rescue. This is yet another reason to "graze" systematically and regularly in the Word of God, even when it seems that much of it is incomprehensible.

Continued use of the truth clarifies it so we can teach others. The great need is an eager search for it so we can shake free from Satan's lies. Knowledge and truth, combined with deliverance, gives lasting victory over Satan.

People react three ways to knowledge. They will accept, be neutral (I do not know) or be certain of it. Christ's life is a demonstration of this. Some said, "He is a false prophet," assuming knowledge. Others said, "We do not know," taking a position of neutrality until they did know. However, Peter said,

“We know,” for he had the true knowledge.

ATTITUDE TOWARD MANIFESTATIONS

When believers first hear about counterfeit spirits, the question arises of how to recognize them. **So long as there is a question, we must be neutral to all supernatural workings.** Many fear not knowing, as if knowledge alone could save them. Thinking that they must know, they become fearful when unable to discern which things are from God and which are from the devil.

One by-product of over-anxiety in desiring knowledge is feverish worrying and restless impatience. This drains away confidence and strength. Seeking knowledge of spiritual things requires a patient and cautious approach lest the enemy gain an advantage.

MISTAKEN CONCEPTION ABOUT THE BLOOD

The ground used by deceiving spirits to seduce believers can involve a misinterpretation of truth. Look for an agreement with the Scriptures. A widely held misconception is that the blood of Christ guarantees protection from demonic activity. This

certainly is not true!

In the New Testament, much is said about application of the blood by the Holy Spirit and its power to cleanse. “If we walk in the light...” “if we confess our sins...” (**I John 1:7,9**)

The blood of Jesus gives access to the Holiest of all because of its power to cleanse from sin (**Revelation 12:11; Hebrews 10:19**). To “plead the blood” over a person is found nowhere in Scripture. There is also no record of anyone being placed under the blood without their consent. An exception might be in the case of children or women under authority.

The prayer placing the blood will not hurt anyone, but should not be regarded as invincible protection or some sort of a religious fetish.

At Hegewisch, instructions were followed to put signs over each door in the building, stating, “Every person or thing which passes through this door is placed under the blood of Jesus Christ.” This came out of an experience which took place several years ago.

My wife and I and another couple were working in the church on a winter evening. The side doorbell rang, and a young woman was there, asking to see me. My wife said that I was very busy, and the visitor then asked to use the wash-room. My wife waited by the downstairs washroom door.

After a time she knocked on the door and called. When there was no response, she opened the door; and the light was off. She turned on the light, and there was no one there. This was a two stall, two lavatory washroom with a ventilation fan, but no windows or other outlet; yet the woman had vanished without a trace!

After this strange incident, I returned to my office and asked the Lord what was happening. He spoke in my spirit that the witches were testing our defenses. He impressed me to make the signs described earlier and place them over every door. No one has disappeared since, but a couple of visitors said that they were unable to enter the building!

We advise these be used only prayerfully and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit! Although we never advocate use of any kind of fetish or spiritual gimmick, these signs have been used successfully by others. Reports say that this has hindered and sometimes stopped demonic activity in homes.

Be careful here, for supposed protection of the blood sometimes leads people to believe they are immune to demonic attack. Although it is a hindrance and an annoyance to the enemy, there is no guarantee that life will flow on without trials or testings.

WAITING ON THE SPIRIT

There are also many mistaken conceptions concerning “waiting on the Spirit” or “waiting on the Lord.” These terms and assumptions can be very misleading, often opening the door for many satanic deceptions. Some believe that to have a “Pentecostal” experience with the Holy Spirit, we must “tarry” as the disciples did. Verses usually quoted as proof that “waiting” is scriptural are **Luke 24:49** and **Acts 1:4**.

The Old Testament expression, “wait on the Lord,” used so often in the Psalms, is misused and misapplied. It has been exaggerated into a “waiting on God” for a spiritual outpouring going beyond the ten days preceding Pentecost. Those people did not wait passively for ten days but were engaged in earnest prayer and supplication.

To seek the baptism in the Holy Spirit, believers are never sent back to the position of the disciples before the Spirit was given. Repeatedly following Pentecost, the Holy Spirit was poured out; and no “tarrying” was necessary (see **Acts 4:31**).

The Holy Spirit is among us and gives Himself unceasingly to all who will receive (**John 15:26; Acts 2:33,38,39**). A “waiting for the Spirit” is not consistent with the flow of truth in the Acts and the

Epistles. They all show the grounds for the believer's identification with the Lord Jesus in His death and life with Him because of His resurrection. Power is also provided to witness to others. The believer waits FOR God, and the Holy Spirit prepares him. This is totally different from the deadly passivity which has opened many doors for demons to manifest themselves and deceive.

MEETINGS MANIPULATED BY EVIL SPIRITS

Meetings where people wait until the "Spirit" descends in some way have been used by demonic spirits because such activities are not in accord with the written Word. The Holy Spirit is to be taken or received (**John 20:22; Ephesians 5:18**).

"He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire." (**Matthew 3:11**)

Anything out of harmony with Scripture, such as waiting on the Holy Spirit to descend, may become prayer, trust and even obedience to religious demons. These will then counterfeit the work of the Lord.

Other wrong conceptions center around such phrases as: “God can do everything; if I trust Him He is obligated to keep me.” Such a person does not understand that God works within the framework of His spiritual laws and conditions. His followers must learn these principles which permit Him to work in response to their faith.

“If I were wrong, God would not use me” also indicates ignorance. When a man is in God’s will, the Lord will use him to the fullest extent possible. Still, this is no guarantee that any man is absolutely right in all that he says and does.

As with Moses, who did not speak but struck the rock the second time, the water came out in spite of his disobedience. The Lord met the needs of His thirsty people. Later he dealt with the disobedient prophet (**Deuteronomy 34:4**).

To say “I have no sin, I have no demons” or “I am wholly sanctified” reveals a very shallow concept of sin. There is a failure to realize how deeply the sinful life of Adam is ingrained into his being. “God, Who is Love, will not allow me to be deceived” is a grossly ignorant deception. It wrongly assumes that God works contrary to His own spiritual laws.

“I do not believe it is possible for a Christian to be deceived” is a prime example of how spiritual eyes may be blinded to facts which are evident on every

hand.

“I have had too much experience to need teaching; I must be taught by God directly, because it is written, ‘Ye need not that any man teach you’” is another misused passage. Some mistakenly interpret it to mean that they are to refuse all spiritual teaching from others. Not only ignorance but also pride is very much in evidence here.

The apostle’s words about not needing any man to teach you (**Hebrews 5:12**) certainly did not signal the end to God’s teaching through anointed and appointed leaders. This is shown by the fact that “teachers” are included in the list of gifts given to the church.

Some of the grossest and most enslaving heresies have been promoted and established by those whose main accomplishment was to be a novice with a hugely inflated ego and a tragic dearth of genuine knowledge.

God is sometimes able to teach His children more quickly by working indirectly through others, rather than directly. Men are so slow to understand the direct teachings of the Holy Spirit. There is such a tendency to be lazy and fail to be diligent students.

Another very real danger is spiritual pride because of direct revelation knowledge. Spiritual misunderstandings can create a closed mind to the

testimony of God's Word and to the peculiarities of life. They can also make it difficult to accept deliverance at the hands of those who could rescue them (**I Peter 1:12**).

DANGEROUS PHRASEOLOGY

RELIGIOUS

Real dangers center around the coining of special phrases to describe some special spiritual experience. There are words in common usage among sincere Christians such as **possess, control, surrender or let go**. These all contain truth in relation to God.

However, in the interpretation of them, conditions may be induced which enable wicked spirits to control those who surrender to the powers of the spirit world. Victims are trapped because they cannot discern between demonic spirits and the spirits of God.

Various misunderstandings of the way God works also open the way for demonic infiltration. For example, when a believer is supernaturally compelled and driven to act, he feels this is evidence that God is guiding him. Others believe that God can bring all things to our remembrance; therefore, we have no need to develop or use our memories. This is

another example of error.

Other patterns of thought which are likely to produce the passivity needed by evil spirits for deceptive inroads are apparent in the following examples of faulty reasoning:

“Christ lives in me”; therefore, I have lost my own personality because Christ is now personally in me. This is based on an erroneous interpretation of **Galatians 2:20**.

“Christ lives in me”; therefore, I do not live now at all.

“God wills instead of me”; I must not use my will at all.

“God is the only one to judge”; I must not use my own judgment.

“I have the mind of Christ”; therefore, I must not have any mind of my own, based on **I Corinthians 2:16**.

“God speaks to me,” so I must not “think” or reason. I must “only obey” what He tells me to do.

“I wait on God,” so “I must not act until He moves me.”

“I am crucified with Christ”; therefore, “I am dead” and must “practice death.” This is passivity of feeling, thinking, etc. To carry out these twisted ideas, the dupe will often quench all personal workings of mind, judgment, reason, will and

activity.

This is because the “Divine life must flow” through him. Following are clarifications of some other misinterpretations:

1. “The Blood of Jesus cleanseth” means that it cleanses moment by moment. **Error** says man is left absolutely sinless.

2. “It is not ye that speak” means the source is not from the believer. Error says the man must not speak but be passive.

3. “Ask and ye shall receive” means to ask according to God’s will and you will receive. **Error** says to ask anything, and receive.

4. “It is God that worketh in you to will and to do.” A man must “will” and must act. **Error** teaches that God wills for or instead of you and that God works instead of you.

5. “Ye need not that any man teach you.” Although you do not need any man to teach you, you do need Spirit-taught teachers who are given of God. **Error** says that I must not take teaching from any man but get it “directly” from God. This puffs up and paves the way for invasion and takeover by religious teaching spirits.

6. “He will guide you into all truth.” It is true that the Spirit of God will guide, but you must see how

and when to intelligently cooperate with Him. **Error** says that God has guided me into all truth; and because of my superior knowledge and gifts, I have become a law unto myself.

7. “A people for His own possession” speaks of God’s ownership of his own. **Error** claims this means possession by God’s indwelling which moves and controls a passive puppet.

8. “Meet for the Master’s use” refers to God, in man’s spirit, using the believer’s mind and involves the giving of light for the believer’s intelligent cooperation. **Error** says this means to be “used” by God as a passive tool, requiring blind, unquestioning submission and obedience.

Real protection from enemy deception comes first by knowing that the dangerous spirit entities do exist and are quite capable of deceiving the most sincere believers (**Galatians 2:2-16**).

An understanding of the conditions and grounds necessary for their operation is indispensable. They must be given absolutely no place or opportunity to work. One must always seek information from the Lord in order to cooperate fully with Him in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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8: Demonic Super Highway

Passivity, Super Highway to Demonic Infestation

”And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.” **(Romans 12:2)**

Believers can be deceived and may be controlled. The depth of deception is determined by how much they have surrendered to deceiving spirits. To clarify the primary cause of deception, the conditions for deception and infestation must be pointed out. These conditions result from a yielding to fleshly sins.

It is important to define the meaning of the word translated “possession.” The word does not occur in the Greek New Testament. Three Greek words are used referring to demonic cases. They mean to have a demon, to be demoned or to be demonized.

Generally, the translators use the word possessed

to refer only to cases of very acute demonization given in the gospel records. Different degrees of demonization are indicated.

There was a woman with a spirit of infirmity, the man who was deaf and dumb, a little girl terribly vexed by a demon. We also read of the boy who gnashed his teeth and was often thrown into the water or fire and the man with the legion, so overwhelmed by demonic powers he was forced to dwell in a graveyard.

DEFINITIONS OF DEMONIC TERMS

Such cases as these are commonly occurring today among true believers in the western world, not just in lands largely untouched by the gospel. In the United States demonic infestation is often unrecognized but is much more widespread than many suppose.

The word “demonized” refers to a **hold exercised by evil spirits over a man in any shade or degree**. An evil spirit can possess the spot he occupies, even though it may be an infinitesimally small one. From this area the invader works to expand his hold on the person.

Christians are as easily invaded by evil spirits as others are. They become infested because they have,

in most cases, unwittingly fulfilled the conditions for demonic entrance. Apart from willful sin, ground is given to the enemy by accepting counterfeits of the Holy Spirit and cultivating passivity.

The most crucial point is giving ground to the enemy. Known and unknown sin in the life will give ground for the evil ones to work. Many do not realize that entertaining and accepting thoughts suggested to the mind by wicked spirits invites their use of the mind. Constant yielding to them will strengthen their hold.

The primary cause of invasion in surrendered believers is passivity. This condition is induced by the cessation of the active exercise of the will to control body, soul and spirit. For all practical purposes, it is a counterfeit yielding to God. One who surrenders his members and faculties to God and then ceases to use them can slide into passivity. This allows evil spirits to seize control of him.

An example of the deception of a passive surrender would be seen by a believer who yields his arm to God. Then, permitting it to hang passively, he waits for God to use it. When asked why he does not use it, he will reply, "I have surrendered it to God. I must not use it now; God must use it." This is totally fallacious reasoning.

PASSIVITY, THE ANTITHESIS OF ACTIVITY

Passivity in the experience of the believer means his loss of personal self-control. Loss of free will is an early sign of this deadly spiritual disease. The main danger of passivity is that demons move in to take advantage of the condition.

Once in control, evil spirits promote inactivity and idleness. In normal inactivity a person will hold himself ready for activity. When passivity sets in, the victim slowly loses his ability to think and act by his own volition.

Passivity is the exact opposite of what God requires in order to work in His children. God has mandated that we cooperate with His Holy Spirit to utilize fully every faculty of the whole man. The powers of darkness work to create a passive slave whose will can be captivated and controlled.

God desires one who actively and intelligently wills to choose and do the will of God. This elevates the will by freeing the spirit, soul and body from slavery. Wicked powers seek to turn man into a mindless robot. However, God's goal is to fashion him into a free, intelligent and sovereign creature in his own sphere.

He then will be a thinking, rational, renewed

creation fashioned after God's own image (**Ephesians 3:24**). God never tells us to be idle, for He neither needs nor desires sluggishness and sloth in his children. On the other hand, evil spirits always demand the utmost in non-activity and passivity to accomplish their designs.

God seeks intelligent action and reasonable service in concert with Him (**Romans 12:1-2**). Satan must have passivity in order to compel men to his will and purpose. God insists that His people cease from sinful actions which prevent interaction with His Spirit.

Passivity must not be confused with quietness or the "meek and quiet spirit," which "in the sight of God, is of great price" (**I Peter 3:4**). Quietness of spirit, heart, mind or manner may be, and should be, coexistent with the most effective activity in the will of God (**I Thessalonians 3:2**, Greek--"Ambitious to be quiet").

SUSCEPTIBILITY TO PASSIVITY

The most likely targets for passivity are those who become fully surrendered to God. Through this, and often the baptism in the Holy Spirit, they will come into direct contact with the supernatural world. Some become sentimental about the Lord and think that this

constitutes a full committal to the will of God. They walk in the flesh, not in the Spirit.

They sincerely believe that they are carrying out God's perfect will. However, those who are genuinely surrendered implicitly give themselves to obey any supernatural revelation at any cost. This they will obey as if it were from God, without consulting their reasoning powers about the will of God. This is very dangerous, indeed.

Those who surrender everything to God, yet still walk by the use of their natural minds, are not in great danger from the passivity which gives ground to evil spirits. These may be classified as type number one in the following table.

THREE TYPES OF BELIEVERS

I. The Unsurrendered

These will use the word "surrender" but do not really know nor act it out in practice. Believers in this stage tend to be more reasonable than those in Group II. This is because their faculties have not been yielded to passivity. These believers label those in the Group II as cranks, faddists, extremists, etc.

II. The Surrendered, Deceived, Infested

These seem more "foolish" than those in the first

group, but in reality they are more advanced. In order to understand the actions of those in Group II, it is necessary to view them from their own inner standpoint. To them, everything they do seems to be right. Open to Divine and satanic power, they are apt to be “puffed up.”

III. The Surrendered but Undeceived, Dispossessed and Victorious

The mind is liberated and has all faculties operating. These are open to light and all that is divine, but they carefully seek to close themselves off from everything satanic. Group III can analyze Groups II and I intelligently.

The first group is surrendered in will, in the sense of being ready to carry out “obedience to the Holy Spirit,” but not in actuality. Consequently, they know little of conflict and almost nothing of the devil except as tempter or accuser.

They cannot understand those who are attacked by Satan because they are not assaulted in this way. However, the devil often reserves his offensives until it suits his purposes and plans. Just because the devil does not openly attack a man is no proof that he is unable to do it.

Persons in the second category include those who

are surrendered in an immense measure of abandonment. They are ready to obey the Spirit of God at all costs. The result can be opening up to passivity, thus giving grounds for the invasion of religious spirits.

Surrendered believers in group three fall into passivity following the baptism of the Holy Spirit because of their zeal to surrender at all costs. Their relationship with the spiritual world opens them for supernatural communication. This will lead them to submit, subdue and make all things obedient to this supernatural level. Unfortunately, all this is done without checking the actual source of such contact.

The origin of passivity is usually an inaccurate interpretation of Scripture. This may affect the whole man -- body, soul and spirit. Particularly, this is true when it has deep roots and has been active for many years. Progress is generally very gradual and insidious; therefore, deliverance is usually also gradual and slow.

DANGER! PASSIVE WILLS

There is a **passivity of the will** which acts like the rudder of a ship. It will create an inaccurate concept of what full surrender to God implies. Some are convinced that a surrendered will to God means no

use of the will at all. They cease to choose, determine or act of their own volition. At first the serious effects of this are carefully hidden.

The consequences will be trivial, scarcely noticeable. In fact, it will often appear to be most glorifying to God. The strong-willed person suddenly yields and becomes passive. He is certain that God is “willing” for him in circumstances and through people. He then becomes helpless to act.

Eventually the victim is unable to make even simple choices in daily life and becomes afraid to verbalize a wish, much less a decision. He becomes dependent on others to choose, act, lead and decide, as he drifts like a cork upon the waters. Later, the powers of darkness begin to organize a demonic headquarters in this “surrendered” believer.

By now he has no power or will to protest or resist. Obvious corruption in his surroundings, with which he alone has a right to deal, flourishes and grows strong. The enemy has slowly infiltrated, gaining ground to immobilize the will. Remember that this all began as a blind submission to the idea that God was “willing” for him in all things.

“It is God which worketh in you, both to will and to do of His good pleasure.” (**Philippians 2:13**) The passive person reads: “God which worketh in me the willing, and the doing,” i.e., “willeth instead of me.”

The text means that God works in the soul up to the point of the action of the will. Misinterpretation assumes that God is actually “willing” and “working” instead of the believer. This gives ground to justify passivity.

GOD DOES NOT WILL INSTEAD OF MAN

Actually, God never “wills” instead of man. A man definitely remains responsible for his own actions. The believer whose will has ceased to function soon has great difficulty in making any decisions.

He will look outside and around him for something to help to decide even the smallest matters. As he becomes conscious of his passive condition, he feels painfully incompetent to cope with even the simplest matters.

Unable to judge, he panics if required to remember or to use his imagination. Any proposed course of action that produces demands upon him paralyzes him with fears. The enemy may then drive him into situations where continuous demands will be made, thus torturing or embarrassing him before others. Soon the poor victim may feel abandoned by the Lord and could turn against Him.

Little does he know that in this condition he may unknowingly rely upon the assistance of evil spirits. They have forced the passivity on him for this very purpose. His unused faculties lie dormant in the enemy's grip, giving them freedom to manifest and control. They are all too ready to completely enslave the will of their captive.

Demons will arrange to place within his reach many "supernatural" props to help him to decide. Some of these will be out-of-context Scriptures which he will seize and cling to, the way a drowning man grasps a rope. The poor fellow is seemingly blinded to the principle that God works only through the active volition of a man. He does not work for him in matters which require the individual's own initiative.

MIND PASSIVITY

Passivity of the mind results from an improper concept of the place of the mind in the surrendered, obedient life. Because Christ called uneducated fishermen to follow him, some have imagined that the intellect is unimportant-- that God has no need to use the brain at all. However, He used one of the greatest intellects of his age, the apostle Paul, to lay the foundations of the church!

The more brainpower available, the greater use God can make of it when there is submission to truth. Mental passivity sometimes results from the conviction that a working brain hinders development of the believer. However, normal mental activity is essential for Christian growth and usefulness.

Passivity does not change the nature of a faculty, it merely interferes with its normal functioning. For example, when it interferes with the memory, a person will look outside for all possible memory aids. He will become an absolute slave to a notebook or some other crutch, but even these will fail at critical moments.

A passive imagination is not under personal control but is at the mercy of evil spirits who insert whatever they choose. One danger is that these “visions” may be labeled as inspiration or revelation. A passive state can be induced without crystal gazing. Prolonged gazing at any object dulls the natural vision.

This will enable demons to present whatever they choose to the mind. An ordinary, inactive mind can still be used at the will of the person. However, when passivity seizes control, the individual becomes helpless and unable to think. His mind feels fettered, as if clamped by an iron band pressing around his head.

PASSIVE JUDGMENT AND REASON

In passivity of judgment and reason, the mind is closed to all arguments and statements on which there are settled conclusions. Any efforts at further guidance are regarded as interference, and the person attempting it is seen as being ignorant and/or intrusive. Those in this condition will be locked into a state of sinful positiveness and infallibility.

Hence, these will be labeled as crackpot fanatics by the world. Such persons experience a rude shock when they first realize how completely they have been overrun. To undermine and expose deception in such a person is a major undertaking. It involves an almost complete reconstruction of the very foundations of his spiritual life.

PASSIVE CONSCIENCE

When the words spoken to them supernaturally are taken as God's expressed will, they become a law, effectively blocking reasoning. When they receive such a communication about anything, they will refuse to examine or think about it.

Unused, their conscience becomes passive. They are convinced that they are being guided by a higher law and receive this directly through voices or certain Bible passages, deepening the darkness.

With the progressive deadening of conscience, some have a corresponding development of moral degradation. Others stagnate, and there will be a noticeable lapse in life and/or service. Rather than using mind or conscience to decide good and evil, right or wrong, these feel they are walking according to the “voice of God.”

This becomes the deciding factor in their every decision. They will not listen to their own reason, their conscience or the words of others. Convinced that they have the direction of God, their minds are sealed on the subject. Minds are like parachutes; they operate only when they are open.

Because of this mindset, they become easy prey to all kinds of suggestions and false reasonings from the evil spirits. For example, some will falsely reason that because Christ is coming soon, they need not carry on their usual work. This ignores the Lord’s words: “Who then is the faithful and wise servant whom his lord hath set over his household, to give them their food in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord, when he cometh shall find so doing.” (**Luke 12:43**)

PASSIVE SPIRIT

Passivity of the human spirit is associated with the

passive mind because of the close relationship between them. Scripture describes the human spirit as animated and being subject to various conditions. It can move or be inactive; it can be loosed or bound, exhilarated or depressed, faint or free.

God, the devil or the man himself can move the spirit. This moving can be pure or filthy (**II Corinthians 6:1**) or may be a mixture, with some degree of purity and other impurities yet to be dealt with. Cleansing of the blood (**I John 1:9**) and the indwelling of the Spirit brings a man's spirit into union with Christ (**I Corinthians 6:17**).

It should actively control the man in full cooperation with the Holy Spirit. There are so many causes for a passive spirit that some may not even be conscious of having a spirit. The baptism in the Holy Spirit releases the human spirit into freedom and buoyancy.

This can cause a man to become acutely conscious of the spirit life for a season. Afterwards, he may unknowingly sink into passivity of spirit. The result is his becoming absolutely powerless in warfare with the demonic realm.

Full liberty and use of the human spirit, in cooperation with the indwelling Holy Spirit, is absolutely necessary for personal victory. This also will give the confidence to exercise the authority of

Christ over the powers of evil (Cf. Paul in **Acts 13:9,10**).

CAUSES OF A PASSIVE SPIRIT

Passivity of spirit generally follows the baptism in the Holy Spirit. However, this only comes after the will and the mind have been neutralized through lack of use. Loss of the illumination and liberty of the experience may be caused by:

(1) Ignorance of spiritual laws and how to remain free.

(2) Wrong mental conclusions or evil thoughts. Failing to distinguish feelings, i.e. putting down the spiritual while exalting the soulish and physical, or attributing to the spiritual that which is natural and physical.

(3) Reliance upon the soulish life instead of the spirit because of an inability to distinguish between them. There is a knowledge of the mind and a knowledge or a “sense” of the spirit which must be understood. It should be used and cultivated so that when a weight comes on the spirit, it can be recognized and disposed of.

(4) Exhaustion of the body and/or mind by constant and excessive mental activity. There must be a

release from such unnatural strain to allow the spirit to become fully operational. (Cf. the experience of Elijah in **I Kings 19:4,5,8,9**)

Trouble or worry over the past or future will hinder the freedom of the spirit. This will make the outer man dominant, blocking the inner man's freedom to do the will of God.

The handicapped spirit can neither act nor fight against the powers of darkness. A believer plunges into passivity like a sinking ship by giving up the fight and ceasing to resist.

THE PASSIVE BODY

Passivity in the body brings a virtual cessation of consciousness. It affects sight, hearing, smell, taste, feeling, etc. Normally a healthy person can focus his eyes on any object he chooses. He has the same control over his other senses and all avenues of knowledge to both mind and spirit. With some or all of his senses bound by passivity, his consciousness will become dulled or deadened.

Instead of being keenly aware, he becomes robotic and mechanical. Repulsive or peculiar unconscious habits will manifest themselves. It is easier for those in this condition to see it operating in others rather

than in themselves. They may become hyperconscious of external things touching their own personalities.

Induced by evil spirits, such a passive condition climaxes by causing passivity of other parts of the body, such as stiff fingers or deteriorated flexibility. Handshakes become flabby and the eyes shift. All this indicates the growth of passivity and the increasing interference in the whole man by the powers of darkness. Surrender of self-control and the will paves the way for this takeover.

PASSIVITY OF THE WHOLE MAN

At this stage, every part of the whole being is affected by actions not fully utilizing the mind, will, imagination or reason. Affections and other aspects of mind and body go dormant. In some cases, body needs are suppressed or ignored and involve deprivation of food, sleep or bodily comfort.

The insistent demands of indwelling control spirits may awaken the animalistic part of the makeup (**Colossians 2:23**). Even though unruffled by emotions, the person may be greedy in his demands for real or imaginary bodily needs.

The body will begin to function independently of control by mind or will, as it now dominates both

spirit and soul. Men may live in the human spirit, in the soul, or in the body. For example, the glutton lives in his body, the student in the mind or soul, the spiritual man “in the spirit.”

“Spiritists” and spiritualists are not really spiritual, nor are they true men of spirit; for they live in the sense realm. They only contact the “spirit” by dealings with the evil spiritual forces. This is accomplished by their understanding of the laws governing demonic work and fulfillment.

LOSS OF SPIRIT SENSE

To be dominated by demonic entities will cause a surrender to the sensuous and enslavement to physical appetites. This can happen by the “pseudo spiritual” registering in the physical. Of course, these are false sensations because they do not emanate from the spirit.

A tingling, a glow, heat, thrills or other bodily sensations from apparently spiritual causes actually only feed the senses. Unconsciously, the unfortunates caught in this trap live in the realm of the sensual, walking “after the flesh” even though they consider themselves to be “spiritual” (**James 3:15**).

For this reason, it is almost impossible to keep

one's body under control because of demonic interference (**I Corinthians 9:27**). Even in its most refined and weakest degree, victims are unable to maintain control of their bodies. With senses aroused in many ways and bodily sensations forced upon the consciousness, the true spiritual senses become numbed, confused and uncertain.

For example, in normal health one is quite oblivious of the physical activity going on in the bodily frame. In similar fashion, a believer dominated by the spirit ceases to register his bodily sensations. When evil spirits have gained a footing, things reverse; and the sense life is awakened and taken into abnormal operations.

A surrendered believer may unwittingly carry out cultivation of this passive condition for years. This may deepen its hold on him to an incredible extent. Reaching the final consummation can bring the victim under such bondage that he will actually be awakened to his condition. He will then rationalize that the situation is due entirely to natural, rather than spiritual, causes.

His acute sensitivity to God and divine things may well have become dulled beyond restoration. Physical feelings are deadened, and affections will seem petrified and detached. At this time deceiving spirits suggest that he has grieved God beyond recall.

This puts him through the agonies of seeking the Presence he thinks he has grieved. The only permanent cure for this condition is deliverance from the evil spirits who have caused it. Cultivation of passivity may come from reliance upon the many unknowingly contrived schemes by the individual.

They will be designed to hide the nuisance of his passive state. Elaborately constructed and reproduced, they are attempts to meet his various needs. Each avoids the recognition of his true condition, even if he knows it.

DEMONIC IDIOSYNCRASIES

Multitudes are fettered in awful bondage today because of ignorance about the causes and symptoms of demonic power acting on mind and body. Almost always, their manifestations are explained as natural idiosyncrasies or infirmities.

The Lord's work is put to the side or ignored, but this is not because the believer is over-trained or lacks ability. He is nervous and timid, often possessing only the ability to comprehend his need and ask to get help from God.

However, in the social sphere such deficiencies will be forgotten, and the timid ones will shine forth at their best. It never occurs to them to ask why

they are incompetent only in God's service. Only there do the hidden workings of Satan emerge to hinder and interfere.

THE SHOCK OF TRUTH

A believer is jolted when he first discovers that he has been deceived and the real issues are faced. The joy of one who fights through to full deliverance is more than words can express. God can pour in wisdom upon the unsolved problems and troubles, making spiritual growth possible again.

As truth is sought from the Lord, the subtle inroads made by deceiving spirits will slowly clarify. Going back into the past, many defrauding devices will be revealed by the light of truth. Scores of happenings, previously accepted as the will of God, will be exposed as workings and snares of the enemy.

FALLING INTO APATHY

Passive faculties cause much loss of time because of heavy dependence on outward circumstances and outward surroundings. Many are working very hard, accomplishing many little beginnings but very few endings.

By the time the need for action arrives, the passive

man has already lost his momentary interest. This explains much of the spiritual apathy Christians suffer although they may remain keenly aware of social or worldly things around them.

The “worldling” can be stirred to feel strongly about the sufferings of others. There are “bleeding hearts” everywhere. Thousands of dollars and hundreds of hours are poured out on multitudes of pointless programs to “save” all kinds of animals, plants, people, etc.

Without Bible guidelines, millions are hustled by inordinate affections and stupid, soulish causes that will accomplish little, if anything, of real value. Multitudes unknowingly have opened themselves to a mind-dulling power.

Always craving comfort, happiness and peace in spiritual things, they lull themselves into a passive state of “rest, peace and joy.” Seizing opportunity, the enemy imprisons them within themselves. This renders them incapable of any acute understanding of the real needs of a suffering world.

FALSE INTERPRETATIONS OF DEATH

Passivity may be ingratiated by a misinterpretation of “death with Christ,” mentioned in **Romans 6** and

Galatians 2:20. God calls upon His own to reckon themselves dead unto sin and self, even in a religious form. This is the life stemming from the first Adam and does not imply the death of the human personality.

Paul said, “Yet I live” although “Christ liveth in me!” There is to be a recollection of the personal being, ego, will and personality. All need to be controlled and energized by the Spirit of God. He also enables the individual to control himself (**Galatians 5:23**).

In the light of a misconception of death with Christ, the truths connected with **Romans 6:6** and **Galatians 2:20** can easily be twisted. This opens the way for enemy infiltration. Believers who hold these concepts work with the demons.

Spiritualist mediums understand this and know what is required to obtain the manifestations they seek. A lot of truth mixed with just a bit of error will set the stage for terrible delusion.

According to **Romans 6, II Corinthians 3:10-12** and **Philippians 3:10**, the proper attitude demands active cooperation with the risen Lord and acceptance of the Christian walk. Deceived ones believe these things imply a loss of personality, the absence of volition and self-control, and a passive letting go of self. They are convinced that

mechanical, automatic “obedience” is required.

The deadness and heaviness of such a state is thought to be the “mortification” or “the working of death” in the believer. This concept literally makes the false “death with Christ” belief set the stage for evil spirits to do their work.

Supernatural manifestations based on passivity are arranged by lying spirits, no matter how beautiful and Godlike they may appear to be. This counterfeit of spiritual “death” may take place in the spirit, soul or body.

SELF-EFFACEMENT

Another cause for passivity is the error of self-eradication. Believing that he is surrendering to God, there is extreme self-renunciation, almost to the point of self-annihilation and unconsciousness in personal affairs.

The victim’s feelings, desires, appearance, circumstances, discomforts, the opinions of others, etc. cause him to feel that he is “conscious” of God moving, working and acting through him. The goal is to shift self-consciousness to “death.”

There is earnest prayer that there be no consciousness of anything other than the presence of God. To implement this absolute surrender of self to

death, he will consistently “yield to death” every trace of self. Steadfast renunciation of all consciousness of personal wishes, desires, tastes, needs and feelings follows.

Although appearing to be “self-sacrificing” and “spiritual,” the result is to suppress and warp the personality. This opens the doors for evil spirits to deaden and dull the senses and produce an inability to feel for himself or others.

DEMONIC TEACHINGS

The deception about death’s meaning is a part of demonic religious teachings. Subtly suggested, they are received by those ignorant of the possibility of deception. To the uninitiated, this would be engaging in devoted, whole-hearted surrender to God.

False teachings are often partially based on truth in order to camouflage the misconceptions or misinterpretations being promoted. In time the deception will produce an unconscious state which is difficult to break. There is no ability to discern, feel or know things around or in himself. This is accompanied by a hyper self-consciousness, of which he is completely unaware.

Sensitive and easily hurt, he becomes so detached that he is blinded to the effect his hurtful actions have

on others. Without reasoning out what he says and does, his actions become mechanical and automatic. In this condition one is unaware of becoming a demonic channel to transmit their words, thoughts and feelings.

All of this becomes a formidable stumbling block, standing in the way of deliverance. Evil spirits may hold, attack, divert, or do other offensive or injurious things in or through the person. The victim remains oblivious to all of their workings

ACCEPTING SUFFERING

Passivity is invited in by false consent to “suffering with Christ.” There is a yielding to suffering no matter what form it may take. Convinced that this means fruitfulness and reward, the dupe does not realize that the enemy can and does bring in counterfeit suffering which has nothing to do with the Lord or His service.

Infestation by evil spirits explains sin in the life which cannot be overcome as well as the root of mysterious chronic suffering in life. By understanding how demons operate, the first can be overcome and the second explained. Suffering can be a vicious scourge and is often utilized by the evil spirits to control and torment their hapless victims.

Man can be driven to do what he would never do in the absence of such cruel goading. Not realizing these things, the suffering endured may be entirely misinterpreted as vicarious suffering for others or for the church. The enemy targets will then be convinced that they are martyrs, rather than victims, not realizing that suffering and torment are chief symptoms of demonic control. By this, the tormentors can manifest their undying enmity and implacable hatred for mankind.

MARKS OF DEMONIC SUFFERING

Suffering which is directly caused by demons may be distinguished from suffering for Christ. What the enemy brings to pass will have no worthwhile results and will be entirely purposeless. However, our God does nothing without a goal and never permits suffering simply for the sake of suffering, as Satan does.

Pain and heartache arranged by evil spirits is acute and fiendish. There will be no inward witness of the Spirit to assure the sufferer that it is from the hand of God. Just as any physical pain can be discriminated from mental torment by a skillful physician, spiritual discernment can detect what is rooted in demonic activity.

Misery inflicted by evil spirits can be spiritual and inject sickening feelings to smother and choke the spirit. These can be soulish, accompanied by intense confusion, chaos and horror. Anguish and knifelike pains in the heart or other vital parts of the body may be produced. They also can be physical and manifest in any part of the body.

Ground given for evil spirits to spawn counterfeit suffering may be traced. It often goes back to a time when they prey deliberately willed to accept suffering. Later, more ground is given to the enemy by accepting some specific suffering as from the Lord.

Reception of their lies opens the door for manifestation of demonic power in the suffering. As pointed out earlier, the misery is unreasonable, unaccountable in its origin and purposeless in its results. This leads to God's character being slandered as the enemy works to arouse resentment and rebellion against Him for what the demons are arranging.

FALSE HUMILITY

Passivity is brought about by incorrect ideas of humility and self-disgrace. The Christian consents by accepting "death" and then lets it be carried out by

self-abasement and self-hatred, leaving no place for proper and true self-esteem (**II Corinthians 10:12-18**). If the believer accepts the self-depreciation suggested by demonic usurpers, an atmosphere of hopelessness and weakness results.

This will be conveyed to others as a spirit of heaviness, sadness and deep grief. His spirit is easily crushed, wounded and depressed. He may attribute the cause to sin although he is unaware of any specific sin in his life.

He may even look upon his suffering experience as travailing for the church with an abnormal sense of anguish. This is another chief symptom of demonically driven religious persons. This enemy counterfeit can be recognized, for the victim's self-devaluation always comes at the most inopportune moments.

Shrinking back from God's service, he is plagued by an inability to recognize the interests of the kingdom of Christ. There is a laborious effort to keep the "I" out of sight in conversation and action. This actually forces the "I" to be more prominent and very objectionable, by a belittling, apologizing manner.

There is an atmosphere of weakness, darkness, sadness and grief surrounding such a person. All of this may be the result of the believer having willed, at

some time, to “surrender to death,” accepting eradication of the true personality.

God certainly does not require this as a manifestation of a life of cooperation with the Holy Spirit. When the wrong beliefs are coupled with submission to evil spirits, the result is a suppressed personality. This was never God’s plan.

FALSE IDEAS ABOUT WEAKNESS

Erroneous beliefs about weakness will induce a permanent condition of weakness. The misconception that it is necessary for a godly life is usually based upon Paul’s words. However, he meant that in the time of his weakness, he found God’s strength sufficient for all his needs.

Certainly, it is not an exhortation to deliberately will to become weak and unfit for service. Instead of passively accepting weakness, believers should say, “I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.” The will to be weak actually hinders God’s strengthening. By such deception, God is robbed of much active service.

PASSIVITY WITH SATANIC ACTIVITY

Passivity does not mean inactivity, for often the

victim is driven into frantic satanic activity. Uncontrollable urges to meditate, combined with physical restlessness and unbalanced, wild actions, sometimes occur.

These tend to be spasmodic and intermittent, sometimes dashing ahead; at other times they are sluggish and slow. He will be like a factory machine with wheels whirring haphazardly when the control center switch is out of order. The man will be unable to work.

He sees so much to be done and is deeply disturbed because he cannot do it. The time of passivity makes him appear contented, but when driven satanically he becomes restless and distressed. When his environment should produce contentment, he is conscious of painfully feverish restlessness and activity. All of this is a manifestation of the demonic destruction of his peace.

DELIVERANCE FROM PASSIVITY

One needing deliverance from a state of passivity must first seek to discern what his normal condition should be. Then he must test and examine himself, in the light of this, to determine where there has been demonic interference. To do this, he should recollect a moment in his life which could be called his best.

Consider this the normal state to maintain, and never be satisfied with anything less. As passivity developed gradually, it can only end the same way as it is ferreted out and destroyed. The full cooperation of the subject is necessary for its removal.

This explains the need for prolonged sessions of deliverance. Deception and passivity will yield only as he understands and cooperates by using his will against the enemy. This is why the powers of darkness cannot be cast out without first dealing with the causes which admitted them.

Remember that in deliverance from passivity, the normal standard must be kept in mind. If at any time he drops below this, he must discover why. When ground is given, causing any faculty to come into bondage to the enemy, it must be discovered and wrested away from enemy control.

There also must be a persistent resisting of the spirits of evil. These dark powers will fight bitterly against losing any part of their dominion, much as an earthly government fights to protect and hold its own territory and subjects. The one who is the stronger prevails; therefore, the believer must be committed and determined.

To recover all of the spoils from the enemy, we must study the Scriptures diligently. In them is the power and the blueprint for overcoming the fierce

and dangerous spiritual foes we face. Only the Bible can sustain us in the continuous warfare which is underway.

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9: Seducing Spirits

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MAIL ORDER PREACHERS AND OTHER RELIGIOUS HUCKSTERS

”Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;” **(I Timothy 4:1,2)**

For some time now I have felt the need to write, scoring the seemingly endless maneuvering of the

religious hucksters who prey on God's "gullible geese." These crooks are forever getting "dreams and visions" and "revelations." Without fail, these involve bilking other people out of the money to implement them.

I have been pastoring churches continuously since 1947 and am scarcely a novice. With nearly every church, I inherited piles of unpaid bills brought on by foolish and visionary predecessors. Heavily mortgaged buildings, expensive and unnecessary furnishings, etc. (always bought on credit) were the results of acute attacks of the Led disease. One of the early symptoms of it is the continuous repeating of the phrase, "I feel led to go...to do...etc."

This terrible plague strikes without warning, and many hurtful and unwise moves are cloaked under the phrase, "I feel led to do it." When enough stupid things have been done, and the birds are about ready to come home to roost, the perpetrator suddenly is seized with another "leading." This takes him from the scene of his disaster, and he goes to "bless" some other hapless group with his own brand of terrible blight.

Seemingly, these people are experts in skimming off the money. Then they run for the hills just before their suckers wake up to the scam which has been perpetrated upon them. However, this is not

surprising. The Scriptures indicate that the term of labor for a hireling was a maximum of three years. Jesus well said, "The hireling fleeth."

These boys never stay to reap the harvest of rotten fruit they have sown. Others must come in to clean up and pay for the mess. Much harder to mend are the many broken hearts and bitterly disappointed followers. Disillusioned souls who were duped are very difficult to restore to fellowship with the Lord.

I worked ten years, both as a full-time schoolteacher and full-time pastor, to get my present pastorate on its feet financially. As we worked our way out of debt, we never resorted to the cheap and ridiculous practice of calling on other Christians or churches to come to our rescue with funds. We got out of debt the old-fashioned way, by cutting spending and waste and living within our means!

If you check the **Proverbs**, you will find many ways to be thrifty and work your way out of the debt trap. Biblical principles still work, even in our modern day; however, they must be put into practice. Jesus' admonition to "owe no man anything" is still a worthy goal for modern individuals and churches.

The Lord gave me specific visions that our small group was to have a ministry to the entire Body of

Christ. In spite of this, I refused to resort to cheap sensationalism or sentimental appeals to raise money to pay the bills. Believing that where God guides, He provides keeps you within the bounds of reason. Contrary to popular modern teaching, this does not crimp nor hinder faith at all. It even acts as a faith builder; for so much of the time, God puts the money up front to avoid incurring debt.

Another ridiculous practice by some egotists is to mail out handbills soliciting that they be invited to hold meetings. To read the copy, you get the idea that the preacher is some sort of superman with endless accomplishments and many titles, heading up all kinds of organizations. What makes this so hilarious is that I know some of these fellows.

Their largest accomplishment is the unmitigated gall to pour out religious hot air and pretense. Their actual works, if indeed they have more than a post office box, are smaller than mine are! Certainly their motto is "Whosoever tooteth not his own horn, the same shall not be tooted!"

There is no scriptural warrant for all of this. My own policy has always been never to contact any group or leader about my holding deliverance meetings unless they have previously indicated an interest. Not only is it unscriptural to do such solicitation, I actually prefer to be at home with my

own church flock.

I have gone out because there is a need. I traveled over 300,000 miles before my health broke, carrying the message of freedom to those who would listen. None of this was done because I was seeking a place to preach or attempting to make a name for myself.

Begging for meetings, or for offerings and support for the “ministry,” cheapens the work and smacks of worldly high-pressure salesmanship. We are never told to resort to this sort of thing. No example of anything resembling these methods exists in the Bible. If a preacher has to invite himself to go somewhere, it is sufficient reason not to have him.

God opens doors and sends forth those He has chosen, equipped and called. Presumptuous, overzealous, self-appointed leaders work hard to force open doors and select the fields in which they labor. How foolish and utterly divorced from scriptural principles and examples are such antics! The fever to preach gives them a conviction that any means is acceptable to get their “anointed” message before the people. This idea is rampant among these self-appointed apostles. This burning unction and furious drive is not the Holy Spirit but PRIDE!

Using the New Testament as a pattern will reveal that the early believers did not appeal to others for funds either. Offerings were taken to feed the

starving saints of other churches or to help Paul (who was working with his hands and had already been a blessing to them). Never were fundraising drives used to build buildings, pay for radio or TV time for some electronic church and certainly not to provide a luxurious lifestyle for the leaders.

There was no need to “implement the vision” of some lazy fellow sitting in a comfortable office, dreaming up new schemes to bilk the unwary. Too many people get to the place where they imagine that every wild scheme and thought which crosses their fevered brains is a revelation from God.

Like Ephraim of old, they are a cake not turned (**Hosea 7:8**). This is like a pancake cooked on only one side. Half-baked leaders who fail to spend time in God’s oven to get well done (fiery trials) have wreaked havoc among the sheep.

Such men seldom stoop to soil their “anointed” hands with honest labor in order to help meet the needs which they weep and sob about. They seldom, if ever, have been successful in pastorates. It is no small wonder, for a pastor must face up to his mistakes and learn to live with people, to help them and love them. Most of these fellows have never lasted at any-thing and have to keep moving to outrun their past mistakes.

The appetites of these self-styled leaders cannot be

satiated. With success, their tastes become more expensive; and one of their pet doctrines is that “King’s Kids” go First Class. They feel that this justifies their extravagant lifestyle, paid for by the money of others. Often, these are sacrificial gifts. Certainly, such persons exhibit no interest in imitating Paul or Jesus in their simple lifestyle, which was not geared to material comforts and possessions. Greed and selfishness is constantly in evidence.

Builders of very extravagant and sumptuously appointed buildings and ministries, which absorb vast amounts of money, consume far more than they can ever produce. Like government bureaucracies, they spend much time manufacturing reasons for their parasitic existence. The appeal to soul power, opulence, greed and covetousness is unmistakable and continuous. May God give us men whose hearts He has touched! How wonderful it would be if He would raise up more like Amos, Isaiah, Ezekiel, Daniel and others who uncompromisingly stood for the truth, even at the risk of their own lives.

CLEVER TRAPS OF RELIGIOUS SPIRITS

Sadly, religious evil spirits have managed to infiltrate and destroy every genuine movement of

God intended to call the church back to power and effectiveness. To ever see a sustaining and world-shaking restoration of the church, we must learn to recognize, resist and root out these clever, seducing spirits (**I Timothy 4:11**).

In many years of all-out war with the demonic hosts, we have come to some conclusions based on experience and the Bible. First, there are many scriptural principles upon which all successful warfare with the enemy exists. Here, as in other areas, the basic rule is KISS - "Keep it simple, stupid!" Mystical and mysterious ramblings and the curiosity-satisfying wanderings, seeking new "revelations," have destroyed many. Density and difficulty in understanding are not the mark of teachings from the Holy Spirit.

Also, when mysteries of God are illuminated by a Spirit-filled and directed teacher, they are revealed as simple and clear-cut truth. Demonic teachings are invariably complicated, mysterious and difficult to grasp. Attention is shifted from the "truth" being imparted, to the person or organization promoting the teaching, not to Jesus Christ and the Scriptures. For the discerning believer, this quickly pinpoints the source of the teaching and the power behind it.

Some things are so anti-scriptural or so definitely spelled out in the Bible that discernment is

unnecessary. All that is needed is obedience to the written Word. Discernment of spirits is a charismatic gift which very commonly works in conjunction with the word of knowledge and the word of wisdom (**I Corinthians 12:10**).

Personally, I seriously doubt that the gift of discernment operates, to any great degree, in believers not involved in deliverance and active spiritual warfare. There would be no need for it to operate in persons who wholly or partially deny or ignore the fact of activities in the demonic kingdom and, more specifically, in believers and churches.

God does not waste gifts and power. If a person begins in the Spirit and departs from that path, delusory spirits can cause the gift to become twisted and distorted. When that given by God to be a blessing is abused, it becomes a curse. This is a basic scriptural principle.

Sex is an excellent example. Within the bounds of holy matrimony set by God, sex can be a tremendous blessing for individuals, families and nations. Outside of these limits (in immorality, adultery and illicit sexual activities), the blessing is debauched, and human beings are caused to sink to unbelievable depths of depravity.

Pride snared the anointed cherub, Lucifer, and may even be the root sin (**Isaiah 14:1-5**). In our

modern society, pride still cuts a deadly swath among those who commit themselves to follow Jesus. Some do dedicate themselves and endure much sacrifice and suffering to follow the Lord.

They are bursting with native and supernaturally acquired talents. These are given to equip successful ministries to successfully battle the hosts of hell and destroy the works of the devil. The mortality rate is frightfully high; for many are called, but few are chosen.

For example, Demas started very well (**Colossians 4:14; Philemon 24**). He studied under the best instructors, traveled in the best company and was experienced in all phases of destroying the works of the devil. Yet at a critical point, he fell away and vanished from the scene; and we hear nothing more of him (**II Timothy 4:10**). He was a tragic loss to himself and to the Body of Christ.

The only explanation offered is that Demas “loved this present world.” Pride might well have been at the root of this. Often, an enthusiastic young soldier grows weary after months or even years of ardent service, sacrifice and training. The Lord usually places him under the leadership of an older, battle-scarred and seasoned veteran.

Then follows those inevitable, unavoidable times of discouragement because of the hardness of the

way (**Numbers 21:4**). This can cause apprentices to become impatient and irritable. In turn, this opens them up for susceptibility to suggestions that the leader is too slow, too conservative, and that the work will never be accomplished.

The novice's response to this kind of thinking can include the rationalization that perhaps the entire thrust of deliverance is wrong. After all, most religious leaders and churches do not just simply ignore, but savagely resist all of the basic principles of real deliverance ministry. It is easy at such times of pressure for the fledgling to forget that in both secular and sacred history, the majority has invariably been wrong. Very simply, this is because they are controlled by demonic forces.

At this point, evil spirits usually are able to insert some person(s) into the life of the worker to promote and encourage the disenchantment. This final blow often causes the young recruit to give in to a spirit of Delusion (many times a religious spirit disguised as holiness) and desert the army. Quickly forgotten are the endless hours of patient teaching and labors of love, used to set the novice free from evil spirits of bondage.

Invariably, these people are led away by someone who has contributed little or nothing to their spiritual lives. For a mess of religious pottage filled with

promises and fantasy, they leave their rich spiritual roots. Thoughtlessly forsaken are those who have proven they will stand by, loving, caring for and defending the sheep through all of the adversities which strike the flock.

Once separated from the deliverance group, cutting and hateful attacks are launched against the former leader and other faithful ones. When others attempt to reason with the deserter, they are branded as being “controlled and brainwashed” by the leader. With all the bridges burned, he can never muster the grace of humility to return and admit his mistake. Pride triumphs; and he continues on, missing the high calling of God in Christ.

Charles Spurgeon, a very famous Baptist preacher, was reported to have said to his child, “Son, if God should call you to be a preacher, I would hate to see you shrivel up to become a king!” If God has introduced you to deliverance, it would be a pity for you to choose to turn away. It is tragic to return to the traditional religious ruts of dry fundamentalism or to get caught up in the empty religious cotton candy of many of the charismatics.

It never ceases to amaze those not dazzled by the religious spirits how completely such a one can be duped by empty words and meaningless promises. It is sad too, when the delusion wears off weeks or

months later, and the believer finally realizes what a fool he has been.

Still others will react by becoming overwhelmed with their own greatness. Deciding to seize the reins of ministry with unseasoned hands, they seek to hijack and run with it. When the leader and his followers resist this, an attempt is launched to split the group. The ambitious follower eagerly encourages any he can influence to join him in bolting from the group to start another. Wicked spirits of Absalom direct him in his scheming and betrayal.

In his view, this new gathering will be far more successful and blessed of God. One thing such a novice (**I Timothy 3:6**) in leadership is certain of is his unlimited capabilities and capacity for the leadership. This, he is convinced, is lacking in those who built the original group. Unfortunately, God never blesses presumption or rebellion against scriptural authority, no matter how cleverly it is disguised (**I Samuel 15:19**). Thus, total failure is inherent in the move.

For a time the new group may seem to spring forward. However, disaster is built into the group. The inexperience and inability to deal with people couples with the absence of God's blessing upon the undertaking. It is doomed to collapse and will disillusion all of the people who are involved. Zeal

without knowledge always destroys more than it produces.

There are times when some members of a deliverance group will get caught up in a super-spiritual, pseudo-holiness teaching. Losing sight of the grace principle, upon which all of God's work is predicated, will lead subtly, but surely, into a religious works doctrine. This ushers in the Pharisaical stance of sitting in the seat of the scornful (**Psalms 1**).

An attack by the disease of man-made, demonically inspired "righteousness" is easy to spot. When anchored to Bible truths about holiness, we realize that it is the action of the Holy Spirit and the new man within which produces the holiness that God accepts (**Romans 12:1,2**). Religious spirits constantly promote and push these false ideas to snare the unwary.

DOING PENANCE FOR THE PAST

There is a deadly practice which has slipped in and become epidemic in the Body of Christ in our day. Although occasionally afflicting men, it is most common among married women. I call it the "Penance Syndrome," and it is rooted in the stubborn refusal to forgive others who have hurt or disappointed you.

It usually works this way. Years before, the husband made a bad tumble into sin, repented to God and to his wife and began to rebuild his life. Things will go well for a while. But in times of pressure, the little woman will bring up the memories of “Remember how you hurt me.” This is an attempt to put the man through a real condemnation and guilt trip.

Once she gives in to such jealous reasoning, the demons will put a great deal of effort and care into building this imaginary hurt into a real marriage-breaking nightmare. It may well become a convenient way of venting her childish self-will, determined to get her own way at all costs.

Because she has long since forsaken any idea of God’s chain of command, this woman falls prey to all kinds of deception. In rebellion against her husband, she is set up to be deceived. Forgetting the basic principles of grace, she sets about to establish her own righteousness by decrying her husband’s supposed depravity. Feeling that she has the sacred duty to be his conscience, she nags away at him. This conduct guarantees the utter destruction of their relationship.

Often, she is drawn to read hundreds of pages in books, usually those with secular psychological views and carnal value systems. Strangely enough,

she is always driven to those which confirm her own suspicions. Surely her husband is really some sort of depraved psychopathic idiot, totally lacking any finer sensibilities.

Unfortunately, she invariably turns to churches and pastors who have no understanding of the demonic or of the scriptural place of a wife in the home. Their wrong advice and counsel can only complicate the situation. Usually these women are driven heavily by rebellion and childish self-will and, thereby, are wide open to spirits of Delusion.

Eagerly, they will seek out other “air-headed” women with similar problems on talk shows and watch TV addle brains such as Dr. Ruth. This serves to reinforce all of the erroneous guidance she has been receiving. Any person suggesting that she might be on the wrong track is immediately branded as a woman hater and a bigot. The Biblical injunction to have a meek and quiet spirit (**I Peter 3:5**) certainly has no place in her tiny brain.

Masculine reactions usually fall into one of two categories. Sometimes he slides into a deep depression, filled with guilt, condemnation and worthlessness. He may open up for masochistic passivity, feeling that he probably deserves to suffer. Do not forget that his vigilant spouse carefully and continually reminds him of her status of martyrdom

because of real or imaginary indiscretions on his part.

More commonly, however, the man will react angrily and resentfully against the unfair treatment he is receiving. He may never suspect the demonic strategy which is driving his wife to this insane conduct. He will refuse to come under the repeated, ritualistic lashing for sins long ago confessed and put away.

This creates some serious doubts about this “holy martyr” he married. Some even decide that if they must suffer constant accusation and be charged with something, they might as well do it. Many men have backslidden under the cruel and determined attacks of such “saintly” wives who have dedicated their lives to making him “pay”.

Whether or not she understands the mechanics of her actions, the idea is to keep him under control. This, she believes, will force her husband to draw near to and depend upon her. Any wife in love with her husband deeply desires closeness and intimacy with him. Being deceived, women caught in the penance syndrome see this pressure about the past as a way to compensate for their own insecurity and fears of desertion. Mistakenly, she believes this will force him into the close relationship for which she hungers. Instead, it destroys any possibility of such closeness.

Women almost universally underestimate the sensitivity of men. The macho image, presented in movies, TV and books, of the men who think every woman is fair game is a myth. Only a man horribly driven by the Don Juan spirit will constantly bed hop, thinking he is the “Woman’s Home Companion.”

He does not do this because he is such an over-sexed male. Actually, just the opposite is true. It is really because he is so desperately concerned and uncertain about his own masculinity. Thus he must perform sexually, again and again, with different partners to prove that he is a “real” man. Unfortunately, it proves just the opposite, that he is tormented, unhappy and driven by insatiable lust.

If a woman wounds the delicate male ego and makes her man feel less than masculine, she has made a costly tactical blunder. When a man loves a woman, he deeply desires to be close to her; but he does not desire to be a slave. Trying to force him into a close relationship is exactly what will drive a normal male away.

Accordingly, the Bible urges women to cultivate a meek and quiet spirit as a spiritual adornment, for in God’s sight this has great value. Surely God also put within man a desire for these same qualities in the woman who shares his life. The frightening extent of demonic infiltration and control is demonstrated by

the fact that God's standard is so often ignored or despised by both men and women.

This amoral society of ours has bred generations of basically insecure males, tormented with fears about their own maleness. When demonically controlled education and environment with the value system of a pigpen have been forced on a man, only then will he seek out the loud, vulgar, trashy and bossy females.

Women often complain about the lack of tenderness and sensitivity in their husbands yet persist in demanding penance from their husbands. Never lose sight of the fact that men are seldom excited at the prospect of petting a porcupine. A woman in these circumstances must recognize the working of evil spirits such as Jezebel, Revenge, Bitterness, Unforgiveness, etc. Her first step back to sanity and freedom must be to repent of sins of unforgiveness, witchcraft control and manipulation.

When a man realizes he has been caught in this demonic squeeze play, he must confess the sin of allowing an Ahab spirit to bring him into unscriptural subjection to his wife. To regain lost ground, he must set his will and determine to take his place at the head of his home, especially as the priest of the family. Also, he must re-assume all of his responsibilities formerly dumped on his wife.

He must grow up and mature; he must quit and break up the “little lost boy” syndrome. This will not be easy. Not only the spirits in him must be overcome, but also those driving his wife. Evil spirits will not be happy with these changes and will savagely resist them!

Notwithstanding, he must take the reins of the spiritual priesthood of his family and refuse to give in to the accusations and railings which are certain to come against him from within and without. Tenderness and kindness will have to be learned. At the same time, he must be firm and unflinching to stand for what is right.

The years of failure, when he reneged on his duties as husband and father, will have to be faced. This will be a humiliating experience. Fortunately, such a challenge can bring out the best in a male. When he sets his will in the right direction, a great deal can be accomplished in a short span of time.

THE SPIRIT OF WHOREDOMS

Locating and defeating the spirits of whoredoms may well be one of the keys to breaking bondage on churches. This powerful evil spirit is a chief enemy and strongman. Holding sway over groups of believers, he binds them so they are unable to move

ahead in real spiritual power. Whoredom also seeks to infiltrate and undermine genuine works of deliverance to lead the people astray through delusion and false doctrine.

Working like wolves, these spirits seek to isolate unsuspecting sheep from the flock so they may be destroyed more easily. Workers are lured away to do all kinds of spectacular religious things, just as long as deliverance is not involved. They work in the same way to cut out whole churches which are beginning to do the works of Jesus.

The only hope of breaking this deadly cycle is for knowledgeable believers to fall into the gap with determination and dedication to spiritual warfare in the heavenlies. For individuals and groups, this is the only real hope to secure and keep freedom from the delusions introduced by the deceiving spirits.

Strong's Concordance defines the work of the spirit of Whoredoms as committing spiritual adultery or fornication, on a continual and wholesale fashion; to play the harlot and go a-whoring.

In **Hosea 4:12**, this spirit caused God's people to err (to go astray; be deceived; be seduced; to be made to stagger and cause to wander).

In **Hosea 5:45**, because of their whoredoms, God's people would not frame their doings to turn unto the Lord. Since they "willed not" to do this, their will

was bound over to disobedience. This made it impossible for them to choose the right path. This spirit will block individuals from doing the works of Jesus. He also causes those who have started out to quit. Whoredom stands at the gate of deliverance to prevent individuals and churches from entering.

One suggested plan of attack on the spirit of Whoredoms is to bind him in the heavenlies. Assert your authority from the third heaven and order the angels to bind him and attack him in his power base. Loose Perverse spirits, Spoiler spirits, Hornets, Fire, Burning, Destruction and the Terror of the Lord upon him and all his helpers in his angelic chain of command.

Break the curses of whoredoms and order the shawls and veils of the curses to be shredded and their roots dug up and destroyed. Do not overlook confessing the sins of the fathers (**Leviticus 26; I John 1:9**). Next, command the curses, whoredoms and iniquities to be lifted from the person and all of his descendants.

You must always expect Satan to marshal his forces (demons, witches, satanists, etc.) to come against active deliverance workers and churches. They will attempt to penetrate and destroy by sending the spirits of whoredoms to attack. Because of this, it would be wise to turn back these attacks to the

senders daily (**Psalm 109**).

CURSES RELATED TO WHOREDOMS

“They will not frame their doings to turn unto their God: for the spirit of whoredoms is in the midst of them, and they have not known the Lord. “ (**Hosea 5:4**)

Curses from **Ezekiel 16**:

Verses 4, 5 - rejection from the womb

Verse 15 - trusting in your own beauty (trusting what the Lord has given you or done for you.)

Verse 15 - playing the harlot and pouring out fornications on everyone who passes by (possible false teachings passed on, spirits transferred, a wasting of God-given talents, no discretion.)

Verse 16 - decking the high places with colors and playing the harlot there (Possible giving of money or gifts to false religious works or causes, failing to maintain separation from the world; ecumenism.)

Verse 16 - making idols or images of men and committing whoredom with them (Idolizing men or teachers)

Verses 18, 19 - giving that which belongs to the

Lord and what the Lord has given you to idols; sacrificing your sons and daughters to idols to be devoured by them (False religions and cults, possible intermarriage with the heathen.)

Verse 24 - building brothels and high places in every street (using your God-given resources to build false ministries and monuments to men)

Verse 25 - multiplying whoredoms by being open to everyone who passes by (Possible openness to false teaching and teachers and doctrines of demons.)

Verse 26 - increasing your whoredoms with the Egyptians through sexual indulgences.

Verse 27 - diminishing your ordinary food (Possible poverty, hunger, or not being able to digest and utilize your food.)

Verse 28 - being insatiable and unsatisfied (Possibly with food, over-weight, sexual lust, money, fame, etc.)

Verses 28, 29 - increasing dissatisfaction by multiplying whoredoms with the Assyrians and Chaldeans (Babylon)

Verse 30 - weakness of heart and mind

Verse 32 - adultery

Verses 33,34 - being contrary

Verses 37-41 - losing God's protection

Verses 37-41 - God's judgment upon you

Verse 45 - loathing and rejecting husband and children (Rejecting God, divorce, broken families.)

Verse 47 - more corrupt in God's sight than the heathen

Verse 49 - pride, fullness of bread (overeating, gluttony, self-indulgence), abundance of idleness; not helping the poor and needy

Verse 50 - haughtiness, committing abominations

Verses 52, 54 - shame, being confounded (disappointed, delayed, shamed, becoming dry spiritually.)

Verse 59 - despising oaths made to God and breaking covenant with Him.

THE SPIRITS OF PERFECTIONISM

Everyone agrees that it is a good thing to do your very best when working on a project. However, there are people who can never be satisfied with even an excellent performance of duty or skill by themselves or anyone else. Those driven by evil spirits of Perfectionism are victims of much anguish and misery and cause the same in everyone close to them.

Demons will never, never allow a person driven by them to be satisfied or to enjoy even a moment of triumph or achievement. Always, they work to

blemish even the best things human beings can do. A person controlled by spirits of Perfectionism can never accept himself or cease to correct himself and everyone else.

This leads to uncertainty and insecurity, opening the way for floods of fears. Indecisiveness and inability to settle on a course of action or to feel secure in any decision follows the infiltration of these spirits. Such a tendency for inherited demons is passed on generation after generation. The result is that entire families are being tormented, driven and divided by these wicked entities.

When a person possessing these destructive drives to perfection is linked up with a person who is willing to accept the best that he and others can do, a constant conflict is set up. Not only is there an inability to enjoy his own accomplishments and labors, but he cannot allow others to enjoy the fruits of their labors either.

A pride of accomplishment and satisfaction with a job well done will keep a crew of workers busily going about their tasks. A perfectionist will destroy this morale and is soon isolated from the group. Certainly, he can never be a successful leader in any field; no one can work with him, for he frustrates himself and the entire work force.

DELIVERANCE FROM CHILDISH SELF-WILL

Woman, 35 Years Old

Perhaps one of the biggest and most vicious spirits I had was named Childish Self-will. I can never forget the night he came out. There were over two hours of intensive prayer battle; and when he finally left, I vomited a peculiar orange fluid unlike anything any of us had ever seen before. His leaving resulted in a freedom such as I had never experienced.

Many things came to light about this powerful demon. He comes in when a person is very young and blocks any maturation into adulthood. His victims react to life situations as a child and with childish fears foreign to adults. They are unable to obey Paul's injunction to put away childish things and grow up.

This evil spirit is exceedingly sly and very clever. He stands at the gate of maturity and blocks his victim from entering. A master manipulator of people, he carefully hides his work. He can be recognized by the fact that the person he drives is always characterized by extreme selfishness. He always insists on having his own way and constantly bends other people to yield to his every whim. At the

same time, he tries to make others feel they are in the wrong to complain or notice this self-centered conduct.

Childish Self-will undoubtedly is involved with the work of Jezebel and Possessiveness. From my own experience and observation, I believe this spirit to be very prevalent among females. He causes much marital disharmony, constantly harping and pouting about the insensitivity of the husband.

This spirit promotes female rebellion, as well, and leads to the syndrome where the wife never understands what her husband is saying. Instead of considering the possibility that she might have a problem, this spirit constantly lays all the responsibility for problems on the husband. This petty refusal to understand any point of view except for that of the wife contributes to a communication breakdown. In turn, this communication barrier extends to others and to God as well.

SPIRITS OF ANEMIA

In working with a 24-year-old man, the following things emerged. The ruler was a spirit of Anemia who claimed to reside in the victim's bloodstream. Coming in at the moment of conception, he then

opened the door for the rest of the evil spirits to enter. The demon was quite a braggart and seemed to be located all over the man. It took a great deal of time to get rid of him, and he was the last demon to leave during this deliverance session.

Walking Pneumonia proudly asserted that he walked around constantly. We loosed a spirit of Paralysis to stop his walking. We then loosed Blindness, Deafness and the Fire of the Lord on him. After putting up quite a battle, he was forced to go.

Tuberculosis and the spirit of Lung Cancer were locked into his lungs and breathing passages. There were also evil spirits of Body Rash and Scar Tissue in the lungs. These spirits cried, complained and put up quite a squabble before they fled.

These were followed by numerous fungus demons including Jungle Rot, Athlete's Foot, Body Fungus, Spirits of Common Cold, Fear of Hospitals, Hemorrhoids, Bloody Nose and Chest Pain. They cried out and wept bitterly as they left.

The most effective weapons were the Bible, the Blood of Jesus, the Hornets of the Lord (We ordered that their infected stingers be left in the demons they attacked.) and the Fire of the Lord. (We asked for the fire of the Lord to consume them to ashes.) We then asked the Lord to have the angels poke holes in them with their swords.

DEALING WITH SPIRITS OF ALLERGIES

Hormonal and immune systems regulate every chemical function in the body including growth, weight and the body's ability to assimilate and utilize food. These act as catalysts, regulating the entire functioning body processes. Any malfunction in these areas will make the body susceptible to attack by diseases; even the mind and emotions are directly affected.

All of these things are graphically demonstrated by the current epidemic outbreaks of AIDS and Herpes. In both cases, the patient's immune system has lost the ability to fight off major diseases. Consequently, the AIDS patient will have repeated bouts with several diseases before they kill him. In the Herpes patient, there is no known cure for what becomes a lifetime of physical agony, accompanied by psychological damage.

Deliverance workers need some knowledge in this area, lest they overlook something which could be the key to releasing even more victims. Perhaps God will allow us to take back much that Satan has stolen and even prolong life.

An excellent example is in the field of allergies.

We know very little about them; and current lists of evil spirits in use show primarily inhalant type allergies (hay fever, asthma, ragweed, bronchitis, goldenrod, dust, animal dander, etc.).

However, it has been estimated that at least 80% of the population suffers from common “food” allergies (chocolate, corn, wheat and other grains, eggs, milk, various chemicals, etc.). These cause a wide range of symptoms which include anxiety attacks, schizophrenia, and mis-perception. Reactions can run the gamut from mental derangement to mental and emotional disorders.

Researchers in Princeton, New Jersey believe this allergy to be the culprit behind 40% to 60% of the so-called “waste basket schizophrenics” who crowd mental institutions. To prove their theory, tests were run to discover which allergies were present.

Among other things, they found that a severe wheat (or grain) allergy will cause mental instability and produce marked schizophrenic symptoms. In cases where the symptoms are rooted in malnutrition, the malady could be remedied by removing the antigen from the person’s diet or restoring the missing vitamins. The results of the studies amazed the researchers.

One young lady had repeated sessions with deliverance workers with what appeared to be mental

symptoms. These had plagued her entire family for years, and her personal progress and freedom had been severely limited by this affliction. Finally it was discovered she was allergic to chocolate, corn, eggs and wheat.

The young lady is now being delivered directly from allergy spirits and not merely from the symptoms. Insanity and all related anxiety and emotional spirits had entered into her as a result of her being convinced of, and believing, a lie about herself.

Tests revealed that this girl had the same allergy patterns as her mother, who had already endured four nervous breakdowns. Deliverance workers had repeatedly and unsuccessfully attacked the spirits causing her mental disorder and anxieties. Because no one had suspected all these symptoms were rooted in allergies, the evil spirits successfully evaded expulsion.

When it is operating properly, the immune system of the human body will successfully resist all invading antigens, from a common cold and allergies to cancer and AIDS. Research in both animals and man has uncovered evidence of an aging or death hormone which is secreted by the pituitary gland.

It is probable that when sin entered the human race, the body lost that perfect resistance to age.

This resulted in the perversion of the immune, endocrine and hormonal systems. This, in turn, gave an open door to all kinds of diseases and, eventually, to death.

If we do have the scriptural right to reverse the process, we could then bind up and delay the work of the aging or death hormone. Casting out evil spirits, we then could, conceivably, restore those systems to optimum resistance with prayer. This would assure us of a long and healthy life, at least until the Lord calls us home.

Possibly, this would also aid in resisting premature aging, some causes of obesity and all known and yet unknown end-time diseases. With the aging or death hormone under the control of Satan, believers need to take every precaution and defense available to them. To learn the weapons of our warfare can truly mean the difference between life and death for our families and us!

10: Arrested Development

Evil Spirits of Arrested Development

“When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.” **(I Corinthians 13:11)**

Deliverance workers in California report praying for a 36-year-old, single woman who lived with her mother. The parent is a very dedicated Christian who works in deliverance. The daughter had been taken by her father and subjected to a bizarre ritual of dedication to Satan.

Although he was a highly successful, professional man he had become heavily involved with this very demonic cult. Among other things, the ceremony involved placing the child in a coffin (**Isaiah 54:13; 2 Timothy 3:14-17**). This would have affected her for life had it not been for deliverance.

Numerous demons had been given legal rights to enter the child because of her father's consent to the acts. The ruling spirit who finally emerged was Arrested Development. He was a powerful prince with a great deal of authority over specific areas of her life. Lodged in her mind, he directed the activities of many wicked spirits functioning under his control.

It took many weeks and repeated sessions of deliverance battle before Arrested Development was stripped of his support demons and left standing alone. To finish him off and kick him out took a grueling six-hour session.

The last thirty minutes of the session, he grew flustered. Although he knew he was defeated and could not stay, he still stalled for more time. He claimed that he had been in charge of her from conception until age thirteen. When she was ten, a spirit of homosexuality entered her.

He bragged about influencing girls in their thinking about the homosexual area and how they should dress. He pushes them to dress mannishly or sloppily to move them closer to lesbianism and overt acts of homosexuality.

This demon arranges for girls under thirteen to be molested. This opens the way for the entrance of Incest, Rape and other evil spirits. He also interferes with all development beyond age thirteen.

When attending the university, a professor remarked that this young lady was nineteen, going on thirteen! The wicked spirit further stated that he can make females think that they are back in the womb. He also attempts to cut off or interfere with the pregnancies, choking off the breath. Such attacks sometimes come while the target is sleeping. Many

are highly susceptible to these kinds of problems.

This spirit entity leads victims to regress and think as a child in order to open the way for heavy demonization. To progress past thirteen is difficult and almost impossible when handicapped by this spirit and his workers.

Thirteen-year-old females are too young to date, hold a job or marry. When they secure a position, this teenage syndrome keeps recurring, convincing them that they are not qualified to handle a job. All kinds of continual harassment pressure them to quit or get fired.

Arrested development does not stop the learning process, but it interferes with and confuses it. This young lady was working on her Masters Degree at the time of the deliverance. Each time she wanted to progress and go forward, the enemy pressed her to react abnormally, in order to trigger a series of contrary things.

For example, during an interview spirits would manipulate her mind, producing the reactions of a two-year-old. She might break down and weep or begin to say, "I don't know if I could do this job." This sort of thing had ruined interviews or being accepted for a school, etc. This resulted in much embarrassment and humiliation.

Even her complexion and skinny, underdeveloped

figure was that of a thirteen-year-old. Arrested Development caused her to dwell upon these childish things, and she was harassed with these preoccupations.

One spirit called Under Thirteen reinforces sloppiness and the inability to hold a job, date or get married. The spirit makes the victim wait forever. Mental blockage and mindset is that of an immature teenager. He also drives the person relentlessly toward drugs to induce stupor and excess sleep.

Although the person may be an adult chronologically, there will be an extreme depression and complete withdrawal response resembling that of a small child. It was found helpful to ask the Lord to send in angels to loose the spirit's grip on the mind. We also confessed and asked forgiveness for the sin of parental failure to properly discipline, their sparing the rod of correction.

SOME DEMONS FOUND ASSOCIATED WITH ARRESTED DEVELOPMENT

Multitudes of evil spirits have named themselves and been cast out of afflicted people. Below is a partial list of those discovered and cast out in Jesus' name:

Pamper me; Having My Own Way; Spoiled;
Grandpa and Grandma's Little Girl; Daddy's Little
Girl; No Discipline; Control Parent by Manipulation;
Lying; Three Year Old; Coloring the Truth; Getting
What I Want Regardless of Cost; Playing on People's
Sympathy; Want to Return to Womb;

Irresponsible; Tantrums; Childish Self-will;
Crying; Kicking; Screaming; Ugliness; Scrawniness;
No Shape; Skin Disorders; I Hate My Body; Unable
to Date; Cannot Find a Date; Can't Marry; Dodging
Responsibility; Too Young to Work; Too Young to
have Children; Too Young to Baby-sit;

Lesbian spirits; Abnormal Childhood; Abnormal
Adolescence; Abnormal Sensitivity; Abused Child;
Addiction to Junk Food; Sexual Impurity; Adultery;
Ahab; Jezebel; Anger; Depression; Anti-discipline;
Anti-family; Separation from Family; Inferiority
Complex; Apprehension; Argument;

Bad Habits; Addiction to Chocolate; Addiction to
Sugar; Addiction to Pop; Addiction to Candy;
Bedwetting; Compulsion; Knuckle Cracking; Nose
Picking; Thumb Sucking; Bitterness; Resentment;
Unforgiveness of Mother, Father, Brothers, Sister,
etc;

Blockages in Family Relationships, Feelings,
Growth, Maturity, Normal Family, Normal Ministry,
Normal Life, Personality, Responsibility; Bondage;

Careless Indifference; Abuse by Father; Child Molestation; Child Condemnation;

Childish Gossip; Childish Greediness; Childish Parental Arguments; Threatening Parents and Children; Competition; Compromise; Confusion; Contention; Control; Life Patterns Control; Contrariness; Criticism; Criticized Childhood; Cursing;

Daydreaming; Daydreamer; Childish Dreams; Demanding; Depression; Disagreeable; Discord; Discontentment; Discouraged Life; Disputing; Disgusted; Disrespect for Church, Mother, Father, Elders; Disobedience to Parents; Disunity; Divorce; Domineering Mother/Father; Doom;

Escape from Reality; Fantasy; False Accusations; False Compassion for Mother/Father, etc.; False Friends; Guilt; Family Accuser; Family Destruction; Family Disunity; Family Rejection by Mother/Father; Family Separation; Fantasy Baby; Fantasy Childhood; Personality spirits of Dad/family; Fantasy Parents, Grandparents; Fantasy Play Time; Fantasy Personality; Fears; Fault Finding; Fear of Losing Mother, Father, Relatives, Friends, Family;

Fear of Rejection; Fear of Financial Failure; Bankruptcy; Block Finances; Hard Times; Poverty; Role-playing; Fornication; Frustration; Shame; Hatred for: Authority, Proper Food, Mother, Father,

Grandparents, Friends;

Heavy Pressure; Hopelessness; Temper; Hurt Feelings; Hyperactivity; Idle Pouting; Idol Worship; Immature Adolescent Mind/Decision Making; Demanding Family Relationships; Immature Self-discipline; Jealousy; Lack of Appreciation;

Misunderstanding; Lack of Will-power; Laziness; Leader of the Home; Child Dominance; Learning Difficulties; Loneliness; Lonely Childhood; Lost Interest; Lost Communication; Lost Family; Lying; Malnutrition; Mental Disorder;

Messiness; Mind Confusion; Mind Control; Insanity; Schizophrenia; Morning Moods; Nasty Mouth; Negative Approach; Negative Attitude; Anxiety; Bad Nerves; Oppression; Nervousness; Heavy Oppression; Nervous Stomach; Nervous Breakdown;

Nicotine; Controlled Sleep Pattern; Nighttime Fears; Forbidden Sleep; Insomnia; Overtired; Recurring Dreams; Restless Nights; Pressure Sleep; Tormented Dreams; Over-protected; Parental Correction; Planned Disobedience; Perseverance; Procrastination; Quitter; Rebellion; Prenatal Rejection; Rejection from Workers/Employers; Restless Spirits; Revenge; Rushed Childhood; Sadness at Meal Time; Self-condemnation; Oversensitive; Slothful; Solitude; Grief; Suicide; Tattletale; Timid; Tormented

Childhood; Unclean;

Shallow Mind; Ungodly Disciple; Ungrateful;
Unlearned Behavior; Unstable Adult; Vain Babbling;
Violence; Worry; Wasted Childhood; Addiction to
Food; Gluttony; Fatness; Weight Loss; Anorexia
Nervosa; Bulimia; Loss of Appetite; Starvation;
Withdrawal; Wounded Spirit; Disunity; Failure;

Hate; Miscommunication; Lack of
Communication; False Feelings; False Friendship;
Satanic Discipline; Deliverance Block; Freedom
Block; Fear of Animals/Dark; Bad Luck;

Blocked Financial Blessings; Blocked Budget;
Covetousness; Discouraged Worker; Fear of Giving;
Fear of Future; Financial Ruin; Greed; Hardship;
Losing Job; Over-generosity; Overspending; Foolish
Spending; Theft.

WHAT IS ARRESTED DEVELOPMENT?

The following studies of arrested development are based on information gleaned from both scriptural and secular sources, including medical journals. Valuable experience and insights were gained from deliverance workers ministering to individuals in the area of arrested development over the past two years.

Undoubtedly, there is much more to be learned in

this latest breakthrough in deliverance. Almost 100% of the population are handicapped in this area. This would range from slightly to crippling. Webster's Dictionary defines the compound term of arrested development by breaking it into the two words.

Arrested: to bring to a stop, to slow, to make inactive, seize, capture, to take or keep in custody by authority of law;

Development: the process of growth

Arrested Development: growth that stagnated, put in custody (which has the authority to do so) which slows down or stops.

We purpose to expose the enemy for what he is, thus revealing his widespread networks and areas of control. These demons are not listed in any particular order, nor does our listing set limits or order of sequence. It is a list of evil spirits and how they work together. We have arranged them in this order for an overview, demonstrating how powerful and far reaching these spiritual kingdoms are.

It illustrates these relationships and how they work together to attack an individual. The divided format may be used as a partial list of the evil spirits

orchestrated in the ranks of Arrested Development.

Although many misguided believers do not accept it, Arrested Development and all of those in the demonic kingdoms recognize that men are a trinity (body, soul, and spirit). The enemy realizes that if growth in any of these three areas can be stunted or slowed, it will weaken or even destroy the entire person. Satan's emissaries work constantly to control the individual by disrupting this three-part harmony.

“Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow; but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up. Again, if two lie together, then they have heat; but how can one be warm alone? And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a three fold cord is not quickly broken.”

(Ecclesiastes 4:9-12)

The Lord created man as body, soul and spirit. If the devil can slip in undetected in one area, he will continue to spread his rottenness to other areas. The result can be the destruction of everything but

salvation itself. This makes it imperative that we learn to detect these dangerous inroads early, prevent them from spreading and root them out.

Rejection, the Alcoholic Syndrome and Leviathan are three ruling spirits who have been found closely related to Arrested Development. These three leaders are known for opening the door and giving grounds for Arrested Development to come in and stay. They also appear in the fruit produced by the individual later on.

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Arrested Body: physical growth and development slowed or stopped; muscular dystrophy (muscles arrested); Down's Syndrome (Mongoloid); retardation (brain cells arrested); Epstein-Barr virus; bodily functions and day to day skills; bedwetting; visual and audio problems; stunted motor skills; midget; stunted growth.

Arrested Soul: Mind--learning disabilities; fear of learning disabilities; slow reader; slower hearer; dyslexia; dysgraphia; dyscalcula; mental block; fears and insecurities (and social problems caused by these); blocked learning; confusion; spatial, motor and other perceptual deficits resulting from head

injuries and/or meningitis; communication; memory; impulsiveness; short attention span; schizophrenia.

Will: strong self-will; spirit of the child; childishness; doesn't want to leave security by growing up; tantrums and fits; childish self-will; self-life; self-love; immaturity; slothfulness; laziness; control by parents; always wanting their way; irresponsible; inability to put away childish things; self.

Emotions: rejection; fear of rejection; mental abuse by parents; control and domination; over-protection; doublemindedness; wavering; doubt and unbelief; rebellion; rejection from father and mother; loneliness; over-dependence on others; anger; frustration; outcast.

Arrested Spirit: Leviathan retards spiritual growth and development; impairment of senses; faulty judgement and discernment; misunderstanding of Scriptures; false doctrine; false gifts; error and heresy; slothfulness; inexperience; guilt and condemnation from all these; devourer (eating of precious time with the Lord and his Word-- things that matter in eternity); spiritual schizophrenia; uncertainty concerning the Lord's voice and will.

The three-fold cord principle operates in the area of the soul (mind, will, emotions). If the enemy can weaken or damage just one of these three, the entire rope is weakened. Therefore, it is important to work diligently in each of these three areas to purify and cleanse ourselves of enemy infiltration and strongholds.

Arrested Development is one of the largest areas of attack on the soul through learning disabilities. This powerful spirit and his helpers are able to destroy in body, soul and spirit. The mind, will and emotions are particularly vulnerable to attack.

It is estimated that fully 10% to 15% (or more) of all public school children have learning disabilities. These children mature chronologically, but their ability to learn does not mature. It is not their intelligence (which is generally average or above) but their learning ability which drags behind.

In learning, there are various roadblocks for young and old alike. These include poor hearing and visual perception or motivational and mental retardation. Some occur even when none of these are involved. Yet learning is blocked, and a learning disability may have taken root.

A learning disability has been defined as “a disorder in which an individual’s brain handles

information in a way that blocks learning.”

The arresting process usually begins in early childhood and shows up by school age. These children mature physically, but their learning abilities will be stagnated and remain on a childhood level. In other words, they will be unable to keep learning and building upon past years of education and experience. Although they may grow up physically, emotionally and, in part, mentally to be adults, they still will not progress at a normal rate of learning.

The seven areas of cognitive development that may be impaired are: oral expression, listening comprehension, written expression, basic reading skills, reading comprehension, math calculation and mathematical reasoning ability. Arrested learning areas are only scratching the surface of this wide-spreading cancer.

Learning disabilities are not usually a single disorder. Those who have problems with the three R's will usually also have difficulties with motion, spatial relationships, memory, communication, impulsiveness and attention span.

Experts in this field have categorized each separate area of learning disabilities. This research can be used to seek out and identify the various areas that demons control. Next, we need to explore the alleged causes and see how these relate to what we

have learned through deliverance.

Dys—poor or inadequate (learning or mastery of)

Lexia-- verbal language.

Dyscalcula-- problems with mathematics

Dysgraphia-- problems with written language, grammar, spelling and ability to write legibly

Dyslexia, the most common disability, is characterized by extreme difficulty in learning and remembering letters, written or spoken words and individual letter sounds (i.e., sounds b for d, saw for was). Long after unaffected children outgrow these learning pitfalls, older children and even adults plagued by dyslexia spirits will still have these recurring problems.

Other symptoms include: illegible handwriting; mirror vision; confusion between left and right; lack of preference for using one hand over the other; confusion about differentiating concepts such as up and down, yesterday and tomorrow; and bizarre spelling errors. No two dyslexics will experience exactly the same problems. Just because a person has some of the symptoms does not necessarily mean that he/she is dyslexic.

Another stronghold which learning disabilities and dyslexia foster is the frustration and discouragement caused by consistent failure. Often he cannot call up the words he wants to say in front of a group.

Embarrassment and other socially binding spirits enter at this time.

Because of the importance placed on school and their written or spoken failures in it, children grow up feeling they are stupid. Unfortunately, this is reinforced by their peers. Fear motivates their concealing of problems due to fear of failure, fear of rejection, and fear of being treated differently.

Many adults have spent a lifetime covering up their learning deficits. Often they avoid promotions for fear they cannot manage increased responsibilities or that someone will discover their secret. They go to great lengths to conceal the fact that they cannot read, write or spell, or that they do it very poorly and with difficulty.

Those with learning disabilities generally score very high in puzzles, problem solving and intelligence tests. They tend to have poor marks for written or spoken verbal expression. Dyslexics comprehend stories well, and many even acquire an excellent spoken vocabulary. The demonic handicap keeps them in bondage, and usually their handwriting is atrocious.

Males make up 80% of the dyslexics. The enemy works to destroy men because they are destined to be the heads of homes and churches, according to God's chain of command. By keeping leaders

inferior to others, especially women, they will feel inadequate, unprepared and unable to lead. This will cause them to retreat from the battle. There is a real control exercised by Arrested Development--physically, mentally and in social circles.

Because of an educational system which is reading oriented, dyslexia has received more attention than other learning problems. Cases of dyslexia alone, without associated difficulties, are very rare.

Dyscalcula is another learning process broken down through learning disabilities. The demonic family of dyscalcula contains spirits which cause poor memory when working with more than one number at a time. There is difficulty in writing legible numbers, and columns of numbers drift to the left or right. Additional problems occur in logic, mathematical operation and word problems. Troubles with mathematics are not very unusual because it is another language.

Another learning disability is **Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)** which affects attention problems. These spirits will keep victims from focusing on a single task or concentrating for an extended period. One tactic that this spirit uses to attack is hindering the screening out of distracting information while concentrating on another subject. For example, while focusing on a subject pleasing

and profitable to the Lord, they are bombarded with many useless thoughts, words or activities going on around them.

An individual with ADHD often cannot finish a project. They may not appear to be listening or will interrupt frequently. Known for their hot tempers and aggressive behaviors, two-thirds of those who have it carry it over into adulthood. Growth and development of the person is arrested. This area might be the root of the other learning disorders because every aspect of learning requires attention and concentration.

The last area of learning disabilities causes **spatial motor and other perceptual deficits**. Those affected have difficulty judging their bodies in relation to space and cause them to seem clumsy and accident-prone.

Evil spirits working here include: poor muscle coordination and balance, accident prone, stuttering, depth perception, dominant peripheral vision, dormant foveal vision, etc.

These individuals may have difficulty holding pencils or scissors and many have difficulty judging distances. To them a fly ball hit into the outfield may be closer than it seems. A swing may seem too fast to mount, and moving vehicles look closer than they actually are. To this individual, sudden movement is

especially threatening. As children and adults they will be teased as sissies or wimps for being so cautious, but they really just perceive the world differently.

Evil spirits work in the physical realm and interfere with social skills and behavior. They torment in the soulish realm as well. These demons keep the individual from fitting in. They will cause him to interrupt, talk loudly or embarrass himself. He will not understand how to make friends.

These very same demons do give the individual enough insight to make him aware of how others view his behavior. This is to strengthen the feelings of the outcast and to feed rejection. This area is similar to the other four learning disabilities. Dyslexia will cause trouble in decoding words. These demons cause the individual to have trouble picking up on social clues, such as body language and facial expressions. The spirit of the outcast will move in.

Doctors believe that emotional problems resulting from abnormal communication and feelings of inadequacy, separation and outcast cause loss of self-esteem. This can be overwhelming for a child, especially when rejection becomes the primary disability carried into adulthood.

This emphasizes the importance of getting to the roots of this demonic stronghold. It holds some keys

to freeing many walking wounded to whom we minister. These rejections, rooted in failures and inadequacies of their childhood, leave hurts and scars with serious side effects. The entire rejection kingdom may have Arrested Development lurking at its roots.

Descriptive diagnosis of learning disabilities by experts sometimes exposes the legal grounds used by demons to operate. Specialists in the field freely admit that they really do not know exactly what causes learning disabilities. They believe problems result from a combination of biological and environmental influences stemming from various origins which are hard to pinpoint.

Severe head injuries and infections such as meningitis are sometimes involved. Genetic factors play a part, and heavy documentation points to the family line. To the deliverance worker, this indicates family curses and ancestral sins. Premature and low birth-weight babies may be particularly vulnerable because of the circumstances surrounding their births.

The dysfunction may not become apparent until school age; and usually by then, scarring has already taken place. They will carry this burden for the rest of their lives or until they receive deliverance.

As these children get older, they will be hit with

extreme anger and frustration and often fall into depression. All of this contributes to emotional upheavals. Some of the difficulties are not lifelong but are mere developmental delays that may disappear, becoming less obvious as the child matures. There are many other causes as well. We must arm ourselves to do battle with these enemies.

Variations in arrangements of brain cells are cited as a cause. Acquired word blindness in adults and congenital origination (existing from birth) is believed to originate in the left hemisphere of the brain, which is known as the language center. Some doctors feel defects on chromosome #15 cause learning disabilities.

Biological and genetic mismatches are medical theories attempting to explain the inherited relationships of this illness. The cerebral cortex is responsible for controlled motor functions, sensory, perception, speech, memory and emotions, essentially all the complex learning responses.

Man's brain is divided into left and right hemispheres. Normally the left hemisphere is larger than the right; and they work in unison, performing their responsibilities simultaneously. In dyslexics the right hemisphere is equal in size or larger than the left.

Though unproven, the "mixed dominance" theory

says that when this happens, the right side robs from the important functions of the left side. With a better understanding of the physiological, we can direct our attack on specific demons causing the symptoms in body, soul and spirit.

High proportions of learning disabled people are left-handed, and “lefties” are predominantly controlled by the right hemisphere. Some physical symptoms which track back to this include lead poisoning, poor diet and lack of sleep linked to neurological problems. Inadequate or ineffective neurotransmitters also hinder concentration and attention by causing a subtly undetectable dullness.

People with dyslexia are better at recognizing letters in their peripheral field of vision instead of a central field of vision. There is an interaction between foveal and peripheral vision that degrades the ability to read.

Dyslexics have fixed masking where normal readers have the best resolution of letters. Normally the dominant foveal vision picks up the words and letters on center. However, a dyslexic has stronger peripheral vision which focuses on the beginning and ending letters of a word, making them clearer and dominant. This explains some switching of letters which takes place when a dyslexic reads aloud, causing much confusion.

Learning problems are complicated by serious organizational problems. Evil spirits controlling organization or management of a life can be devastating to any live-in relationship such as roommates or marriages. These people are often messy, never on time and unable to bear their part of household or financial responsibilities. This can put such an emotional strain on a relationship that often the individual gives up. Repeated decisions and promises to change fail because of the massive control of Arrested Development.

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-- PERPETUAL BABYHOOD

Man, 34 Years Old

The devil fragments, tears and binds your soul with ungodly soul ties. There is also another hidden line of attack. He works to arrest the development of your soul (mind, will, emotions) so that you will remain in a little girl or little boy stage.

Although normally the growth of mind, will and emotions will be paced to physical development, it can also be slowed down or stopped at a certain age. My own emotions ceased to develop properly when I was only five. This was the result of my realization

of how completely my father was rejecting me.

It is possible for growth to be arrested in one area and not in another. Physically, it seems that evil spirits often work through affecting the pituitary gland and growth hormones. There are demons called Stunted Growth and Midget, which are particularly stubborn and difficult to remove.

Because of its critical nature, the pituitary gland seems to be a favorite target for demonic activity. Spirits of Arrested Development may cause one to have or to keep a very youthful appearance even when normal aging should occur.

Our youth crazed society drives people to seek to look young at all costs. There is another spirit called Premature Aging which has the opposite effect, as his name indicates. Those with this spirit look much older than their years.

Other things pave the way for entrance of the arrested development spirits. Some of these are Severe Trauma, Abuse, Incest, Molestation, Loneliness, Fear, Severe Rejection, Rebellion and Lack of Discipline.

Control spirits, operating through the parents, can hinder a child's normal growth and maturity if the parents determine not to allow him to grow up. Sometimes fears that the child will make a mistake can make the parents overprotective.

Others feel that their own age will be exposed when the child matures. Arrested development promotes the stupid philosophy and vanity that somehow it is wrong to feel our chronological age. It would seem that growing old gracefully is strictly a thing of the past. Like modesty, though old-fashioned and rare, aging gracefully is still very attractive.

Lack of proper, consistent and balanced scriptural discipline can also be a door through which Arrested Development enters our lives. False love will block the adult from his/her responsibility to be an adult and rear the child. Children do not need a “buddy”; they need a mature and loving parent.

“Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child but the rod of correction will drive it far from him.” **(Proverbs 22:15)**

“He that spareth the rod hateth his son but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes or early.” **(Proverbs 13:24)**

Human emotions are a primary focus of attack. When spirits manifest, they can produce childishness and immaturity. Childish attributes include: Strong-willed; Defiance; Rebellion; Temper Tantrums;

Always Wanting His Own Way; Childish Self-will; Irresponsibility; Fearful; Jealous; Foolishness (**Proverbs 22:15**); Instability (Be no more children, tossed to and fro. **Ephesians 4:14**); Overly Dependent; Continual Need for Instruction (Train up a child in the way he should go. **Proverbs 22:6**).

You should be teachers and still need to be taught the first principles of the Bible, needing milk, not meat, as unskillful babes (**Hebrews 5:12-14; 6:1,2**). Shortsightedness is another spirit which is detrimental to an adult who is attempting to make long-range decisions for family or church.

Immaturity is seen in **I Corinthians 13** (When I was child, I spoke and thought as a child; when a man, I put away childish things. **I Corinthians 13:11**). **I Corinthians 13** presents a cross-section of arrested development and contrasts it with how we should be. Charity or love in action is synonymous with maturity.

It is interesting to note that Paul is correcting the Corinthian church in an effort to bring order out of the chaos caused by the runaway abuse of spiritual gifts. In **I Corinthians 13:20**, he urges them to be childlike in malice but adults [mature] in understanding.

I Corinthians 13:1 exhorts them not to be ignorant and then explains how the gifts should

operate. This chapter also proves that the mere possession of gifts does not make one spiritual or mature. There must be more than the simple manifestation of gifts to demonstrate spiritual maturity.

There is an exhortation in Hebrews to move on in Christ and leave the elementary principles behind as maturity is attained. Hebrews 6 points out our deep need for such growth. Verse 9 discusses greater things which come as one builds on the foundation of salvation. Spirits of Arrested Development hinder people from understanding eternal salvation and will help to create a terrible fear of losing it.

A study of Scripture reveals an exhortation, running through the entire New Testament, to grow up into “perfection,” literally, maturity. The apostle John made a distinction between little children, young men and fathers.

Little children need continual reassurance that their sins have been forgiven (salvation). Young Men, who are more mature, have overcome the Wicked One. Unless we are engaging the enemy in successful warfare, we are **not** operating in this second level of growth.

John speaks of fathers who know God. Grounded in basic doctrine, they have developed strength by winning victory over the enemy. This

produces a deep, abiding fellowship with God.

John clearly stresses the difference between little children and young men. Nevertheless, the apostle continues to teach them about the Antichrist, confidence, how to guard against deception and how to love their fellow believers.

An extreme Fear of Being Deceived is another very common manifestation of Arrested Development and will cause a hesitancy in trying to walk in the Spirit. Confidence in his walk with the Lord will enable a young man to respect the power of the enemy but not walk in fear or terror.

Arrested Development spirits cloud thinking and produce childish understanding and perception of situations and circumstances. Children must learn the consequences of their actions and learn to shoulder responsibilities for their own actions. This is true in physical relationships and also in the spiritual realm.

A case of parental interference occurred when Rebecca conspired with her son to deceive her husband. Then she tried to shield him from the consequences of his actions by sending him to her brother Laban. Her punishment was to never see her beloved son again. Later the Lord had to bring him to a surrender to God (**Genesis 27**).

Solomon said that he was but a child and needed

an understanding heart to judge God's people. He asked the Lord for the ability to discern between good and evil (**I Kings 3:6-12**).

This must be the plea of every sincere soul who is struggling against the bondage of arrested development. People who are handicapped by this are acutely aware of it, just as Solomon was.

One of my fervent personal prayers for years was for help to go through the maturation process. The Lord answered by delivering me from a multitude of alcoholic spirits. They had to be forced out before I could honestly face and accept my own immaturity.

After deliverance in this area, the Lord kicked me out of the nest, in a sense (**Deuteronomy 32:11**). I was forced into situations in which I had no choice but to grow up. At this point God revealed the spirits of Arrested Development. Deliverance continued leading me down many strange trails. It was not pleasant, and I learned all about growing pains!

Be sure that you mean business when you ask the Lord to mature you. The process of learning to fly as a young eagle can be frightening, tiring and painful. However, it is absolutely necessary if you are going to become a soaring eagle for God.

My finances were an area of crippling bondage for me. I simply could not lay aside provisions for the future. It was as if I had a hole in my pocket and

lived only for the current day. Paradoxically, I was also bound by a deep-seated fear of making money.

Demons convinced me that this would draw me away from the Lord. Before my deliverance it would have done exactly that. I first had to be set free from wicked spirits which caused me to handle money as a child would. A mature adult understands enough about the use of money that he does not devote himself to the collection of “toys.” Unfortunately, many do not quit playing games; they merely buy more expensive toys.

In **I Samuel 18**, Saul betrayed arrested development by his attitude toward David when people were singing the praises of the shepherd boy. Seething Anger, Jealousy, Murder, Childishness, Competitiveness and Cruelty are some of the spirits which manifested in King Saul.

We have uncovered spirits, embedded and hidden in the emotions, who began interference with development in their prey as early as the age of two. Spirits working in the will to stop growth and control came in at the age of six or seven.

For years we have known that the spirit called Childish Self-will sits blocking the gate of maturity. Refusal to Grow Up, Rebellion, Stubbornness and Pouting are some of the spirits found working under the spirit of Arrested Will.

King Ahab threw a pouting fit when he failed to get what he wanted (**I Kings 21:1-16**). Thus he used a childish means of control with Queen Jezebel to manipulate her into seizing the vineyard he coveted. He was the king; he could have easily ordered Naboth's execution and seized his property.

Instead he showed his slothfulness and "Get this for me, Mommy" attitude. Pouting spirits in children should be dealt with quickly because they open the door for more dangerous demons to enter.

On the other hand, there are control spirits which steal away men's masculinity or keep them in a little boy state. This will block them from becoming the protectors and leaders of the family, church and the nation which God designed them to be.

Arrested development of the mind results from the use of drugs and/or alcohol. EKG readings taken after the use of marijuana show brain waves typical of a twelve-year-old child. Continual, habitual use of various drugs can drop the readings even lower.

Samson demonstrated his immaturity by refusing godly counsel from his parents. Spirits of the Brute (Unteachable), Unreproveable, Wanting His Own Way, and Lust were all held in place by Arrested Development. They very obviously manifested in his life.

Paul solemnly warned Timothy to flee his youthful

lusts (**2 Timothy 2:22**). Arrested development leads to extremely undisciplined lives. This gives grounds for Bad Habits, various Lust spirits, No Self-control, Impatience, Short Attention Span and an Inability to Communicate on a Mature Level to operate.

One of my greatest pleasures today is the ability to communicate with my wife. This is the direct result of being freed from demonic bondage. I no longer react childishly to her comments, nor am I constantly driven to have the last word! Previously, it was impossible and out of the question for us to talk and interact as mature individuals because of my dreadful bondage.

The demonic family operating under Arrested Development seems to have been at the root of many of the problems which had fettered and driven me for so many years. These included Anger, Rebellion, Bad Habits, etc.

Dealing with this group of demons first made freedom come much easier in other areas. If there is difficulty in casting out demons of a particular area, it might be well to check on Arrested Development. He may well be the hidden power clogging up the deliverance process.

The roots of Arrested Development produce some other poisonous fruits. Look for Gossip (lack of self-control); Malice (active intent to harm others);

Foolishness (bound up in the heart of a child); Immaturity; Instability (tossed to and fro-- **Ephesians 4:14**); Bad Habits; Fear (a major spirit). Many spirits of Fear left both my wife and me, as the power of arrested development was broken.

These were spirits which had stubbornly resisted being cast out even after years of spiritual battle. Others were Intolerance; Little Boy and Little Girl spirits (marked by facial appearance and voice tones); attributes of Selfishness; Wanting to Play all the time; Avoidance of People of the Same Age; Jealousy, Competition for Love and Competition for Position.

There are several other biblical examples in the New Testament parables which illustrate the principles driving arrested development. The man who built his house on the sand is an example of Shortsightedness (**Matthew 7:26**).

The five virgins in **Matthew 25:1-13** made no provisions for the future. This speaks of living for today, with little or no financial responsibility and planning for future needs. The parable of the talents in Matthew 25:14 reflects Fear of Punishment, Immature Reaction with Investing, Fears and Foolishness.

Arrested development can manifest in women and cause them to dress inappropriately for their age.

Dressing too young and extremes in makeup and hairstyles can make them look ridiculous. Sometimes it seems that the older the woman, the more she paints. Her paint and dyes are more appropriate for a clown. They actually make her look older, emphasizing rather than masking her age.

Women are also driven to look to their husbands to provide paternal needs which have not been met by their fathers during their childhood. This will create an ungodly male/female relationship. This will hinder or prevent the women from ever attaining the godly attributes listed in **Proverbs 31**.

One woman with whom we prayed had a tubaligation to prevent conception of children. She wanted to have all of her husband's love, the love that she failed to receive from her father. Think of all the blessings which this family will never receive. Other spirits operating in these women are Passivity, Clinging, and Over Dependent Personality.

Having so many of this vicious and powerful family of spirits cast out has brought me tremendous blessing and spiritual advance. Deliverance becomes sweeter and more effective every year that goes by. My family and I are so thankful for the bread for the children (casting out evil spirits). Daily we thank the Lord Jesus for this marvelous provision for us and the continuous work He is doing in us.

11: Testimonies

Testimonies

SNATCHED FROM ALCOHOL'S MIRY PIT

Man, 56 Years Old

I was plagued by an alcoholic problem from my early teens. In fact, I took my first drink when I was only ten years old. When I lived with my grandparents, I knew where the spirits were kept. First I tried some wine and later the brandy that made me feel even better. After this it seemed that I was always sampling this “good brandy,” as I had often heard it called. Then there were years when I was unable to get any alcohol to drink. By age 16, however, I began to get into my father’s wine supply.

At age 17, I enlisted in the military, and alcohol was very easy to get. When my ship docked in Havana, Cuba, I went on liberty and pulled my first “good” drunk. This episode almost earned me a court-martial. However, my commanding officer let me off with a warning and a hard lecture about the dangers of drinking. Needless to say, I paid no

attention to his words of wisdom.

By the time I reached the ripe age of 20, there was no turning back. I was beyond the point of no return, thoroughly hooked. I had to have my best friend, my bottle! Whiskey, rum, gin, vodka-- it made no difference to me. This was when the biggest problems began.

I was always in trouble, but it was never my fault. Always, someone else was trying to mess me up. I quickly learned to lie and shift accusations and blame to everyone else. I even laid charges against my buddies to cover up. Naturally, my friends thinned out, and I had fewer and fewer. I kept getting into more and more trouble and was always fighting someone about something. Still I was convinced that all this confusion was caused by others, not by me.

Eight years of military service convinced me that there was no future for me there. I had blown a career; actually, I had boozed it away. Somehow in spite of all of the troubles in which I had been involved, I managed to get an honorable discharge.

I took a job with the Post Office, and my eight years in the military counted towards a career. By this time, I was completely bound by alcohol. I had to have three fingers of booze before going to work to steady my hand so I could sort the mail for my

route. It took me only 11 months to booze away another career.

For many, many years I lived with this problem. Finally, I took it with me into a marriage. Even though I rarely drank at home, my children have inherited the problem of drinking. With my inheritance, I had little chance of not becoming a drinker, nor did my children. Just before he died, my dad finally admitted that he was an alcoholic. He was what is known as just a social drinker. Any social event was a good reason to have a drink or two, or dozens.

In 1978 when I was 44, the Lord finally broke through to me. I felt a definite calling on my life to be a preacher. I decided it was just another bad dream and forgot it for a time. A poorer candidate for the ministry would have been hard to find. I was a confirmed drunkard and a chain smoker for 31 years. My mouth was a foul sewer belching out filth, obscenities and blasphemies all the time. To top it off, my marriage was on the rocks and almost completely destroyed.

Of course, following my pattern of denial, I accepted the blame for none of these. At the time, I was actively searching for another woman. Thank God I never found one! Then one day in October 1978, once more I felt the call upon my life. This

time there was a strong urgency, and I felt that this was my last chance.

I answered God, saying, "If You want me You'll have to clean me up because I like what I'm doing." He took me up on both counts. **Three days later I was free of drinking, smoking and profanity!** In fact, I had to learn how to talk all over again. I then told God, "If You want me this badly and this is Your power, I will do what You want me to do and go where You send me."

I found out that I had to give my heart to the Lord Jesus Christ, which I did on November 11, 1978. Since that time, I have experienced the filling of the Holy Spirit, attended Bible College and was ordained into the gospel ministry. I thought everything was okay in my life now, except I did still have a temper. I was still sure that bad things happening to me were the fault of others.

"Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."
(Proverbs 20:1)

One day during a deliverance workshop at Hegewisch, Pastor Worley spoke on the subject of Alcoholism. Things began to bother me, and I

wanted to scream a few choice words at him. However, I held back, for I knew what would happen if I did.

This just could not be possible. I was a Christian, washed in the Blood of my Savior, filled with the Holy Spirit, and even spoke in tongues. Yes, God had set me free from drinking, free from the awful addiction to alcohol. However, quite obviously, I still had a problem. Something was rising up in me, wanting to scream out.

That evening during the mass deliverance, a young man to whom the Lord had given a revelation on alcoholism came over to me. He began praying for me, naming specific demonic spirits and commanding them to come out of me: Wine, Strong Drink, Rage, Temper, Fury.

Sins of the fathers pass to the third and fourth generation. Therefore, he confessed the sins of my ancestors and broke specific curses which had been passed to me through my family bloodline. Again, he began to call out names of demons.

It seemed to be so fast that my head started to spin and my stomach started to churn. This brother was relentless. Other brothers joined in the battle as the Holy Spirit gave them discernment. My favorite drinks were named, as well as Hair of the Dog, Hangover, speaking to the Commode-a-phone, etc.

These workers did not miss a thing!

Of course my dear, sweet wife was thoroughly enjoying the fight, even feeding suggestions to the men of what they should call out. I cannot remember all the names of the demons that left. They poured out so fast that they were stumbling over each other to leave me. During all of this time, a clear, odorless liquid was coming out of my mouth. The faster they were named, the faster the liquid flowed. It was as if my whole being was being cleansed and washed out.

When it was over, I was totally exhausted but strangely refreshed. I felt so light and clean and was joyfully thanking God for setting me free of a lifelong problem. For almost three hours, these faithful brothers at Hegewisch fought to set me free of the demonic forces which had bound me so tightly for many years. Although I am not yet totally delivered, I have had much deliverance at Hegewisch. I will receive even more as I move closer to being what God wants me to be.

How I do praise Jesus for freedom already secured and for the pastor and people I found at Hegewisch Baptist Church! Because of this I am in the deliverance ministry today. Is there any other way to help God's people so much?

DELIVERED FROM ALCOHOL AND DRUGS

Woman, 35 Years Old

How I do praise the Lord for saving me, as well as my whole family, and for the deliverance ministry! From my childhood on, I was in spiritual, physical and mental bondage. I was reared in a broken home with no male authority or any father figure. Because of my Roman Catholic rearing, I never read the Bible nor really understood that Jesus indeed paid for all of my sins at Calvary. This caused me to live a life filled with guilt and fears.

My mother temporarily placed me in an orphanage when I was less than a year old. From there I was moved about in various foster homes until she could get on her feet. My father had a very serious drinking problem and physically abused her during this time. When they separated, I felt very confused and upset; however, mother did place me with some loving people during the day. Fortunately, these were Protestants who believed in Jesus and read the Bible.

I went through twelve years of Catholic schooling but remained confused, angry and very rebellious. I leaped from high school into a disastrous marriage with a heavy drinker. By the time of his discharge

from the army, I had borne him two children.

I divorced him; and because I feared being alone and was so confused, I manipulated another man into marriage. This one only lasted a scant six months, but constant mental torment made it seem like years. I had no way of knowing that I was being driven, controlled and harassed by evil spirits in me and in him as well.

Fleeing from that relationship, I moved back home with my mother. This was full of problems also. By this time both of us were drinking more all the time. It was during this period that I met and married my third husband.

For eleven years now, the Lord has chosen to deal with me through this marriage. Both of us had a deep need for unconditional love, but neither knew how to give or receive it. After six months we were still total strangers.

Once more, the evil spirits of Jezebel and Rejection reared up, working tirelessly to destroy the home. There was no love between us, and I was driven increasingly to excessive drinking. My husband was a city policeman, and his work schedule kept him away from home a great deal of the time.

We both suffered from violent clashes and outbursts. This, of course, solved nothing and led to

more and more fears and the destruction of the relationship. In our misery we slid into drugs, trying desperately to escape but becoming even more mired and enslaved. I plunged into the occult and let astrology and reincarnation direct my life. I grasped at them for help but got nothing.

After about eight years of living together without being able to love, God intervened; and my husband got saved. We were on the verge of divorce when he came home one day and told me what the Bible said about astrology. He then took all the books and charts I had done and destroyed them. Within the next few weeks, I also asked Jesus into my heart. It was only by God's grace that we missed the divorce court and things began to change for the better.

We were different but did not really know why so we went to a Catholic priest asking for guidance. When we shared what had happened, he just sat there staring at us; and before we left, he requested that we pray for him! Meanwhile, Satan was still working overtime to destroy our family as we continued searching. There was no fellowship in the Lord, and we sorely needed it. I was going to a drug counselor, and both of us went to a marriage counselor. God used this to help me get off of drugs and drinking.

Finally one desperate day, I went down on my

knees and asked God for the answer to our marital problems and asked that He free me from my addiction to alcohol. Although I didn't know it at the time, my husband was praying for a church to attend. Within three weeks the Lord answered those prayers.

Invited by some saved friends, we visited Hegewisch on a Thursday night. By 3:00 a.m. the following Saturday, the demons in me began to stir and manifest. Our friends and two young men from the church came to the house. Many evil spirits were cast out, cursing as they left.

Spirits of Jezebel, Hatred, Hatred of Men and various occult spirits were cast out. One particularly strong spirit spoke before he left, saying that they almost had me and planned to take my husband too. Praise the Lord! They were defeated in Jesus' wonderful name.

God has delivered me from many areas of destruction in my life. Our family has been turned around with Jesus as the head. The Lord spoke to me and called my name following that first deliverance. He told me that He loved me and baptized me in the Holy Spirit, and I began to pray in tongues.

There was quite a battle in the weeks after that. Satan tried to kill me by putting me to sleep at the

wheel of the car and causing it to run off the road. I thank and praise God for Hegewisch Baptist Church and for the love and dedication of all the people there. I finally know what a real family is and praise the Lord that my family and I are also a part of it.¹¹

DEFEATED BY ALCOHOL AND DISEASE

Woman, 45 Years Old

“I waited patiently for the Lord; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock and established my goings. And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear and shall trust in the Lord.”

(Psalm 40: 1-3)

Strife, fighting, and drinking were everyday occurrences in my family. As the eldest of four children, I had much of the responsibility of rearing my younger sister and brothers. My life was a mass of misery because of rejection and rebellion. I could hardly wait to get away from home. Fortunately, I married a man who truly loved and cared for me.

In spite of this, I, too, fell into that same pattern that I had fought as I was growing up. An alcoholic for many years, I struggled just to get through another day. Many times I would despairingly tell myself that there just had to be more to life than this endless emptiness.

Finally, through a cry of desperation to the Lord, I found help in Him. I was born again and filled with the Holy Spirit, speaking in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. There was a dramatic improvement for several months, but then the struggle resumed. All the old problems of rejection, rebellion, depression, heaviness and thoughts of suicide surfaced again with a vengeance.

I sought help from many “spiritual giants” over the years and was continually told I must surrender more to the Lord, pray more, read the Word more. Desperately I tried, but it seemed that my problems only grew worse. I knew there had to be help in Jesus, but no one seemed to be able to tell me how to secure it.

I read about Hegewisch Baptist Church in a little paper that I had received from another group for years. I sent for some tapes of Win Worley’s to see just what help deliverance from evil spirits might offer. Both my husband and I received help and deliverance just listening to them. We decided to

attend a Deliverance Workshop and see what was going on. We wanted to see if this really was of the Lord or if they were “off the deep end” and “unbalanced,” like our Christian friends kept warning us.

What an eye-opener the workshop was! Not only did I receive much deliverance, but also for the first time I had HOPE! I learned that I did not have to keep my problems under control; I could get free from them by the blood of Jesus. Over a three-month period following the workshop, we traveled several times, on weekends, to Hegewisch church. I received tremendous help through deliverance. I also received counseling and teaching in how to deal with my problems and overcome them, walking in the freedom secured by deliverance.

Through this period my eyesight was completely healed. I had worn glasses for 17 years, and the last four I needed bifocals. Now I no longer need glasses at all. During this same period the Lord restored my hearing which I had been gradually losing over a period of years, removed a small lump that was under my right arm, and healed a chronic and very painful back problem which had kept me chained to drugs for several years. I was not specifically seeking healing, but to overcome spiritual and personality problems. The healing came, as a “fringe

benefit,” with the deliverance from evil spirits.

The work of restoration and healing in my body has been a glorious blessing. However, I consider an even greater miracle the peace, joy, love, hope, and power to overcome which I received. Jesus is not only able and capable; He does! We are now happy members of the Hegewisch Baptist Church, although we are not living in the immediate area.¹²

12: End Time Evil Spirits

Evil Spirits of the End Times

END TIME DEMONS FROM THE PIT

“And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of anti-christ, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.” **(I John 3:4)**

The book of The Revelation tells of an angel of God coming down with a key to open the bottomless pit. Out of this smoking abyss pour horse-like creatures led by their king, whose Hebrew name is Abaddon. In Greek he is called Apollyon. One of the principal leaders of Satan's army, it appears that he was incarcerated in Tartarus following the Noahic flood (Cf. **Jude 6**; See the chapter on Tartarus in **Annihilating the Hosts of Hell, Vol. 2**).

The word Abaddon occurs six times in the Old Testament and each time is translated as destruction (**Job 26:6; 28:22; 31:12; Psalm 88:1; Proverbs 15:11; 27:20**). Each time it is used, death and sheol, the place of departed spirits, are mentioned in the same verse. **Psalm 88** lists three attributes of the believers with which Abaddon will have nothing to do. These are praise toward God, remembering His faithfulness, and loving-kindness.

Job 28 indicates that although Abaddon hears of the "fear of the Lord" and the admonitions to "depart from evil," he refuses to order his existence by these precepts. He may well be the spirit who causes believers to be hearers but not doers of the Word (**James 1:22**).

Dissatisfaction is another by-product of this spirit (**Proverbs 27:20**). The outcome of a self-centered lifestyle veneered by religious exercise is predictably

illustrated in **Job 31:1-12**. There, Job warns of the final end of those who walk in falsehood and vanity, the moral impurity which leads to control by Abaddon.

Although King Abaddon is now evidently imprisoned within the pit, there are many spirits bearing his name who are walking the world today. Realize that there are many spirits of anti-Christ although the anti-Christ, himself, has yet to make his appearance (**I John 4:3**). Abaddon's (Apollyon) power as a king within the satanic realm is seen by the hordes of spirits which have been confined in the pit with him. John predicts that these evil spirit beings will torment all mankind for five months, except those who have been sealed by God.

This demonic army, under the command of Abaddon, exhibits many remarkable characteristics. They are a large, disciplined mass movement, ready to fiercely destroy everything in their path. Golden crowns may indicate an air of superiority and human faces, an exaltation of man. Their breastplates of iron symbolize a strong defense which refuses to be pierced.

Long hair was noted by John as a peculiarity, not something common to a charging army. Absalom's long hair was a sign of his pride and rebellion. Paul denounced a man wearing long hair as against nature

and as a shame unto him (**I Corinthians 11:14**). Also, for centuries such a hairstyle has been a mark of male prostitutes. Indeed, Christ spoke of those who wore soft (i.e. effeminate) clothing as living in King's houses (**Matthew 11:8**, Strong's 3120).

There could be a connection between the spirits in **Revelation 9** and the prophecy against Nineveh in **Nahum 3**. Nahum records horsemen slaying a great number as a result of the "well favored harlot, the mistress of witchcraft who sells nations through her whoredoms and families through her witchcraft" (**Nahum 3:4**). She makes her people effeminate (**verse 13**) and multiplies her merchants (**verse 16**). Her princes are said to be as locusts and her captains as grasshoppers (**verse 17**).

Locusts also figure very prominently in those judgments described in **Joel 2:1-32**. A battle plan for the utter defeat of this satanic army begins in **verse 12**. The people must turn back to the Lord with all their hearts with fasting, weeping and mourning. James also uses the very same language when describing how to purify oneself of double-mindedness. Here, the chief defense against this spiritual plague was the rending of one's heart in a spirit of repentance (**Psalms 51:11; II Chronicles 7:14**).

In **Joel 2:15** the people were to be notified of the

demonic problem. News of the invasion by hordes of spirits was not to be hushed up in fear that it would give glory to the devil. Nor were the people told not to make a “negative confession” that such a dreadful thing could happen in their land.

Action was ordered; the trumpet was to be sounded in Zion to call a fast and solemn assembly for all believers. No one was to be exempted because of age or because of inappropriate timing. Young and old, including infants, were called on to attack the evil forces. Even wedding plans were to be postponed because of the seriousness of the situation. Spiritual leaders were called from their programs and theological training directly into active intercessory prayer and spiritual warfare.

Today’s secular, humanistic state has openly and aggressively promoted occultism and immorality. The true role of men has been usurped. The system’s arrogant pretensions and silly presumptions of enlightened superiority seem to be perfect models for the system destined to be commanded by Abaddon. He and his myriad of spirits must be bound before the “Kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ” **(Revelation 11:15)**.

There is a direct correlation between the unleashing of evil powers and the types of

government under which God's people function. Israel's leaders recognized this when they fervently called out to God:

“Give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them.” **(Joel 2:17)**

The evil government instituted by the beast (living creature) who comes out of the sea will be established by the power of evil spirits.

Abaddon's locusts cause five months of torment. The breastplates are said to be of fire, not iron, and their heads were like lions rather than men. From their mouths poured destructive fire, smoke and brimstone. Note that these spirits of violent death are unleashed from a voice coming from the four horns of the golden altar. The golden altar, designed to show mercy for man, is now calling for his destruction.

Four evil spirits, presently bound in the river Euphrates, emerge to follow Abaddon and his foul locust swarms. These demons then instigate an even more vicious and serious attack which slaughters a third of the earth's population.

Because man has turned from God's way of forgiveness, trampling underfoot the Son of God,

counting the blood of His covenant an unholy thing (**Hebrews 10:29**), these vicious demons are loosed.

“He, that being often reprov'd hardeneth his neck, shall be suddenly destroyed, and that without remedy.” (**Proverbs 29:1**)

Abaddon and the locust-like spirits are to be released from a place called the bottomless pit. Another beast or living creature, which is the Anti-Christ, also emerges from this pit (**Revelation 11:7**) and is pictured as rising out of the sea of the nations (**Revelation 13:1**).

Several references indicate that Sheol or Hades (of which the bottomless pit may be one part) is located under a great body of water. **Job 26:5** also speaks of the dead being formed under the waters. The word for dead is better translated Rephaim, a race of giants created by the illicit union of fallen angels with the daughters of men (**Genesis 6:2**).

The Rephaim were a well-known nation of giants (**Joshua 14:5; II Samuel 5:18; I Chronicles 20:4**). In each reference Rephaim is translated “giant.” The spirits of these giants are held under the waters and made to tremble (**Job 26:5**, Amplified Bible). Ezekiel describes Assyria’s destruction:

“...For they are all delivered unto death, to the nether parts of the earth..., with them that go down to the pit (Sheol) ...Thus saith the Lord..., I covered the deep for him and I restrained the floods thereof, and the great waters were stayed...” (**Ezekiel 31:14, 15**)

“Deep” comes from the Hebrew word translated as the depths of the oceans in **Job 38:16**; and in **verse 17**, the gates of death are described. **Micah 7:19** declares that men’s sins are cast into the depths of the seas.

Perhaps water baptism is an even more graphic representation of our death to sin and resurrection to new life than has been thought. It may even be intended to be a reminder of the ocean-covered Sheol, which was our destination upon death before we experienced the new birth.

A water-covered entrance to the nether world assumes even more importance when we investigate Leviathan, who is said to inhabit the seas (**Psalms 104:25, 26**). He might even have something to do with the discharge of the fallen angels from the bottomless pit.

A powerful spirit, in Babylon he was associated

with chaos, the same condition believers report when a spirit of Leviathan resides in them. This chaotic state hinders Bible study and real praise and prayer. He might even be a door-keeping spirit, paralleling the sea creature's watch over the gates of Hades.

ATTACKING LEVIATHAN AND MIND CONTROL

Demons are often represented by various forms or creatures on the earth. Some workers have reported discovery of the demons listed below.

Orcturus (**Job 9:9**) --- Open door: sins of doubt, skepticism, fear, worry, unbelief. It can be a hereditary spirit and attaches itself to the back of the head.

It looks like a jellyfish, with many curling tendrils which attack the nervous system. It causes nervous disorders such as ulcers, headaches, constipation, nervous stomach, palsy, colitis, diarrhea, shaking and even paralysis.

Like the Portuguese Man of War, its tendrils sting or short-circuit the nerves, causing them to overload and overreact. He is a strong and a ruling prince. When in position over a church, it is like a giant jellyfish with tendrils reaching down to activate or charge up the smaller ones on each individual

person's head.

Instead of coming out from the breathing passages as usual, these spirits can be pulled from the back of the head by the angels. All this was seen in the spirit and then was later verified in many deliverance sessions.

Because Leviathan and Mind Control are represented as sea monsters, we are able to loose spirits patterned after creatures in the ocean to attack them.

First, bind the strongman and burn out the witchcraft of the Third Eye. Call for angels to protect the person from being hindered in deliverance and to put shields in every direction to cut off all evil supply lines.

Call for a school of giant sperm whales to attack Mind Control (the giant squid). Have angels move in to cut off all roots and tentacles and toss the parts to the whales. Angels with grappling hooks can tear these layers down. Call in a great white shark to attack Leviathan and devour him.

Call in a whole school of blue fin sharks to attack all of the connected parasitic demons such as Rebellion, Rejection, Anger, Retaliation, Violence, Murder, Rape, Infirmary, Allergy and Suicide. Challenge the evil spirits to attempt to swim away while the whales and sharks are making their turns.

Some will do this, only to be devoured.

Keep the attack going constantly so the enemy can get no rest. Whales and sharks have large stomachs and voracious appetites and are ruthless predators. Loose spoiler spirits to attack the rear guard of the enemy. They will uproot, drive and destroy.

This four-way attack gives the demons no way of escape, so many will be knocked out in the crossfire. It is possible that the victim may gag and retch, and sometimes even a bit of blood may come up as the enemy is being dislodged. In spite of this, the end result will not be pain but only fatigue. Workers should loose healing on the person.

To sum up, loose the sperm whale against Mind Control in the head; pit the great white shark against Leviathan (the piercing serpent); send schools of blue fin sharks to attack all other demons and diseases from head to foot; and launch the spoilers to uproot and destroy.

TRY THE SPIRITS (I JOHN 4:1)

How well the Bible warns that God's people are destroyed because of a lack of knowledge! Jesus also said that if we knew the truth it would make us free.

Ignorance is a prime prerequisite for deception.

Always, Satan will cloak his purposes and person in many guises to hide and distort the truth. There are some lies he particularly likes to promote: “It glorifies Satan and the demons, not Jesus. No saved, washed in the blood, baptized in the Spirit person can be deceived or touched by witchcraft; nor can he have demons.” Blinded minds must be released from dangerous religious spirits, for they love to masquerade and present delusion as truth and revelation.

I Timothy 4:1-14 warns of seducing spirits. They mislead and lead astray and are aimed at believers to draw them away (**James 1-14**). They will lead into pride and hypocrisy. Just beginning well is not enough. (Consider Demas.) Sex, money and power continue to be the most powerful bribes used to lure both the leaders and the people of God to destruction.

Teachings that concentrate on a show of holiness through outward rituals and formulas minister to pride. Fasting and other ascetic denials to the flesh have become very popular. Unfortunately, so many leaders who chant endlessly of giving themselves and all of their possessions to a work or ministry are simply lying.

They shame their followers, driving them to give sacrificially to a work which they head. At the same

time, the leaders indulge themselves and their cronies with lavish and extravagant expenditures on automobiles, houses, trips and all sorts of expensive “toys.” After all, they reason that they are the self-appointed “elect” leaders and are King’s Kids. They seem to think that this gives them carte blanche to live any way they choose.

Their lifestyle is made possible by pilfering thousands of dollars squeezed from their dupes. Such spending would corrupt their followers, who are not considered spiritual enough to use their own possessions. However, these pompous hypocrites live quite shamelessly on funds pressured from gullible dupes. Truly, these hucksters have their reward!

Another variation on the scam is to promise the giver a massive return on his “investment” (called seed faith--a total misnomer). The giver is instructed to trust God to return \$10 for \$1, \$100 for \$10, \$1,000 for \$100, or even more. This cultivates a covetous, greedy attitude and a spirit of gambling in the participants. Material prosperity becomes the gauge by which one’s spirituality is measured. All of this is totally foreign to Scripture.

Jesus said plainly that the seed is the Word of God, not your money to be placed in some preacher’s hot little hand or bank account. The field is plainly said to be the world, not some “ministry.”

Oh yes, I know they say that they will sow the seed “for” you. You can be lazy while they do all the work. Here, again, they encourage another unscriptural attitude.

It is strange that when these helpers manage your money, it becomes buildings, homes, clothing, vehicles and trips for the leaders. While they continually pressure for more and more sacrificial giving to promote faith, they themselves depend upon your contributions.

Why don’t they really try this “faith walk” that they praise so highly and press so piously on their followers? Let these great “apostles” of “faith-walking” sell out and divest themselves of their diamonds, expensive jewelry, luxury cars and multiple dwelling places. Let them show us what they mean by sacrifice, not merely talk about and pretend to do it.

Does anyone really believe that the leader of a ministry actually needs two or three expensive homes? On such places the upkeep alone (maid service, gardeners, automobiles, utilities, maintenance, etc.) costs more than many of their followers can afford in rent. No one questions the need for appropriate living quarters for the leaders. However, this scarcely justifies luxurious and opulent lifestyles and excessive expense accounts copied

from "The Rich and Famous."

Poor little Joe Dope, who is locked in on a seed faith pledge of \$15 to \$25 per month, can barely pay for his modest apartment or his doublewide trailer home. Often he must drive an older model auto because he cannot afford payments on a newer one. He is typical of the gullible geese whose support and blind loyalty finances this parasitic breed of preachers.

Let me repeat one horror story that I personally know about. Unfortunately it is only too typical. In Indonesia, a well-known American evangelist went into a fundraising frenzy and even had people stripping off their watches and wedding bands for the offering.

In less than a week, this man left the country with practically all of the \$100,000 which was raised, supposedly, to use in the Republic of Indonesia! This money was taken even though before leaving the States he had raised \$35,000, allegedly to pay for this trip and the meetings which he told his listeners the poor Indonesians would be unable to finance. The greed of these men knows no bounds. Obviously they have no problem in lying to the people they fleece. Perhaps seared consciences are the answer!

This man lives very high and luxuriously but constantly squeezes and pumps for money. The

worst kind of hypocrisy is to pull endlessly for money, pleading poverty while actually living in the grossest luxury. Remember that **this is all totally foreign to the Scriptures.**

It is time to expose openly those of the gargantuan “ministries” which exist primarily to milk the public of money under the cover of weeping fundraising. May God speed the day when this breed will all fall because the people have grown sick of their cheating and lying. Let these who are the great advocates of prosperity prove their theories to be true. Let them stop their continuous pressure on their followers to give and give and give and prove that God will supply their needs.

It is sickening when you hear the endless appeals and gimmicks offered to lure people to pour ever-increasing streams of money into the maw of the “ministries.” This echo comes back from Scripture, “greedy for filthy lucre.” It is one project after another, always another expansion which needs still more funds.

Whatever happened to thrift and scriptural principles of living within your means, etc., found in the Proverbs? Never is it mentioned or considered, for it fails to fit the program of an ever-increasing demand for money -- world without end!

BEWARE OF THE DOCTRINES OF DEMONS

The pride-filled Pharisees have not all passed away. We are still afflicted with those who are more holy sanctified and delivered from the flesh (in their own eyes) than the ordinary followers of God.

Falling away from revealed truth is possible because of a religious spirit called **Will to be Deceived**. He gives credence to, and opens the door to, other seducing spirits. Driven by a deep desire to be holy, those ignorant of Satan's devices fall into a clever religious trap.

Mixing a bit of truth with a lot of error is one of the devil's choice methods to push his hidden deceptions. So often when believers perceive the presence of some Bible truth, they will fail to look carefully at the sum total of the things being taught. This ignores Jesus' solemn warning that just a little leaven will permeate the whole lump. This is a scriptural principle which should never be overlooked. A single drop of arsenic will poison an otherwise pure glass of water!

Remember that demonic doctrines are often presented systematically to convince the unwary and the gullible. Examples of this type of thing are the prohibition of marriage and forbidding to eat meats.

Note that these mentioned things are in glaring defiance of God's revealed truth. Always, the teachings are well-padded with man's natural wisdom and rationalizations; but remember that this is earthly, sensual and demonic (**James 3:15**).

Many gullible people will swallow an entire teaching package without question lest they be branded as "rebellious and stubborn" or "proud and unteachable." A cloaked appeal to the spiritual pride, which will open victims to doctrinal error, is often a better ploy than openly trying to lead them into open sin. To deceive the prey is the object of the game.

Evil spirits can cause people to receive their teachings by disguising them as "revelation." Few will dare to question something which parades as a direct and holy revelation from God. By mixing the demonic with true teachings (**2 Peter 3:5**) and by appealing to man's reason, careless Christians can be ensnared.

Inserting thoughts and patterns into a passive human brain is an ancient demonic tactic. Some declare this is not possible, but thinking like this only comes from those who have never dealt with demons. This misconception is a direct outgrowth of the false teaching that Christians cannot have demons. Christians can have anything they want!

If the enemy can get a person to listen by

pretending to be some sort of a divine revelation and, at the same time, tickling spiritual pride, it is easier to plant these false ideas and the arguments used to defend them. These tailor-made additions will fit in neatly with what the dupe already knows and believes. By expanding it to include his secret hopes and aspirations and by appealing to his vanity, the poor sucker will willingly cooperate in deepening his own deception.

Beginning with false assumptions, it then follows that the conclusions will always be inaccurate. By avoiding scriptural principles and by focusing on the “brilliance” and alleged “spiritual sensitivity and maturity” of the person chosen to receive the supposed new light and teach it, the scene is set for a real disaster.

Remember, too, that when one is off in major doctrines, it is not long until serious moral error is produced as well. By the same token, if one becomes entangled in serious moral problems, in a short time there will be serious errors in doctrine. This explains the many stern scriptural injunctions given concerning doctrinal and moral purity and integrity. These are especially binding upon those who aspire to leadership positions.

To present a very lovely veneer of righteousness for those false teachings to be espoused, the enemy

searches for a good tool. He must, at least, have a form of godliness and appear to be very reputable. It helps if he is young, inexperienced and very ambitious. Unfortunately, people tend to judge an individual only by the outer appearances; however, what the individual is inside is the critical and deciding factor.

Whether a person is skinny or portly, well or poorly dressed, tall or short, ugly or handsome will only give a rather superficial evaluation of things. His teachings must always be analyzed by the Scriptures and his fruit inspected. Most important is whether or not the fruit of the Holy Spirit is being produced in him and in those who follow his teachings. If this fruit is lacking, beware! (**Galatians 5:22,23**)

II Timothy 3:10 means that we are to judge all things by comparison with basic fundamental truths. Satan needs to hoodwink good men and to persuade them to come to his position by the guise of giving them truth.

How, then, can we spot religious spirits of error? One characteristic is that they tend to be circular, like a tape recorder. Over and over they repeat the lies and partial truths which the demons seek to promote. Accusations of doubt and unbelief are hurled at anyone who dares to attempt an honest examination or analysis. Always the urgent appeal is

to accept quickly, and without question, the doctrines proffered. Real truth from God will always make sense; but false teachings tend to incorporate and to promote the strange, the vague, the mystical and the unscriptural.

So often false teachers will allure victims by empty promises: “Ye shall be as gods; ye shall not surely sin; ye shall not surely die.” Almost always these elementary precepts will be cloaked under very deceptive phraseology and misleading religious jargon. This is just in case some person might be wise enough to spot the gross errors in the teachings.

Thus the trap is set, baited with glowing empty guarantees of joy, peace, success, popularity, riches and prosperity. This is the bait used to lure the deceived ones to go deeper in error. Sadly, however, the end product is terribly painful and filled with bitter disappointments.

They never produce what they promise. By contrast, the promises of the Word of God stand true and are always guaranteed by the Heavenly Father. How foolish to stray from the clear path laid out by the Lord for all to follow!

THE SPIRIT OF KUNDALINI

Kundalini is described by the Hindus as the fiery

serpent power within. The Kundalini forms a part of what is called the subtle body. In the occult, it is believed that in addition to the connecting systems of the body (muscles, nerves, blood vessels, etc.) there is an invisible system of ganglia radiating throughout the body like a spider web.

Yoga teaches that these lines meet in junctions which are called chakras, psychic dynamos or centers of energy. These points correspond to the areas pierced by needles in the practice of acupuncture.

Supposedly, there are seven main chakras located at the base of the spine, or tail bone; in the sex organs; in the solar plexus; in the heart; in the base of the throat; in the meeting place behind the eyebrows (third eye); and just above the crown of the head.

The Kundalini is said to be a small serpent lying in a spiral of three and a half coils at the base of the spine, near the coccyx and between the anal and genital regions. It is supposed to be the nucleus of energy, a repository of material, physical and sexual force.

The serpent is normally asleep but is said to have tremendous power when aroused. If disturbed, it can become dangerous and cause an abnormal excitation of the baser instincts and passions. Unless carefully controlled and directed, this unleashed force

of Kundalini can be extremely destructive. Yoga instructors caution their students of the danger of awakening this area.

This spirit is usually inherited and is associated with Leviathan. Have angels cut out his roots, break any curse which may have given him legal grounds, and cast him out.

THE SPIRIT OF COVETOUSNESS

Jesus warned believers that they must flee covetousness, which is idolatry. Idol worship can involve many tangible and intangible objects. It can emerge in both the material and spiritual realm. Wherever it strikes it breeds disaster, spiritually, materially, or mentally. The following verses point out the dangerous traps waiting for the unwary.

Ezekiel 33:31 --- In the sin of shallowness, hearing they do not do.

Matthew 13:22 --- Controlled by the cares of this world and deceit of riches, they are unfruitful.

Jeremiah 6:13 --- Everyone is covetous, including prophets and priests.

Isaiah 56:12, 14 --- They are greedy dogs who can never have enough; yet they continue to gain, fetching wine and drink in abundance for their own

selves.

Ezekiel 34 --- God is against those shepherds who feed themselves but do not feed their flocks.

FRAGMENTING THE SOULS OF DEMONS

A deliverance worker reports discovery of a new weapon to devastate evil spirits. Because demons are persons with souls (mind, will, and emotions), spirits of God (angels) were sent to destroy, cut away and dispose of the souls of the demons. This attack left the enemy with little time and faculties to resist the worker's onslaught. Deliverance seemed to come more rapidly and tended to be very thorough when this was done.

This tactic rests upon firm scriptural foundation:

Psalm 7:1, 2 --- The enemy wants to tear our soul like a lion.

Psalm 7:15, 16 --- The enemy falls into the pit dug for us (i.e., his soul is destroyed), and his mischief is returned on his own head.

Psalm 22:28, 29 --- Since none can keep his own soul alive, souls of enemy spirits are accessible to our attacks.

Psalm 35:7-9 --- As the enemy has dug pits for

our souls, we may ask that into “that very destruction let him fall.”

Job 27:7, 8 --- Let mine enemy be as the wicked, and he that riseth up against me. For what is the hope of the hypocrite... when God taketh away his soul?

I Samuel 25:28, 29 --- Abigail told David that the souls of his enemies would be slung out, as from the middle of the sling.

The work of the cross, the blood of Jesus and the testimony of who we are in Christ gives us a solid foundation which underlies all lasting deliverance. Workers must never forget that deliverance is a miracle work of the Lord (**Mark 9:39**). Lest we begin to boast about how fantastic our weapons are, let us be careful to remind ourselves and others that this is a work of pure grace.

Deliverance frees us from hatred for other people; however, there are solid scriptural grounds for having a keen hatred for all of God's enemies. This kind of hatred brings health to the bones rather than colitis and cancer, which bitterness and resentment toward other human beings will produce.

SOME ROOTS OF WITCHCRAFT

Sometimes clues to the witchcraft roots can be found in the national symbols of non-Christian nations (Babylon, Persia and Egypt). In **Daniel 10** the prince of Persia (Iran) was a powerful entity. Located in southwest Asia, this entire area is dominated by spirits from Islam and witchcraft.

Indonesia would share many of the same controlling spirits under different names. The Indonesian seal contains the Phoenix (constellation), Taurus the bull (zodiac), Tree of Heaven from China (prominent in Buddhism), and the Penta-gram. These demons will heavily affect the senses of hearing and seeing and are often connected with prosperity and poverty and the ability to survive.

THE SPIRIT OF ATHALIAH (II Kings 11; II Chronicles 21)

In 9 BC, Athaliah became the only woman to ever rule in Judah. Daughter of Israel's King Ahab and Jezebel, she was a devotee of the Phoenician Baal. Athaliah might be an even more formidable adversary during deliverance than Jezebel.

To cement an alliance between Israel and Judah, Athaliah was married to Jehoram, son of the king of Judah. When Jehoram succeeded to the throne, with Athaliah as his queen, they followed the customs of

the house of Ahab (**II Chronicles 21:67**).

Jehoram died after an eight-year reign; and his youngest son, Ahaziah, became king. He was guided by his mother's evil counsel, just as his father had been, and followed the ways of Baal. Less than a year later, Ahaziah went to visit Israel; while he was there, a revolution exploded. Jezebel and Ahaziah were killed, as were all the Baal worshipers in Israel.

Athaliah had been the power behind the throne; grieving and angry, she determined to seize the throne for herself. To do this, she had to murder all the heirs to the throne, all her male grandchildren (**II Kings 11:1**). She killed all except the infant Joash, who was hidden by his uncle Jehoida, the high priest (**II Kings 11:2, 3**).

For six years, the boy remained hidden in the Temple while Queen Athaliah ruled. When Joash was seven, Jehoida made an alliance with the military leaders and tribal leaders in Judah to overthrow her. Well-armed, they gathered at the Temple, brought out Joash and crowned him king.

When the crowd began to shout, "Long live the king!" the queen rushed to the temple to see what was happening. Athaliah tore her clothes and shrieked, "Treason!" Jehoida ordered the soldiers to take her out of the Temple lest it be defiled by her blood as she was executed (**II Chronicles 23:2**).

VEXING SPIRITS OF DELILAH

There are spiritual implications in Bible incidents which need to be studied for our benefit and protection.

When I was 13, my head hit the dash in an auto crash. My parents said I was not quite the same afterwards. Then six years ago, I walked directly into some low-hanging equipment where I was working and knocked myself unconscious. It lasted two minutes, but the effects lasted four hours.

I never regarded these incidents as being particularly important until about six weeks ago; then I started to have petit mal seizures. The new computerized EEG revealed severe dysfunction on the right side of the brain, and the drug Tegretol was prescribed.

It has been discovered that any minor head injury can possibly result in major seizure disorders. An increasing number of high school athletes sustaining “minor” head injuries have been exhibiting seizure behavior, sometimes 10 to 15 years later.

Tests on people with no previous record of trouble have linked their seizures to head injuries as a causative factor. Also implicated are a number of varying kinds of inappropriate behavior. This

includes a major portion of the schizophrenic, those who experience panicky anxiety attacks, deep depressions, and violence. Theories on closed head injury are changing rapidly in the light of this new technology.

A seizure disorder can be totally inward and evoke certain responses, which appear as illogical thinking and desires. Irrational behavior is a very common effect. If there is a physical injury, the demons can cause all sorts of problems; and nobody can tell the difference until the Lord reveals it.

I was 25 and very lonely when I met my former wife on a blind date. She had everything for which I had been supposedly looking; and during the first two years, our marriage worked out pretty well. I had come to marriage inexperienced, but my wife had been involved in several affairs prior to our meeting. She also had studied and experimented with witchcraft while in high school.

My own injury caused me to suffer some severe mental depression and led to violent behavior which was strange to me. It allowed Satan to play havoc in my life, leading to several job losses and eventually to a divorce.

My friend who was helping me with deliverance and I realized that it would take a long time because of the damage done by trauma. My medication

created more problems than it solved. Depression settled in, and I experienced repeated seizures followed by a series of agonizing migraine headaches. It felt as if something deep inside my head was tearing, and a massive spike was being craven behind my eyes into the core of my brain.

Four days on medication landed me in the hospital for seizure disorder and to prevent suicide. There were no major problems until the next evening when my girlfriend came to visit. This provoked a hard seizure from which I failed to arouse. Another spell caused me to cease breathing; and when I awoke in intensive care, I was shaken and weak but still alive.

After a few days, they filled me with Dilantin and released me from the hospital. Although I was not feeling too well the next day, I went out on a swimming date. I was going to jump into the pool but went to the steps down instead. The next thing I remember was the trauma doctor placing a breathing tube into my lungs through my nose.

At the hospital, my breathing stopped twice. The seizure activity continued for a four-hour period, and they loaded me with enough Dilantin to suppress them. Problems of severe depression and some extreme urges to suicide continued on Sunday and Monday.

On Tuesday my girlfriend came in, and we agreed

to break up. This lifted the tormenting oppression. Peace replaced my depression, and I was greatly relieved. All during this time, my deliverance friends had been searching the Bible for an answer. Upon reflection, we realized that my girlfriend had been the catalyst for the three major seizures, two of which almost killed me.

In the Bible, Samson became enamored with a Philistine woman. Regardless of parental and religious objections, he was determined to marry her. Because she came from a heathen background, undoubtedly she worshiped the demon god, Dagon. Following marriage, she continued to nag him about his strength but refused to tell him. Some secrets are better kept to oneself when in an unequal spiritual yoke.

Consider the story of Samson and Delilah and the result of allowing someone to know what is in your soul and revealing the secrets of your strength (**Judges 13-16**). He was a man whom God blessed with great physical strength, but he had little common sense about women.

Delilah used all of her wiles to learn his innermost secrets. After her continual daily nagging (an interesting trait and warning sign) and vexing his soul (**Judges 16:16**), he revealed all his secrets. The results were swift and cruel. He was defeated by his enemies and bound. His eyes were punched out; and

he worked like a beast, grinding at a mill. The final result was suicide.

I married a woman with the background of a harlot. Samson was a fighter; and it is safe to assume that he had, at some time, received a blow on the head. This can open the doors to much irrational thinking and behavior. Why did Samson stubbornly go against what God had stated when he certainly knew better?

It was 18 months after my divorce before I again dated. I found a lady who seemed to have all the traits of a godly woman. Although very close, we never became intimate but did discuss our hurts, feelings, and beliefs. As a result, this formed a strong and very dangerous soul tie, which had to be broken before my healing could begin in earnest.

Any head injury, no matter how minor, must be considered a possible open door (via Traumatic Shock) for demonic attack. Trauma, Epilepsy, Seizure, Convulsion, Depression, Schizophrenia, etc. are possible culprits.

Strong's Old Testament

3238 rage or be violent, to suppress, maltreat, destroy, thrust out, oppress, proud, do violence

6887 to cramp, afflict, besiege, oppress,

distress, shut up, be in trouble

7451 bad, evil, adversity, ill, sad, affliction,
distress, sore, exceedingly great grief, hurt,
harm, heavy, wretchedness, sorrow

1200 commotion, disturb, drive, break,
consume, crouch, discomfort

3013 cause grief, sorrow

926 tremble inwardly, palpitate, be alarmed,
agitated, afraid

6973 disgusted, anxious

3707 to trouble, grieve, provoke anger, be
indignant, have sorrow

2111 to agitate, to shake off

2559 to enwrap, withdraw self to depart

4103 confusion, destruction, uproar,
discomfort, tumult

7469 feeding upon, grasping after, to graze
and feed upon

7475 desire, elation

4164 distress, anguish

2113 be removed, agitation, fear

7667 a solution of a dream, ruin, a fracture,

breaking, hurt, breaching, broken, bruise, destruction

7489 to make or be good for nothing; breaking down into pieces; to spoil; bring down; displease; bring down evil; do harm, hurt, mischief;

1766 oppress

7492 break or dash into pieces

7114 harvestman, curtail, to harvest, (Judges 16:16) cut down, much discouraged, grieve, loathe, mourn, reap, trouble

7561 be wrong, disturb, violate, condemn, make trouble

3334 to press, be narrow, be in distress

4843 to be or make bitter, grieved

6687 to overflow

6087 to carve, fabricate, anger, to fashion, to wrong, pain

Strong's New Testament

1139 to be exercised by a demon

3958 a sensation or impression (usually

painful), passion

3791 to mob or harass

3238 rage or be violent

2669 labor down or oppress

928 to torture

13: Warfare Prayers

WARFARE PRAYERS

THE CHRISTIAN'S POWER OF ATTORNEY

“For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: for the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;” (**II Corinthians 10:3,4**)

It is essential to believe the gospel and everything it teaches for believers (**2 Timothy 3:16-17**).

Repentance and renunciation of all sin and wrongdoing is another requirement (**Acts 26:18; 2 Corinthians 6:17**).

Obedience to the gospel and seeking for enduement of power (**Luke 11:13; 24:49; Acts 1:4-15; 2:38-39; 5:32**).

Surrender to God, walk and live in the Spirit (**Romans 8:1-2, 8-10, 13-16; Galatians 5:16-26; Colossians 3:17**).

Learn to pray in faith (**James 1:5-8; Hebrews 11:6**).

Believe in your mission in life as a representative of God (**Acts 1:8**). Know your position in Christ (**Ephesians 2:6**).

Learn to use the name of Jesus in accordance with the Word of God (**Acts 3:16; 4:12; John 14:12-15; 16:23-26; Colossians 3:17; John 15:7-16; 13:35**).¹³

PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOR YOUR PASTOR

“I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and

honesty.” **(I Timothy 2:1,2)**

Father, in the name of Jesus, we pray and confess that the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon {Name pastor.}; the spirit of Wisdom and Understanding, the spirit of Counsel and Might, and the spirit of Knowledge.

We pray that as Your Spirit rests upon {Pastor}, it will make him of quick understanding because You, Lord, have anointed and qualified him to preach the Gospel.

You have sent {Pastor} to bind up and heal the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the physical and spiritual captives and to open the eyes and the prison for those who are bound. {Pastor} shall be called the priest of the Lord; people will speak of him as a minister of God. He shall eat the wealth of the nations, and the glory shall be the Lord's.

We pray and believe that no weapon which is formed against {Pastor} shall prosper and that any tongue that rises against him in judgement shall be shown to be in the wrong. We pray that You prosper {Pastor} abundantly, Lord - spiritually, physically and financially.

We confess that {Pastor} holds fast and follows the pattern of wholesome and sound teaching, in all

faith and love in Christ Jesus. {Pastor} lovingly guards and keeps the Truth which has been entrusted to him by the Holy Spirit.

Lord, we pray that each day freedom of utterance will be given {Pastor}; that he will speak boldly and courageously. Thank you for the extra strength that You have given him.

We hereby confess that we shall stand behind {Pastor} and undergird him in prayer. We will say only those good things which will edify {Pastor}.

We will not allow ourselves to judge him but will continue to intercede for him, speaking and praying blessings upon him in the name of Jesus. Thank You, Jesus, for the answers.

HOW TO GET CONTROL OF YOUR MIND

The battlefield is your mind. Either you control and protect your mind, or the devil will control all or part of it. The Scriptures say that you can keep the devil out. You can do the following:

- a) Protect your mind (**Ephesians 6:17**).
- b) Protect your children's minds (**1 Corinthians 7:14; John 17:12; Isaiah 54:13; Ephesians 6:11**).

c) Protect the minds of the newly delivered (**Ephesians 6:18; Romans 8:26-27**).

Work at taking authority by using these steps:

(1) You must become a believer, for these promises are only valid for believers (**John 14:12; Mark 16:17**).

(2) Break the bondage of Satan over the aware and unaware mind. Command that all bonds of serpents, chains, cords, metal, etc. be cut off and removed in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Call for the Heavenly Father to send angels with swords to do this (**Hebrews 1:14; Leviticus 26:13; Isaiah 28:22; Job 38:31**).

(3) Daily recite renunciation and warfare prayers, and consistently break evil soul ties and curses. Daily break away from all mind-altering medicines such as Valium, Librium, tranquilizers, barbiturates, Benzedrine, sleeping pills, etc.

(4) Keep a right attitude toward deliverance; stay ready at all times to receive more. Any doubt, care, or worry could be a flaw in your protective armor (**Luke 8:14**).

(5) Cast your fears upon Him. Name each one or family groups such as: Forgetfulness,

Curses, Vows, Anxiety, Confusion, Envy, Jealousy, Gossip, Compromise, Cravings, Addictions, Mind Control, etc. (**Mark 16:17; Philippians 4:4-8**).

(6) Salvation means being saved or delivered out of Satan's control. **Romans 10:10** states that we actually set ourselves free as we confess with our mouths and believe in our hearts the truth of God's Word. This is by faith which "cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God." (**Romans 10:17; Philippians 2:12; Ephesians 6:17**).

(7) Hope within the believer is an inner uplift of optimism which comes from knowing that we are seated in the heavenlies with the Father, through Christ. Because of Christ's conquering power in us, we can defeat and eliminate every care and worry. It is because of this confidence that we are complete in Him (**1 Thessalonians 5:8; Ephesians 2:6; Colossians 2:9-10**).

(8) Now you can control your mind by bringing every thought into captivity, accepting the good ones and rejecting those from the devil (**2 Corinthians 10:5**).

MIND CONTROL RENUNCIATION

Satan, I put you and your demons on notice that I do now renounce any and all legal holds or grounds which spirits of Mind Control may have on me. In the Name of Jesus Christ, I renounce every contact with Mind Control which I know about and also those I do not know about.

Specifically, I renounce any Mind Control holds or evil soul ties on me from the following people: {Mention names of family members, past/present friends or acquaintances, doctors, psychologists, psychiatrists, psychics, religious leaders, preachers, etc.}.

I also renounce any and all Mind Control manipulations which I may have exercised, knowingly or unknowingly, toward {names of family members, children, past/present friends, acquaintances, etc.}.

I do now renounce any and all Mind Control holds or ties from any groups or organizations (occult, witchcraft, karate, transcendental meditation, yoga groups, cults or churches teaching false doctrines and individual musicians or groups). I claim my freedom from all these things, in the name of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, because of His

resurrection victory over all the power of the enemy.

GENERAL CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, I believe that You are the Son of God, the Messiah Who came in the flesh to destroy the works of the devil. You died on the cross for my sins and rose again from the dead.

I now confess all my sins and repent. I claim forgiveness and cleansing (**1 John 1:9**). I believe that Your blood cleanses me now from all sin. Thank You for redeeming me, cleansing me, justifying me and sanctifying me in Your blood.

DEMON WARFARE SCRIPTURES IN PSALMS

Psalms 5:9,10 For there is no faithfulness in their mouth; their inward part is very wickedness; their throat is an open sepulchre; they flatter with their tongue. Destroy thou them, O God; let them fall by their own counsels; cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions; for they have rebelled against thee.

Psalms 11:6 Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest: this shall be the portion of their cup.

Psalm 18:14,17,39,45 Yea, he sent out his arrows, and scattered them; and he shot out lightnings, and discomfited them. (17) He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from them which hated me: for they were too strong for me. (39) For thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle: thou hast subdued under me those that rose up against me. (45) The strangers shall fade away, and be afraid out of their close places.

Psalm 27:11 Teach me thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies.

Psalm 35:1-8 (1) Plead my cause, O Lord, with them that strive with me: fight against them that fight against me. (2) Take hold of shield and buckler, and stand up for mine help. (3) Draw out also the spear, and stop the way against them that persecute me: say unto my soul, I am thy salvation. (4) Let them be confounded and put to shame that seek after my soul: let them be turned back and brought to confusion that devise my hurt. (5) Let them be as chaff before the wind: and let the angel of the Lord chase {them}. (6) Let their way be dark and slippery: and let the angel of the Lord persecute them. (7) For without cause have they hid for me their net in a pit, which without cause they have digged for my soul. (8) Let destruction come upon him at unawares; and let his net that he hath hid catch himself: into that very

destruction let him fall.

Psalms 52:5 God shall likewise destroy thee for ever, he shall take thee away, and pluck thee out of thy dwelling place, and root thee out of the land of the living. Selah.

Psalms 60:12 Through God we shall do valiantly: for he it is that shall tread down our enemies.

Psalms 66:3 Say unto God, How terrible art thou in thy works! through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies submit themselves unto thee.

Psalms 68:35 O God, thou art terrible out of thy holy places: the God of Israel is he that giveth strength and power unto his people. Blessed be God.

Psalms 70:1 Make haste, O God, to deliver me; make haste to help me, O Lord.

Psalms 71:13 Let them be confounded and consumed that are adversaries to my soul; let them be covered with reproach and dishonour that seek my hurt.

Psalms 76:12 He shall cut off the spirit of princes: he is terrible to the kings of the earth.

Psalms 118:10,12 All nations compassed me about: but in the name of the Lord will I destroy them. (12) They compassed me about like bees: they are quenched as the fire of thorns: for in the name of the Lord I will destroy them.

Psalms 149:8,9 To bind their kings with chains,

and their nobles with fetters of iron; (9) To execute upon them the judgment written: this honour have all his saints. Praise ye the Lord.

GOING TO WAR

Heavenly Father, I bow in worship and praise before You. I cover myself with the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ as my protection. I surrender myself completely and unreservedly, in every area of my life, to you. I stand against all the work of Satan which would hinder me in my prayer life.

I address myself only to the true and living God and refuse any involvement with Satan in my prayer. Satan, I command you, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, to depart from me with all your demons.

I bring the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ between us. I resist every effort of Satan and his wicked spirits to confuse and block me from the will of God. I choose to be transformed by the renewing of my mind. I pull down all strongholds of Satan, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

DECLARATION OF FAITH

I come to You, Lord Jesus, as my Deliverer. You know all my problems {name them}; all the things

that bind, torment, defile, and harass me.

I now loose myself from every dark spirit, every evil influence, every satanic bondage, and from every spirit in me which is not a spirit of God. I command all such spirits to leave me now, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Through the blood of Jesus, I am redeemed out of the hand of the devil. Through the blood of Jesus, all my sins are forgiven. The blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, is cleansing me now from all sin.

Through the blood of Jesus, I am justified, made righteous, just as if I had never sinned. Through the blood of Jesus, I am sanctified, made holy, set apart for God.

My body is a temple for the Holy Spirit--redeemed, cleansed, sanctified by the blood of Jesus. I belong to the Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son - body, soul and spirit.

His blood protects me from all evil. Because of the blood of Jesus, Satan has no more power over me, no more place in me. I renounce him and his hosts completely and declare them to be my enemies. Jesus said, "And these signs shall follow them that believe: In My name shall they cast out devils." **(Mark 16:17).**

I am a believer; and in the name of Jesus Christ, I exercise my authority and expel all evil spirits. I

command them to leave me now according to the Word of God and in the name of Jesus Christ.

I place the blood of the Lord Jesus on our doorposts (**Exodus 12:13**). I draw the bloodline of Jesus around all of our possessions and properties (**Joshua 2:18**). I sprinkle (**Exodus 24:8; 29:20,21; Leviticus 1:5; 4:6**) or place the blood of Jesus upon my family and myself.

BINDING & LOOSING SPIRITS

In the name of Jesus Christ, I bind the rulers, strongmen, doorkeepers and all connected, related and resulting demons of witchcraft; Satan worship; human and animal sacrifice; black magic; witchcraft control; mind control; mind occult and the occult of, over, in and working in and through the world, the United States, each state, county, city, township, suburb, street, neighborhood, block, home and church.

Upon and into all of Satan's children partaking of and planning these wicked and evil practices I loose, in the name of Jesus, spirits of **Confusion, Forgetfulness, Destruction; also spirits of Salvation, Adoption as Children of God (Romans 8:15) and Deliverance.**

I ask you, Father, to put a special covering of

warrior angels over each ceremony, coven, witch and warlock, so that no curse or demon can emerge or be sent. In the name of Jesus, I return to the senders all curses and demons that they already have sent or will attempt to send.

Father, I ask that You send special angels to protect (**Exodus 8:22-23**), hide and put a hedge around (**Job 1:10; Hosea 2:6**) all of your children who are in the deliverance ministry. I also ask for angels to protect all the people and animals that would be sought out to be sacrificed or to be cursed.

LOOSING PEOPLE'S FINANCES

In the name of Jesus, I cut Satan, his demons and all curses loose from me, my family or friends. I command you Satan and any or all evil spirits, to loose me and my family and to restore all the things you have stolen from us (happy marriages, finances, jobs, families, ministries) in Jesus name.

I command you to stop robbing us of our finances, our blessings and we rebuke you from trying to block God's perfect will for our lives. I refuse to allow you to steal anything else from us in Jesus name. I break any and all curses of poverty that may be upon me or my family line. I repent of any sins that may have opened the door to you or

your demons in Jesus name.

I command you to loose all natural resources, land, animals, money, the finances of people who owe us money, and all the things you have stolen from us that are ours through the blessings of Jesus. I ask you, Lord, to send Your angels to bring these things back to us.

Loosing Confusion on the Enemy

In the name of Jesus, I loose upon Satan, his headquarters, strongholds, orders, plans, curses and demons, the curses of the Midianites (**Judges 7:22**), Ammonites, Moabites and Edomites (**2 Chronicles 20**). Let panic, frustration, havoc, confusion, pandemonium, disasters, chaos, destruction upon each other; and the hornets of the Lord descend upon them (**Exodus 23:28; Deuteronomy 7:20**).

May the wrath, hatred, anger, terror, fear and finger of God (**Luke 11:20**), the burning judgment and warring angels, spirits and the Word of God prevent Satan's orders from being carried out, that the perfect will of God be done.

We bind and cast out the demons in us and replace them with the spirits of God and His Word. Especially, we ask that the demonic strongmen or rulers in us and our churches be replaced with agape love (**Luke 11:24-26**); that all demonic doorkeepers

be replaced with joy, and that we have peace in abundance.

CIVIL WAR IN SATAN'S KINGDOM (Matthew 12:22-32; Mark 3:20-30; Luke 11:14-23)

In the name of Jesus Christ, we command Satan's demons to fight against and destroy each other. Specifically, we command all marriage and family hindering, delaying, preventing, destroying and breaking demons to attack the spirits of Ahab and Jezebel.

We command the spirits of power and control to attack the spirits of pornography and Eros; the spirits of violence and torture to attack all the spirits of human subjection, degradation and submission.

We command the spirits of riches and wealth by greed to attack the spirits of lust for one world rulership, currency, and total control of the world system; the spirits of anti-capitalism, rebellion against free enterprise, strike and work stoppage to attack the spirits of poverty, hatred for believers, anti-Americanism and human bondage.

Let the spirits of war between the nations, destruction, hatred and anger attack the spirits of political and spiritual blindness, rage, mockery,

vengeance, evil political science and influence, Illuminati and Communism.

Let the spirits of Antichrist, 666 and false religions attack the spirits of Roman Catholicism, and Masonry, the spirits of infirmities, sicknesses, weaknesses, deformities and accidents. Let them attack the spirits of alcohol, drugs, nicotine, bad nutrition and abortion. Let them destroy the spirits of mind control and darkness and attack the spirits of Leviathan and pride.

Heavenly Father, we ask You to loose burning, judgment and destruction upon all disobedient and reluctant spirits that fail to follow these commands promptly.

LOOSING ANGELS AND THE WORD

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I loose into my family and myself the angels of God to fight our battles in the heavenlies. Let them guard us from Satan and all his hosts who would have us believing and agreeing with lies. We bind all deception within us to prevent any more from getting through to us. Lord, minister to our needs.

Upon all fears I loose perfect, agape, true, pure love; the love of God and our love for each other (1

John 4:18); power (**2 Timothy 1:7**); sound mind; and self-control.

Upon our minds and all deceiving spirits I loose knowledge, revelation and understanding (**John 8:32**); wisdom (**Job 20:3**); truth (**Exodus 28:3**; **Ephesians 1:17**); diligent searching (**John 14:17**; **1 John 4:6**); freedom (**Psalms 77:6**); and deliverance (**Psalms 51:12**; **77:6**).

Upon all marriage and family destroying spirits I loose God's family protecting angels (**Genesis 24**).

Upon rejection I loose the love of the brethren (**1 John 3:14**); acceptance in the beloved (**Ephesians 1:6**); the acceptance of God and the approval of men (**Romans 14:18**); adoption as children of God.

Upon all Ahab and Jezebel spirits I loose spirits of Elijah (**1 Kings 17-21**; **Luke 1:17**), Jehu (**2 Kings 9**), the hounds of heaven (**2 Kings 9:36**). I also loose upon us spirits of aggressiveness (**Mark 11:22-26**); boldness; zealousness; willingness (**Matthew 26:41**); readiness (**Mark 14:38**); service; fairness; honesty; obedience; creativity; ingeniousness; inventiveness; retentive mind (**Proverbs 8:22**); maturity; purity; holiness; righteousness; guileless (**Psalms 51:10**); excellent (**Proverbs 17:27**; **Daniel 6:3**); praise (**Isaiah 61:3**); thankfulness; worship (**John 4:24**); singing (**1 Corinthians 14:15**); prayer (**1 Corinthians 4:21**); quiet (**1 Peter 3:4**);

constraining (**Job 32:18**); contrite (**Psalms 34:18**); broken (**Psalms 51:17**); judgment (**Isaiah 4:4; 28:6**); repentance; conviction (**Isaiah 57:15; 66:2**); and all the fruits (**Galatians 5:22-23**)-- love, joy, peace, patience and longsuffering (**Ecclesiastes 7:8**); gentleness, kindness, goodness, faithfulness (**Proverbs 11:12**), meekness (**1 Corinthians 4:21; Galatians 6:1**) humility (**Proverbs 16:19; 29:23; Isaiah 57:15**), temperance, self-control and all of the gifts of the Holy Spirit (**1 Corinthians 12:8-10**)-- wisdom, knowledge, faith (**2 Corinthians 4:13**), prophecies, healings, miracles (**Revelation 19:10**), tongues and interpretation of tongues, discernment of spirits.

We ask all this to help us become more like Jesus and to prepare us for our marriages, families and ministries. We also loose each person's angels (**Matthew 18:10**), grace, mercy, supplication (**Zechariah 12:10**), life, health, healing, restoration, well-being and life-giving spirits (**2 Corinthians 2:6; Revelation 11:11**), Counsel and skill to rule, might and strength (**Luke 1:80**), reverence for the Lord (**Isaiah 11:2**), the seven spirits of God (**Revelation 1:4; 3:1; 4:5; 5:6**), quickening (**John 6:63**), success, victory, profit, prosperity, abundance, plenty. (Loose the opposite of the demons and add any others which the Holy Spirit brings to your

mind.)

RESTORING THE FRAGMENTED SOUL

(Psalm 23)

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I break all bondage over my conscious and unconscious mind. I send out God's angels to gather all portions of my soul that have been removed by witchcraft, Communism, Masonry, Catholicism, false religions, rock music, drugs and any other means (and replaced by demons to control me) to be restored to me (**Psalm 7:1-5; 23:3; 35:15-17; Job 33:10-33; Ezekiel 13:17-23**).

Heavenly Father, I break and renounce all evil soul ties that I have ever had or may have had with: {name any lodges, adulterers, close friends, husbands, wives, engagements, cults, binding agreements between buddies, etc.}. I renounce these evil soul ties, break them and declare them destroyed by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

In the name of Jesus Christ, I now renounce, break and loose myself from all demonic subjection to my mother, father, grandparents or any other human being, living or dead, who has dominated me

in any way which is contrary to the will of God. I thank you, Lord, for setting me free.

I command the demons to be bound and cast out. I ask You, Heavenly Father, to send angels to uncoil, untangle, dig out, break, cut, sever off and remove all demons and demonic roots, fetters, bands, ties, bonds, coils, tangles, serpents, cords, metals, wires, hairs and webs.

Father, I ask that the angels gather and restore the fragments of my {or other name} soul (mind, will, emotions) to their rightful place in me {or other}. In the name of the Lord Jesus, I ask for angels to unearth and break all earthen vessels and to cut bonds, bands and bindings that have been put upon my {or other} soul, willingly or without my knowledge.

I ask that the angels free my {or other} soul from all bondage by whatever means is required. I agree and declare, Father, that the power of the Lord Jesus Christ is all-powerful and effective to do this. I ask this that my soul might fully magnify and glorify the Lord.

FORGIVENESS PRAYER

Lord, I have a confession to make; I have not loved but have resented certain people who have hurt

or disappointed me, and I have held unforgiveness in my heart. I call upon You, Lord, to help me forgive them.

I do now forgive {name them, both living and dead} and ask You to forgive them also and bless them, Lord. I do now forgive and accept myself, in the name of Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OF REFUSAL AGAINST SATAN

Lord Jesus, I pray for myself and my family {name them}. I commit our lives to You totally (bodies, souls and spirits). I ask that You bend, break and mold us to make us into the persons that You want us to be.

Satan, I come against you and all your hosts; I reject and refuse all the snares, pits and traps you have set up to draw us away from the Lord Jesus Christ and deliverance. I rebuke, reject, renounce and resist you and your hosts, Satan, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Father, I ask for Your best in our lives today, that Your will and purpose be done in and through us. I also ask that everything which comes today will be used to keep us in Your perfect will as yielded vessels for Your work. May we bring honor, praise, glory,

blessing and joy to You today.

STUBBORNNESS, REBELLION & UNBELIEF

Heavenly Father, I come to You now for myself and my family. We have been rebellious, disobedient, stubborn, obstinate, ungrateful and many other things which you have forbidden in Your Word.

We do now renounce and forsake these sins and ask to receive forgiveness and deliverance, in Jesus' name, from these and all connected, related and resulting demons.

Father, I renounce unbelief, doubt, lies, and fear. I ask forgiveness for these and bind and cast them out of us. I ask You to replace them with spirits of truth, faith, trust and confidence in You and help us to have contentment, peace and rest in You.

TAKING GROUNDS FROM THE ENEMY

I take authority over every foul demon spirit, in the name of Jesus Christ. You have no legal right or grounds to reside in this body. Jesus Christ obtained an order of eviction 2,000 years ago at Calvary for you. It is written and signed by the Lord Jesus Christ in His blood.

I ask my Father in heaven, by His Son, Jesus Christ, to send angelic sheriffs to execute this order of eviction. You must vacate God's property now or be forcibly removed. This is the only warning you will receive.

In the name of Jesus Christ, I break curses on both sides of our families, back to Adam and Eve, which would interfere with our future happy marriages, families, descendants and ministries. I specifically break any curses of illegitimacy which may be on me or my family, back to ten generations on both sides of the family. I destroy every legal hold, ground and right that demons have to work in our lives. I bind and command all connected, related and resulting demons to leave me now (**Galatians 3:13; Colossians 2:14-15**).

BLOCKING TRANSFERENCE OF SPIRITS

In the name of Jesus, I forbid and block for myself and my family all Satanic and demonic activity in our lives; all harming and hurting; all lying and deceiving; all manifesting and influencing; all transference of evil spirits; and all thought, communication, advice, control, power and strength between the demons in us with each other, between

the demons in us with those in the heavenlies and in other people.

BREAKING CURSES

In the name of Jesus Christ, I now rebuke, break and loose myself and my family from any and all evil curses, fetishes, charms, vexes, hexes, spells, every jinx, all psychic powers, sorcery, bewitchments, enchantments, witchcraft, love potions and psychic prayers which have been put upon us, back to ten generations on both sides of the family.

I break and loose myself from any connected or related spirits from any person or persons or from any occult or psychic source. I ask You, Heavenly Father, to return them to the senders now! (**Genesis 12:3,28; 27:29; Deuteronomy 30:7; Psalm 109:17-19**). Let him that loves cursing receive it unto himself (**Psalm 109**).

PSYCHIC HEREDITY AND BONDAGE

In the name of Jesus, I now renounce, break, free and loose myself and my family from all psychic heredity, demonic holds, psychic powers and bondage of physical and mental illnesses, family and

marital and other curses upon us, back to ten generations on both sides of our families, resulting from sins, transgressions, iniquities, occult and psychic involvements of myself, my parents and any other ancestors of mine or my spouse, any and all ex-spouses, their parents, or any of their ancestors.

PARTIAL OCCULT LIST

“Luck” or “wish” (using these words, or good luck charms; the word “luck” comes from the word Lucifer - Satan; all blessings come from God and all prayers, not wishes, should be directed to God); horseshoes; wishing on a star; four-leaf clover; rabbit’s foot; blowing out birthday candles and making a wish; breaking a “wishbone”;

Martial Arts; biorhythm and feedback; iridology (fortune-telling by the iris of eyes); reflexology; palm reading; acupuncture and acupressure; “games” such as the Ouija board, Kabala, 8-ball, Dungeons & Dragons (used for advanced training of witches);

Tarot cards; psychometry (divination by objects); astral projection; Eckankar; out-of-body travel; seances; spirit guides or counselors; Edgar Cayce; Jean Dixon; Mind Control; witchcraft; extrasensory perception; hypnosis; metaphysics; Transcendental meditation; reincarnation; spiritualism; false religions;

Drugs (tranquilizers, pain relievers, etc. that do not heal but only hide the damage the demons are doing - both prescription and illegal drugs); yoga; incense; rock music;

Pendulum swinging; false cults; automatic handwriting analysis; pierced ears and earrings; horoscope; signs of the Zodiac; astrology; birthstones; voodoo; all kinds of magic; levitation; ventriloquism;

Table tipping; water witching (dowsing or divining, also used to find other things); tea leaf reading; secret organizations (Masons, blood brothers, fraternities, etc.); crystal ball; phrenology (fortune-telling by bumps on the head); dolls; etc.

RENUNCIATION OF THE OCCULT

Thank you, Lord Jesus, for dying for my sins, for your glorious resurrection, and for making me a new creature in Christ by faith in Your precious blood.

Dear Lord, I confess that in the past, through ignorance, stupidity or willfulness, I have sought supernatural experiences apart from You. I have disobeyed Your Word (**Deuteronomy 17:2-5; 18:10-12**) and ask You to help me as I renounce all these things.

Lord, cleanse me in body, mind, soul and spirit.

Satan, I am closing any door which I may have opened to you and your demons through contacts with the occult.

I renounce all contact with witchcraft, magic, Ouija boards and other occult games.

I renounce all kinds of fortune telling, palm reading, tea leaf readings, crystal balls, Tarot and other card playing, all astrology, birth signs and horoscopes.

I renounce the heresy of reincarnation and all healing groups involved in metaphysics and spiritualism.

I renounce all rock music, including acid, hard and Jesus rock.

I renounce all yoga, transcendental meditation, Zen and all eastern cults and religious idol worship.

I renounce all forms of the martial arts, including Judo, Kung Fu and Karate.

I renounce all water witching or dowsing, levitation, table tipping, body lifting, psychometry (divination through objects), automatic handwriting and handwriting analysis.

I renounce all literature I have ever read and studied in all of these fields and vow I will destroy such books in my possession (**Deuteronomy 7:26; Acts 19:19**).

I renounce astral projection, soul and out-of-body

travel and other demonic skills.

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I renounce all psychic heredity that I may have and break any demonic hold on my family line, back to ten generations on both sides of the family.

I do now renounce and forsake every psychic and occult contact that I know about and those which I do not know about.

I renounce every cult that denies the blood of Jesus Christ and every philosophy which denies the deity of the Lord Jesus.

Lord, I confess seeking from Satan the help that should have only come from God. I confess as sin {name all occult contacts and occult sins committed} and also those occult sins I cannot remember.

Lord, I now repent and renounce all these sins and ask You to forgive me (**I John 1:9**). I renounce Satan and all his works. I hate all of his demons; I count them my enemies. In the name of Jesus Christ, I now close the door on all occult practices and command all such spirits to leave me, in the name of Jesus Christ.¹⁸

RENUNCIATION OF ROMAN CATHOLIC CURSES

I do now break all curses and judgments put on

me, or my ancestors, from prayers or the rite of excommunication from the Roman Catholic Church, back to ten generations on both sides of my family.

I break all curses put upon me or my family because of my turning to Christ and coming out of the Babylonian system. I renounce and break any and all legal rights that the Roman Catholic Church has on me because of the sacrament of baptism, infant or adult. I claim **Galatians 3:13 and Colossians 2:14**.

Any curses put on me by the Roman Catholic church for denying all idolatrous and witchcraft practices I do now break and send back to the senders (**Psalm 109**).

I do now break any oath or promise I made while a member of the Roman Catholic Church which would allow any demonic attacks from Satan on me or my family.

I break any curses put on me or my family because of receiving any of the sacraments: Penance, Holy Eucharist, Confirmation, Extreme Unction, Matrimony, or Holy Orders. I break all ungodly soul ties with any Roman Catholics whether they be family members, friends or clergy.

I do now specifically break any curse of Death, Destruction, Illness, Infirmary, Blindness, Crippling, Heart Disease, Cancer, Leprosy, Blood Disease,

Deformity, Insanity, Madness, Murder, Hate, Rage, Religious Pride, Legalism, Double mindedness, Spirit of Pharisees, Moloch, Poverty, Contention. I break any curses put on my family or me, which were pronounced by the Council of Trent against all heretics and schismatics.

I break all curses on my body, mind and emotions, especially all spirits of Fear: Fear of Death, Fear of Roman Catholic clergy, Priests, Nuns, Loss of Salvation, etc.

I also break any curse of “good works.” I confess the sins of my fathers (**1 John 1:9**) which may have brought the curse of the Vagabond (returning evil for good) on my family line.

I break all religious curses on my family and me and any curses of murder connected with the killing of heretics (Christians). I break all curses of witchcraft coming from the Roman Catholic Church and send them back to the sender.

RENUNCIATION OF PRIDE

“A haughty look, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood; a heart that devises wicked imaginations; feet that are swift in running to mischief; a false witness that speaketh lies; and he that sows discord among brethren are seven

things that the Lord hates and are an abomination unto God.” (**Proverbs 6:16**)

Father, I renounce these and turn away from them. I humble myself before You and come as a little child. I renounce unbelief and doubt as sin and ask you to forgive me for entertaining them.

RENUNCIATION OF SEXUAL SINS

Heavenly Father, I come to you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the Son of God who takes away the sin of all those who repent and confess Him as Lord. The blood of Christ cleanses me from all sin. I claim freedom from all filth of a sexual nature which came through my eyes, my ears, my mind or through actual participation in sin.

In particular I confess the following: all preoccupation with sensual desires and appetites and indulgences of them; all longing and ardent desire for what is forbidden (evil concupiscence); all inordinate affection; all unnatural and unrestrained passions and lusts; all promoting or partaking of that which tends to produce lewd emotions and foster sexual sin and lust.

I further confess all filthy communications, obscene and filthy language, conversation and jokes,

lewd and obscene music, poetry, literature and art; all pornography, all acts of sodomy, adultery, immorality, fornication, oral sex, masturbation, effeminacy and homosexuality.

I also confess all affection for and attachment to philosophies, religions, and lifestyles which glorify, promote and condone sexual conduct in thought, word and deed, which is contrary to the standard set for believers in the Bible.

I further renounce the expression of these philosophies, religions and lifestyles in art, literature, mass media and public practices and attitudes. Lord, I ask that Your Spirit reveal other sexual offenses in my life that I have committed.

Father, I confess and renounce all occult involvement, both known and unknown, by me or my ancestors. I hate Satan, his demons and all his works. I count all that offends you, Father, as my enemy (**Psalm 139:21-24**).

Your Word declares, "In My name shall they cast out devils...." (**Mark 16:17**) and "I give you power.... over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you," (**Luke 10:19**). Jesus came "...that He might destroy the works of the devil," and "to turn them {men} from the power of Satan unto God. ..." (**I John 3:8; Acts 26:18**).

I accept these promises and, in Jesus' name, command Satan and all of his hosts of evil spirits to come out of me - body, mind and soul. Especially, I renounce the following spirits of sexual sin. {Give the names of specific sexual sins you have committed.}

I also renounce the Prince of Occult Sex and command all of his demons to leave me now, in the name of Jesus Christ my Savior.

Christ was made a curse on the cross for me (Galatians 3:13) and blotted out the handwriting of ordinances against me (Colossians 2:14). I declare all curses over my life, whether through my own sins or those of my ancestors, to be broken, particularly in the area of sexual sin and occult involvement. I claim freedom from all curses which have been placed upon me, in the name of Jesus Christ.

I hereby reclaim all ground that I have ever given to Satan in body, mind, soul, or spirit. I dedicate it to you, dear Lord, to be used for Your glory alone. I want You to control and empower every area of my life, including all my sexual powers, that from now on they might be used according to Your will. I also now give to You my affections, emotions and desires and request that they might be motivated and controlled by Your Holy Spirit (**Romans 12:1, 2**).
Amen

FREEDOM FROM INORDINATE AFFECTIONS

After we come to Christ as Savior, we need to carefully check our former friends and associates. Where there have been wrong activities, a confession of actions, thoughts, desires and attitudes as sins is necessary, claiming forgiveness and cleansing (**1 John 1:9**). Many, if not all, of these friendships and alliances will have to be renounced.

Inordinate affections include close friendships outside of the Lord Jesus Christ, involving affections, heterosexual or homosexual contacts and fellowship in other sinful practices.

All former friendships and ties were after the flesh (**2 Corinthians 5:16**), and the fleshly or carnal mind is at enmity with God. It is not, nor can it ever be, subject to God (**Romans 8:7**). Remember, if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away, and all things are become new (**2 Corinthians 5:17**).

To break ungodly connections with the past, this prayer will be helpful:

“Satan, in the name of Jesus, I come against the demon authorities who controlled and motivated my

relationship with {name friends} and break your power and authority over my life and affection, especially as related to him/her, by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. I remove myself from any authority you ever exercised over me.

“I renounce all such ties of affection and ask that the Lord Jesus help me to love him/her only with His agape love, in the bowels (affections) of Jesus Christ (Philippians 1:8). I give my affections (desires) completely to the Lord Jesus Christ for His use. Amen”

Note here that the true agape love for a former friend may, at this point, include staying away from him/her long enough for you to stabilize spiritually. Unsaved former friends will not understand your desire to follow the Lord. They may even resent it and attempt to pull away, enticing you to follow them into former habits of sin.

Remember who your first love is. His command is plain: “Come out from among them and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing...” (**2 Corinthians 6:17**)

When in doubt, consult with your pastor, parents or others with spiritual authority and/or wisdom about the advisability of continuing a former relationship.

If you invite a former friend to come to a church meeting or to fellowship with you where other Christians gather and he/she refuses, then part company with them. Be friendly but firm, for your Christian growth may well be at stake. If you do not become strong, you will never be able to help them. Continue to pray for them as the Lord reminds you of their need of Christ.

You can claim that God will bring him/her back across your path when you are stronger spiritually and when he/she is more interested in seriously seeking the Lord. Know that in the meantime, they will be watching your life to see if your life equals your profession. This is the most important testimony you will be able to give.

If your life does not bear witness, then your words will have little effect in turning them to Christ. You must renounce all pacts, covenants, promises and other binding allegiances to former friends in the world and break all curses which may have been incurred by such relationships or agreements. **Try this prayer:**

Having confessed my former relationship with {name} as sin because sinful practices were involved, I now break any curses which have come to me as a result of this association. Jesus became a

curse for me on the cross (**Galatians 3:13**) and blotted out the handwriting of ordinances which were against us (**Colossians 2:14**).

In the name of Jesus, I take authority over every demon who has inhabited my mind, will, emotions, body or spirit because of any friendship outside of Jesus Christ. I have confessed these relationships (with their activities, thoughts, desires and attitudes) as sin.

I have given my affections (desires) and body to the Lord Jesus Christ, and all curses are broken. By the authority of Jesus Christ (**Luke 10:19; Mark 16:17**) and by the power of the Holy Spirit (**Acts 1:8**), I command you all to leave now, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Bathe your emotions and mind in Scripture, praise, spiritual songs and pure and wholesome thoughts (**Ephesians 5:19,26; Psalm 34:1; Philippians 4:8**). Think about and walk in fellowship with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit (**I Thessalonians 5:17**). Pray with the understanding and in the Spirit (**Jude 20; 1 Corinthians 14:4**), especially when desires for former relationships press.

Resist the evil spirits by using Scripture as often as they suggest wrong desires or attitudes for former or new friends (**James 4:7**; see how Jesus handled

this in **Matthew 4**). Memorizing and meditating on Scripture can be an invaluable aid (**1 John 2:14**).

Fill your days with good hard work (**1 Thessalonians 4:11**); serve in the church and seek out Christian companions. Find those who have matured in the Lord and cultivate them to learn how to develop a Christ-like character.

Renounce and destroy all rock, melancholy and sensual music. Especially shun music which brings remembrance of former sinful pastimes and friends. We are highly susceptible to music, and its associations are powerful means of recall. Fill your life with music which promotes and deepens your growth and fellowship with the Lord. ²⁰

A PARENT'S PRAYER FOR CHILDREN

“And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the Word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them who are sanctified.” (**Acts 20:32**)

Dear Father, I come to You in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ to pray for my children; they are

Your inheritance and reward (**Psalms 127:3**).

I have placed my trust for salvation in the Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ; therefore, my children are clean and holy unto You (1 Corinthians 7:14).

As Job prayed for his children, I ask You to accept my prayer for mine; for it may be that they have sinned and cursed You in their hearts (Job 1:5).

I confess that I and my family have been slack in serving You joyfully and gladly for the abundance of all things (**Deuteronomy 28:47**). Please forgive us for our ingratitude. I now break all curses off myself and them of madness (**Deuteronomy 28:28**), oppression (v. 29), sickness (v. 22), being held captive by evil (v. 41), untimely death (v. 62), fear, trembling heart, sorrow of mind, restlessness and wandering (vv. 65 67).

You have fulfilled the covenant You promised by the blood Your Son shed (**Hebrews 10:12 24**). We thank You that You will never turn away from doing us good but will put Your fear in our hearts lest we depart from You (**Jeremiah 32:40**), that we may fear You forever for our good and the good of our descendants (**Jeremiah 32:39**).

By Your grace I fear You, giving my children a place of refuge (**Proverbs 14:26**). I listen to the words of Thy mouth (**Psalms 78:1**) and share them with my children, for they show Your strength and

wonderful works (**Psalm 78:4**).

Let my children set their hope in You, not forgetting Your works but keeping Your commandments (**v. 7**) lest they be a stubborn and rebellious generation (**v. 8**).

As a father (or parent) I shall make known Thy truth to my children (**Isaiah 38:19**). Your Spirit is upon me, and Your words shall not depart out of my mouth nor my descendants (**Isaiah 59:21**). Thank You for the promise to pour out Your spirit and blessings upon my offspring (**Isaiah 44:3**).

As You have promised, I declare now that my children shall be released from captivity. Please send angels now to deliver their bodies, minds, wills and emotions from the enemy. Contend with him that contends with me and save my children (**Isaiah 49:25; Hebrews 2:14, 15; I John 3:8**).

As David commanded Solomon, so I pray today that {names of the children} will know and serve You with a perfect heart and a willing mind. I loose Your grace on my children that they will seek and find You (**I Chronicles 28:9**).

According to Your purpose, You have given us to Christ Jesus before the world began (**II Timothy 1:9**), and we can receive Your Word (**Acts 20:19**).

I bind all evil spirits who would seek to conform me or any of my family to the world; I loose grace

on us to be transformed by the renewing of our minds (**Romans 12:2**). I also loose grace on each of us that we will be fully assured in our own minds of Your truth (**Romans 14:5**) -- not shaken in our minds (**2 Thessalonians 2:2**), not beguiled by Satan through his subtlety, nor have our minds corrupted from the simplicity, sincerity and singleness that is in Christ (**2 Corinthians 11:3**).

Father, I am jealous over my household with godly jealousy and have espoused them to the Lord Jesus Christ (**2 Corinthians 11:2**). I ask that you bind their feet to the paths of righteousness, and may they come to abhor the things of the world which allure them.

I ask for wisdom to correct and discipline my children. You have said that "The rod and reproof give wisdom but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame." (**Proverbs 29:15**) and "Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul" (**Proverbs 29:17**).

In this matter of discipline, I ask You turn my heart to my children and their hearts to me (**Malachi 4:6**). I bind all evil spirits who would try to block this.

I loose upon myself and my household the grace to be filled with the knowledge of Your will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding. Help us to

increase in godly knowledge of You.

Let us be strengthened with might, according to Your glorious power unto all long-suffering with joyfulness. We give thanks unto You for delivering us from the power of darkness into the Kingdom of Christ (**Colossians 1:9-14**).

In the name of my Savior, I loose all the judgments, found in Your Word, against Satan's host if they attempt to rob me or my family of any of our inheritance in Jesus Christ (**Romans 8:16,17; Acts 20:32; Acts 26:18; Ephesians 1:11; Colossians 1:12; 3:24**).

A YOUNG PERSON'S PRAYER

Father in heaven, I acknowledge Jesus Christ as my Savior. Remind me of any sins of which I need to repent and confess (**I John 1:9**). I forgive all the people who have hurt, harmed, or disappointed me in any way; and I ask You to bless them.

I want to obey You, Father, in all things. Please help me to submit to my parents' authority, according to Thy Word (**Luke 2:49**). You command me to obey my parents (**Ephesians 6:1; Colossians 3:20**). I understand that "to obey" in these verses means to listen attentively, to hearken, to conform to a command. In the name of Jesus, I bind evil spirits

who would try to prevent my hearing what is required of me.

In the name of the Jesus, I bind all pride, rebellion, stubbornness and self-will that would interfere with my obedience to You and my parents. I loose upon myself grace and wisdom to desire to obey You.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom (**Proverbs 9:10**), and fear of man bringeth a snare (**Proverbs 29:25**). I renounce and reject Satan and his host and all their plans to shorten my life or bring fear, confusion, bondage, or torment upon me.

I present myself as a living sacrifice to You, Lord, which is my reasonable service (**Romans 12:1**). Transform me by renewing my mind that I may know Your good and perfect will for me (**Romans 12:2**).

In the name of Jesus, I bind all evil spirits seeking to conform me to this world (**Romans 12:2**). I break all ungodly soul ties between myself and persons, places, things-- living, dead, real or imaginary.

I ask, Lord, that the angels retrieve and return parts of my soul which the enemy has taken from me by witchcraft, rock music, drugs, occult games, etc. (**Psalms 7:2; Ezekiel 13:18,20,22**).

Please forgive me for having been involved with things that You hate. In the name of Jesus, I close all

doors that I may have opened, knowingly and unknowingly. I take back all legal ground that Satan has to harass me.

I ask you to renew the spirit of my mind (**Ephesians 4:23**). I loose on myself the spirits of power, love, and a sound mind (**2 Timothy 1:7**). I also loose grace to gird up the loins of my mind (**1 Peter 1:13**) so I will fear You and hate evil (**Proverbs 8:13**).

Whoever hearkens to You shall dwell safely and be quiet from fear of evil (**Proverbs 1:33**). Open my ears and give me a listening heart as You gave to Solomon (**1 Kings 3:12**).

Heavenly Father, You are at work in me both to will and to do of Your good pleasure (**Philippians 2:13**), and I loose grace on myself to do all things without murmurings and disputings (**Philippians 2:14**). I put on humbleness of mind so that I will be teachable (**Colossians 3:12**). I loose upon myself a mind to work, as those who rebuilt Jerusalem's wall (**Nehemiah 4:6**).

ADOPTED CHILDREN AND THOSE INVOLVED IN FALSE RELIGIONS

As the head of your family, you have the spiritual authority over each member in it and are responsible

for them. God promises that your house is marked for salvation (**Acts 16:31**).

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I praise my Heavenly Father that He has entrusted to me my adopted child. {Give name.} I accept all responsibility that God places on me as a parent and priest of God in {name}'s life.

As a priest of God in my child's life, purchased by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, I here and now confess and renounce all the sins of {name} through his/her bloodline.

I declare to Satan and all of his forces that I now cover {name} with the protection of the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ and the work of the Holy Spirit.

As one who has authority over all powers of darkness through my union with the Lord Jesus Christ and who is seated with Him in heavenly places, I renounce any and every way in which Satan may claim ownership of {name}.

I pull down all blindness which Satan would put on {name's} eyes to keep him/her from understanding spiritual truth and growing to love and serve my Lord and Savior.

As the legal parent in the eyes of God and as a priest of God in {name}'s life, I cancel and take back all the ground given to Satan by his ancestors. I

claim that ground through the victory won over Satan, achieved by the Lord Jesus Christ in His redemptive work.

I cover all ground with His precious blood that Satan may have no claim against {name}. All of this I do in the name and authority of the Lord Jesus Christ and will accept in my child's life only that which comes by way of the cross and through God's grace.

LOOSING FROM FALSE RELIGIONS

In the name of Jesus Christ, I now renounce, break free, and loose myself and my family from all false religions, especially Roman Catholicism. I bind and cast out all connected and related spirits.

FALSE CULTS AND EASTERN RELIGIONS

As a priest of God in my child's life and purchased by the blood of Jesus Christ, I renounce and repudiate all the sins of my son/daughter, according to **1 John 5:16**.

I pull down all strongholds in which Satan has blinded the mind of {name} so that the gospel light cannot shine to them. I break the power of {name}

cult, false religion, etc.} over my child and ask You, Father, to loose a spirit of truth upon him/her.

I bind all spirits of Mind Control and psychic powers that may have my child's mind bound and ask, Father, that You send your ministering spirits to snip and break all bonds or fetters on {name}'s mind. I ask You to command light to shine into my child's heart. Also, give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God to my son/daughter (**2 Corinthians 4:6**).

In the name of Jesus Christ, I break and loose {name} from the curse of the law. I ask You, Father, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, to reveal to {name} the redemption that Jesus paid in full for him/her; and I thank You, Father and praise You for the immediate release of {name} from error and false religion.

TAKING AUTHORITY OVER OUR HOMES, BUSINESSES, ETC.

For myself, family and friends, in the name of Jesus Christ, I break all curses; I bind Satan and the rulers, strongmen, doorkeepers and evil spirits of, over, in and working through our entire lives and beings -- our bodies, souls, spirits, homes, schools, churches, jobs, possessions, properties, finances,

businesses and each president, owner, board of directors, employer, employee, treasurer, customer and the finances of these businesses.

In the name of Jesus, I break all curses and bind and cast Satan's spirits out of each category just named and especially from us all hindrances to spiritual growth, growth of our bodies (infirmities, sicknesses, weaknesses, deformities) and that of our souls (minds, wills, emotions).

PRAYER FOR OUR LEADERS

Lord, we pray that leaders who govern and judge unjustly will make many mistakes in decisions, especially involving world evangelism (**Psalms 109:29**); leaders who despise You will fall from power through improper advice and actions (**Psalms 5:10; 19:14**); leaders who are truly searching for understanding will find knowledge and wisdom in Your Word (**Proverbs 28:2**).

Let the leaders who live in darkness receive a personal message of Your love (**Psalms 52:15**). Cause leaders who live in war-torn nations to grow weary of continual bloodshed (**1 Kings 5:3-4**). Force leaders who lead corrupt governments to recognize their evil ways and turn to You. Cause leaders who boast of power to realize that their

earthly kingdom was given to them by God (**Daniel 2:19-22**).

BINDING THE STRONGMAN

Father, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and the authority You have given us (**Matthew 16:19; 18:18; Luke 10:19**), we now bind the strongman (**Luke 11:20-22**) over all evil spirit powers working in and through the following:

The Illuminati, Council of 13, the Rothchilds, the Rockefellers, the Bilderbergers, Trilateral Commission, Council on Foreign Relations, Federal Reserve System, Internal Revenue Service, United Nations, Socialism, Humanism, Liberalism, Communism, War, Invasion, Terrorism, Atheism, the Kremlin, Peking, Beijing,

Church of WICCA, all Satanist churches, the Roman Catholic Church, the Vatican, Babylon, the Pope, Beast and False Prophet, Antichrist, Hospitals, Prisons, One World Government, New Age Movement, International Monetary Fund, Witchcraft and Zodiac powers, World Council of Churches, Body of Christ, all True Believers, Israel, and Jerusalem.

We break all the curses, vexes, hexes and spells over the following people, places and institutions, in

the name of Jesus Christ:

The President; the Vice President; the Cabinet; all Senators and Representatives; the Supreme Court; all Federal Judges; the Pentagon; State Department; all the States; Governors; State Legislatures; Counties; Cities; Family; Businesses; Home and Possessions.

We bind all these evil spirit powers operating to control and subvert these and loose upon them the spirits of Burning, Destruction, Judgment and Confusion; and we loose Warrior Angels to attack and destroy them.

We also loose the ministering spirits of God on our loved ones, country, businesses, etc. We loose the spirits of Adoption, Grace and Supplication, Truth, Peace, Love, Joy, Sound Mind, Praise, Worship, Prayer, Holiness,

Obedience, Grace, Mercy, Conviction, Repentance, Deliverance and the seven spirits of God (Wisdom, Counsel, Understanding, Might, Knowledge, Fear of the Lord and the Spirit of the Lord).

PRAYER AGAINST THE NEW AGE MOVEMENT

Heavenly Father, in the name of the Lord Jesus

Christ, I bind and cast down the strongman and every stronghold of Satan over the New Age Movement.

I also bind and cast down all Principalities, Powers, Might, Kingdoms, Thrones, Dominions, Nobles, Princes, Kings, and Rulers of Darkness who are driving forces behind this evil movement.

In Jesus Christ's name, from my position in the third heaven, I bind and cast down all of the Ascended Masters and Spirit Guides.

Heavenly Father, I ask in Jesus' name that you instruct your angels to come by the legions to attack, bind and pull down the works of all of the Mind Control, Mind Occult and Mind Binding spirits.

In Jesus' mighty name, I rebuke, bind and cast down all evil spirits working through Witchcraft, Sorcery, Divination and Necromancy.

I rebuke, bind and cast down all spirits working through Eastern Mysticism, Reincarnation, Transcendental Meditation, Soul Travel, Martial Arts and Yoga, in the name of Jesus Christ.

I rebuke, bind and cast down all wicked spirits working through Mantras, Tantra, Maithuna, Hatha, Yoga, Mundra, Yantra, Ying-yang, in Jesus' name.

I bind, rebuke and cast down all the Familiar spirits which are being channeled through visualization, spirit guides, inner healing, ascended

masters, crystal helpers, bodiless spheres of light, dolphin deva and universal intelligence.

In the name of Jesus Christ I bind, rebuke, cast down and strip the powers from all of the New Age gods of Maitreya, Vishnu, Imam Mahad, “Christ” Sanat Kumara, Shiva and the Kundalini.

Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, I also come against, bind and cast down the following spirits who are being “channeled”:

Adept; Alexander; Alien Soul; Ascended Masters; Astar Command; Basher; Celestial Seed; Crystal Woman; Divine Flame Holder; Divine Counterpart; Djwal Khul; Dr. Peebles; El Morya;

Eleuthera; Enchantment; Enlightened Master; Emmanuel; Etherion; Fortuneteller; Global Dreamer; Goddess; Guru; Healer; High Priest, Hilarion; Holy One; Initiate; Jaguar Woman; Jason; “Jesus”; John; Jonah;

Konar; Kristos; Kuthumi; Lanto; Lazaris; Light Worker; Lilly; Maat; Mafu; Magician; Master R; Master; Medicine Woman; Medicine Man Sorcerer; Medicine Man; Mentor; Mystic; Mystical Traveler;

Old Chinese; Oracle; Orion; Power Woman; Prophet; Quan Yin; Ra; Ramtha; Saint; Sananda; Savant; Seer; Seth; Shaman; Shepherd; Soli; Soothsayer; Soul Projection; St. Germain; Star Seed; Rainbow Warrior; Sunat Kumara; The Michael Entity;

Visionary; Warlock; White Eagle; Witch Doctor; Witch; Wizard; Xax; Zosh.

Heavenly Father, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I pray for your will in putting a lying spirit (**I Kings 22:22, 23; II Chronicles 18:21, 22**) in the mouths of all the New Age prophets to bring utter confusion on the plans of the enemy.

For myself, Heavenly Father, I pray that you would give me wisdom and knowledge concerning what I can do to combat the New Age Movement and how to be an effective warrior and witness for Jesus Christ.

ASCENDED MASTERS OF THE NEW AGE MOVEMENT

An Ascended Master is defined by the New Age Movement as a highly evolved being who has progressed through all experiences that this planet can offer and no longer needs to incarnate. The writers of the New Age Movement state that the Masters of Wisdom already have evolved through the five inner experiences known as initiations. These so called Ascended Masters are in reality the Strong Man that can be bound in Jesus Name.

A Guru is simply a spiritual teacher and indicates no particular rank. Masters take a male body in their

last incarnation for energetic reasons, for there is no such thing as gender on the soul level. The first stage of the teaching, which reveals the existence of the Masters to the West, came through Helena Blavatsky. She was a co-founder of the Theosophical Society (Isis Unveiled and The Secret Doctrine). This teaching was to precede the advent of the New Age and pave the way for it.

The second phase of esoteric teachings was presented in Alice Bailey's books. She acted as the amanuensis for Master Djwhal Khul. As early as 1948, the imminent return of the Christ was foretold. After 1975 the Christ would be in the world.

The Women's Movement is said to have been inspired by the Hierarchy of Masters.

MASTERS OF WISDOM OR STRONG MEN

Master Jesus —This tremendously powerful ruling spirit IS the New Christ. He is the Strong Man over the Christian church. He and his operatives (demons) will try to establish heaven on earth through the Catholic Church, and the manifest sons of God, Reconstructionists, Word Faith and the Dominion Movements.

Master DK (Djwal Khul), also known as the Tibetan)—This evil spirit is responsible for the enormous educational effort through the writings and teachings of Alice Bailey.

English Master—This evil spirit reportedly resides in Britain and guides the Anglo-Saxon race and plans its future development. He sponsors the worldwide labor movement and is occupied with economic problems.

Master Hilarion (Saul of Tarsus), the apostle was an earlier incarnation)—This demon energizes psychic research everywhere. He and his minions started the Spiritualist movement.

Master KH (Koot Hoomi)-- He is the ruling spirit who will succeed the Lord Maitreya as the World Teacher in the future. He was involved with founding the Theosophical Movement.

Master Morya—This ruling spirit is one of the best known Masters of Wisdom. He works closely with Master KH. He inspires statesmen and works to carry out racial evolution.

Master R (Rakoczi) This ruling spirit works largely through esoteric rituals and ceremonies and carries out plans of the executive council of the Lodge.

Master P—This demon works under the Master R in North America and is connected with such

esoteric mental sciences as New Thought and Christian Science.

Master Serapis – This powerful demon is the energizing force behind the great art movements of the world, the evolution of music, painting and drama. At present, he works with the deva or angel evolution until their agency makes possible great revelations in the world of music and painting which lie immediately ahead.

PRAYERS AGAINST AHAB AND JEZEBEL

The name Jezebel has become synonymous with a strong, bossy female and a powerful witchcraft spirit who answers to that name. In the Old Testament, Queen Jezebel was an exceedingly evil and rebellious person who schemed to manipulate and control those around her. This was utilized to pacify the desires of her equally wicked husband, Ahab, who was a slovenly male and a slacker husband. He used raging tantrums, passivity and fits of pouting to get his own way.

The spirit of Jezebel manifests under other names: Queen of Heaven, Daughter of Babylon, Isis or various other mother-goddesses found in different mythologies. Powerful Rebellion against God makes

this demon a suitable companion to Antichrist, a spirit of lawlessness. Significantly, in Hebrew “Jezebel” means “priest of Baal,” not “priestess.” This indicates the spirit’s masculine tendencies influencing both sexes.

SAMPLE DELIVERANCE PRAYERS

Heavenly Father, in Jesus’ name, we ask that You send warrior angels to do battle for us. Thank You for Jesus’ precious blood, His resurrection and our authority in His name. May the Holy Spirit give us discernment and gifts to set the captive free.

In Jesus’ name, we block any and all transference of evil spirits. Heavenly Father, we ask that your angels block and remove any evil spirits assigned to hinder or interfere. We cut off all evil power directed toward us from witches or other such persons. Let each strongman present, all demonic doorkeepers and gatekeepers be bound. May all communication between enemy forces be disrupted and confusion be loosed on them.

“Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two edged sword in their hand; To execute vengeance upon the heathen, and

punishments upon the people; To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron; To execute upon them the judgment written: this honour have all his saints. Praise ye the Lord.” **(Psalm 149:6-9)**

As the Holy Spirit leads, some or all of the following spirits can be bound during deliverance sessions:

Passivity, Leviathan, Doubt, Unbelief, Confusion, Deception, Mind Control, Occult Mind Control (comes in with medication to empower other spirits).

We command that all evil spirits cast out must go wherever Jesus wants them to go and never return. May the Holy Spirit fill any vacancies left by evil spirits.

Jezebel, in Jesus’ name we attack and bind you from our position in the third heaven, high above Satan, principalities, powers, dominions, world rulers of darkness, kings, princes and all angelic ranks.

We take away all of the known and unknown power of your titles, including: Queen of Heaven; Mistress of Kingdoms; Queen of Kingdoms; She Who Sits on Many Waters; Ashtoreth; Queen of Babylon; Daughter of Babylon; Queen Mother; Mother of God;

Ishtar; Astarte; Venus; Diana; Rosemary; Athaliah; Semiramis; Daughter of the Chaldeans; Hecate; Isis; Cybele; Mystery Babylon; Artemis; Mother Mary; Great Harlot; Goddess of War; Goddess of Fertility; Mother of Prostitutes and Abominations of the Earth; and Mistress of Sorceries, in Jesus Christ's name.

We also bind, in Jesus' name, the known and unknown powers of your consort by his various names, including Ahab, Nimrod, Marduk, Tammuz, Baal and King of Babylon. We separate Jezebel and Ahab spirits and forbid them to communicate or hinder this deliverance in any way.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we cut, sever and break all cords, snares, controls and bondages used by these spirits and their related demons to keep this person in bondage. We ask, Heavenly Father, that you send angels to break all yokes of bondage to Jezebel and Ahab spirits.

Jezebel, in the name of Jesus Christ, we denounce you and expose your works to the light. We destroy any unholy mother/child relationship between you and this person. We take away your throne, your scepter and your hirelings and command you to be humbled.

We destroy all your veils of magic, enchantment, and secrecy; and we heap shame and the vengeance of the Lord upon you and your companions.

Because Jesus became a curse for the believers (**Galatians 3:13**), we break all curses of Jezebel and Ahab which were put upon this person and his/her family. We destroy related curses back to the tenth generation on both sides of the family.

PRAYER BY THE PERSON BEING DELIVERED

I break all evil soul ties with anyone in my family line or anyone who is close to me and influencing me with Jezebel and Ahab spirits. (Mention names if known.)

I bind spirits of Passivity and ask that the Holy Spirit may bring to remembrance any incidents or persons which will help to break all evil soul ties. I forgive these people and ask deliverance from hidden emotions, in Jesus' name.

Heavenly Father, please send angels to expose and force out any evil spirits who came into me through doors opened by Jezebel and Ahab spirits in the people mentioned. I close all these doors and ask for restoration of my soul (**Psalms 23**).

Jezebel, we attack and destroy all areas of control that you hold. In Jesus' name, we loose the Spirit of Elijah upon you for your total defeat.

RELIGIOUS SPIRITS

False Prophet and Prophetess; False Priest and Priestess; False Queen; “Mother” of the Husband; Feminizer of God; Murderer of Saints/Martyrs; Character Assassination; Gossiper; Backbiter; Talebearer; Orion-Compromise; False Gifts; Procrastination; Negative Criticism; False Light; Religious Wickedness; Lack of Maturity; Immaturity; Spiritual Blockage;

Religious Rituals; Traditions; Legalism; Torment; Unforgiveness; Inquisition (too inquisitive); Ungodly Curiosity; Spiritual Paralysis; Excessive Mourning and Guilt

Quencher of Deliverance (Workers and Works); Baal Worship; Prophets of Baal; Prophets of the Groves; Asherah; Spiritual Bondage; Doubt, Unbelief (Break Curse of Unbelieving Parents);

False Teacher; False Religions; Reincarnation; Deja Vu; Idolatry; Accusation; Religious Phoniness; False Love for Brethren; Mother-Child Worship; Trust in Wickedness; Divination; Fortune Telling; Worship of Lucifer;

Fertility Symbols; Iniquities; Love of Iniquity; Spiritual Adultery; “Sacred” Prostitution; Physical Malfunctions; Phonique; Greed in the Church; Against the Truth; Rituals of Lent (40 days of mourning for Tammuz, Easter=Ishtar).

OCCULT SPIRITS

Deep Things of Satan; Hidden Wickedness; Spirit Guides; Familiar Spirits; Worthlessness; Hopelessness; Passivity; Suicide; Hidden Anger; Hostility; Hidden Emotions; Promise of Secret Wealth; Chaldean Magic; Babylonian Magic; Ethnic Magic (Gypsy, Indian, etc.); Heart Bondage; Hidden Sins;

Hiding Others' Sins; Deep Secrets; "No One Sees Me"; Hypnotic Control; Mind Bondage; Occult Wisdom & Knowledge; Astrology; Horoscopes; Numerology; Evil Mysteries; Sins in Darkness; Divination-Python; Bondage of Will; Broken Vows & Promises.

WITCHCRAFT SPIRITS

REBELLION TOWARDS: Men, Manhood, Fatherhood, Father, Husband, Priesthood of Man, Husband or Covering, Decisions of Husband or Father, Rational Approach of a Man, Male Authority, All Authority, God;

Oppression by Children; Rule by Women (**Isaiah 3:12**); Names of Jezebellic Mothers/Grandmothers; Masculine Protest; Manipulation Using Sex; Illness; Temper; Violence; Lying; Sulking; Passivity; Smothering Mother; "Mother to Husband";

Domineering Mother; Preacher to Husband (“Mark my words” or “I told you so”);

Untamed Tongue (Castrates husband, makes daughters worthless, keeps children from God, life and responsibility by strife, evil spirits. Offspring sacrificed on altar of emotional manipulation); Hatred of Men (Repent of wanting to be a man.); Masculine Spirits; Jealousy of Man’s Role;

Andromeda--Fear of Men/Lust for Men; Break Soul Ties with Song “I Am Woman”; Wrong Order in Family; Matriarchal Dominance; Sorcery (Drugs -- Call out specific names of prescriptions, street drugs and adverse effects); Potions; Charms; Pharmakaeia; Enchantment; Spells; Women’s Lib; Destruction of Family Priesthood.

SEXUAL SINS

Lust; Lasciviousness; Shame; Male Spirits in Women; Female Spirits in Men; Sexual Confusion; Male and Female Prostitution; Pornography; Mind Abomination; Filthy Mouth; Insatiable Lust; Satyr Spirits; Pan Spirits; Sexual Jokes; Seducing “Dirty” Sex; Perversion; Nakedness; Heart Bondage; Fornication; Transvestite; Wantonness; Harlotry;

Wanton Eyes; Mincing Walk; Tinkling Jewelry; Adultery; Lewd Conduct; Infidelity; Boldness in Sin;

Flirtation; Promiscuity; Brazen Acts; Flaunting Sex; Lesbianism; Butch; Queen; Gay; Drag; Fag; Homosexuality; Unclean Spirits; Frog Spirits; Oral Sex; Anal Sex; Sex with Animals.

NO FEAR OF GOD

Beguiling; Tempting to Sin; Deception; Lie that God will accept us without Christ; Lies about nature of God; Lie that the Ends Justify the Means; Usurping Authority; Unrepentant; Lack of Self-discipline; Lack of Discipline of Children; Toleration of Sin; Foolishness; Folly; Vanity; Revolt; Immorality; No Mercy Upon the Aged; Heavy Burdens on Aged; Little “White” Lies; Drunkenness; Gluttony; Recklessness.

MANIPULATION THROUGH TERROR

Slavery through Terror & Paralyzing Fear (Jezebel offers protection from the very fear she produces.); Rage; Retaliation; Temper Tantrums; Riots; False Child Protection; Open & Hidden Threats; Rebukes Husband; Sacrifices Children by Tongue (“I wish you had never been born. I hate you.”); Vengeance.

PRIDE

Leviathan; Pride of Beauty, Position, Power, Strength, Knowledge; Pride in Ministry Talents; Playing God (**Isaiah 47:8,10**); Haughtiness; Overbearing Pride; Conceit; Arrogance; Stiff-neck Pride; Outstretched Neck; Puffed up Pride;

We cancel all the plans and programs of Jezebel. We deprogram all the spirits mentioned and those associated with them and cancel their assignments. We call out all the “Rotten Fruits of Jezebel,” in Jesus’ Name.

Premature Death; Suicide; Destruction of Family; Divorce; Instability; Murder; Recklessness; Fantasy; Disintegration of Personality; Senility; Strokes; Frigidity; Doublemindedness; Doubt; Division; Heart Attack; Broken Marriage; Death of Children; Mental Illness; Schizophrenia; Fragmentation of Personality; Alzheimer’s Disease; Rioting; Headaches; Impotence.

DELIVERANCE FROM FALSENESS

I break all soul ties between the Ahab Spirit (as a false father) and my real self as God purposed me to be. I break all soul ties between the Jezebel spirit (as a false mother) and my real self, the way God purposed me to be. I break all soul ties between the false child spirit in me which these spirits nourished. I only want to be the person whom God planned me

to be, in Jesus' name.

In the name of Jesus, the following spirits manifest and come out: False Mother; Jezebel; False Father; Ahab; False Personality; False (Person's Entire Name); Specify all nicknames and call them out as spirit names. (Call out others the Spirit brings to mind.)

Thank You God for restoration to becoming what You want me to be. Help me to become a real person as I discard all false personalities, once and for all, in Jesus' name. Amen.

DELIVERANCE FROM AHAB

Ahab, we bind your powers and separate you from {name} by our authority in the third heaven. We ask, Heavenly Father, that angels sever all communications from the principalities, powers, world rulers of darkness and spiritual wickedness in high places to any and all spirits in this person. We take away from the Ahab spirit all his support from any related spirits. In Jesus' name, we separate them and forbid them to hinder this deliverance in any way.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we sever, cut and break all cords, ties, snares, controls and bondages used by evil spirits to bind this person. We ask for angels to break the yoke of bondage to Ahab-Jezebel

spirits from this person.

Ahab, in the Name of Jesus Christ, we denounce you and your works and execute judgment on you and your house.

We expose and destroy the unholy, incestuous mother and child relationship between your spirits and this person. We break all curses of Ahab and Jezebel which were placed upon this person and his family.

PERSON BEING DELIVERED:

Heavenly Father, I break all evil soul ties with all the persons in my family line or with anyone with Ahab or Jezebel spirits who has had close contact and influence over me. I break these back to three and four generations on both sides of my family, in Jesus' name. (Name them.) I forgive them all; and, if living, I ask You to bless them and restore my soul (**Psalm 23**).

I also bind the spirit of Passivity. Bring to my mind any incidents necessary to break evil soul ties; forgive these people and deliver me from hidden emotions, in Jesus' name. (If any events come to mind, break the ties and forgive.)

Spirits of Ahab, you are bound in every area of my life and must come out. Jezebel spirits, you are

separated from Ahab spirits, in Jesus' name; and you will not hinder this deliverance. We loose the Spirits of Truth into this person.

Ahab, we rob your house of all Passivity spirits employed in this person's life and command them out in Jesus' name.

AHAB SPIRITS OF PASSIVITY

Abdicating Leadership; Stoicism; Lethargy; Lack of Force; Ineptness; Lax; Negligent; Overindulgent; Passivity; Inactivity; Inertness; Indifferent; Sluggish; Idleness; Slothful; Indolent; Impotence; People Pleaser; Wishy-washy; Weakling; Indecisive; Inferiority; Castration; Slack; Indifferent; Stupor;

Drowsiness; Heaviness; Fatigue; Weariness; Heavy Sleep; Catalepsy; Narcolepsy; Dreaminess; Frustration; Incompetence; Uselessness; Effeminacy; Sloppiness; Leniency; Brooding; Drone; Dummy; Avoidance; Loafer; Sluggard; Failure; Pliability; Vacillating; Inadequacy; Emasculated; Stagnation; Procrastination; Dullness; Apathy.

Ahab, we rob your house of the spirits of Anger, including all the Hidden Emotions related to anger, and cast you out, in Jesus' name:

Anger; Hidden Anger; Hidden Wrath; Aggression; Hidden Aggression; Hurts; Hidden Hurts; Macho

Man; Cantankerous; Over-sensitive; Glumness; Bitterness; Hidden Bitterness; Self-hatred; Hatred of Mother/Women/Wife; Unforgiveness; Mean; Touchy; Hidden Unforgiveness; Resentment; Hidden Resentment; Temperamental; Irascible; Misunderstanding; Retaliation; Rejection; Hidden Rejection; Competition; Separation; Divorce; Murder; Rage; Hidden Rage.

Manipulative Spirits under Ahab's control, we cast you out in the name of Jesus:

Phonique; Conditional Love; Play-acting; False Personality; Insincerity; Covetousness; Pouting; Childishness; Greed; Worship of Material Things; Compromise; Bad Temper; Ambition; Temper Tantrums; Irritability; Surly.

Rebellion Spirits under Ahab's control, we cast you out, in Jesus' name:

Rebellion; Little Boy; Disobedience; Hidden Jealousy; Playboy; Envy; Deceit; Jealousy; Irresponsibility; Selfishness; Hidden Rebellion; Witchcraft; Hidden Envy; Pride; Peter Pan; Criticism.

Ahab, we rob your house of all the Confusion family of spirits and cast them out, in Jesus' name:

Confusion; Babylon; Irresponsibility in Money Matters; Mental Problems; Tragic Mistakes; No Discipline; No Rules; No Peace; Fantasy; Forgetfulness; Disunity; Inappropriate Discipline;

Indecision.

Ahab, we rob your house of all the Fear spirits and cast them out, in Jesus' name:

Fear; Hidden Fear; General Fear; Hysterical Fears; Panic Attacks; Paralyzing Fear; Lack of Confidence; Depression; Escape; Cowardice; Timidity; Fear of Women; Melancholy; Quitter.

Ahab, we rob your house of all the **Immaturity spirits** and cast them out, in Jesus' name:

Immaturity; Childish Self-will; Neglect of Manly Responsibilities; Double-minded; Childish Behavior; Neglect of Fatherly Duties; Neglect of Husband's Duties; Arrested Development; Unreliable; Wavering; Indecisive; Spoiled Little Boy; Poor Manager of Time/Money.

Ahab, we rob your house of all **Lack of Fear of God spirits** and cast you out, in Jesus' name:

Unspiritual; Sins of Fathers (Addictions, Drugs, Alcohol, etc.); No Concern for a Spiritual Life; Workaholic; False Gods (Sports, Job, Belly); Light Attitude; Leaving Spiritual Things to Women; Calls Evil Good, Good Evil; Idol Worship; Unrepentant; No Fear of God; No Desire to Please God.

Ahab, we rob your house of all the Sexual spirits and cast them out, in Jesus' name:

Castration; Dirty stories; Degradation; Dirty Old Man; Impotent; Lust; Lust for material things;

Perversion; Liking Sensual Women; Emasculated; Filthy mouth/mind; Obscenity; Homosexuality; Pornography.

Every other spirit related to these in the Ahab network, we call you out also.

SUMMARY OF CHARACTERISTICS

The Ahab-Jezebel network of spirits works together in predictable patterns. No person is likely to have all of them, but enough will appear to identify the culprits.

1. Jezebel is disobedient to God and promotes wrong order in the family. Ahab also has a light attitude toward sin and considers sin and disobedience of God's laws as trivial.
2. Institutes premarital sex for self but bitterly condemns it for others. Sin is condoned and tolerated in the family if she can use it to maintain control.
3. Likes to play the role of God, controlling family and the church. Ahab wants Jezebel to make the decisions, although he may later blame her for the results.
4. Takes away the husband's authority and

works on the premise that the ends justify the means. Ahab permits this. (Every Ahab deserves his Jezebel.)

5. Tells (not advises or suggests) her husband what to do and when to do it. Ahab puts up with this kind of treatment for fear of her anger.

6. Rebukes and contradicts her husband in front of others. Belittling his manliness castrates him emotionally by cutting him down before others. This provokes the male Ahab to real anger and resentment.

7. Christian wives with Jezebel spirits fake submission, dutifully asking her husband's opinion about a matter. If he does not agree with her, she will continue nagging, determined to change his mind. He responds with anger and resentment.

8. Treats her husband as a little boy. Ahab enjoys childish privileges and playing "Mommy's little boy," "Playboy," "Workaholic" or "Alcoholic."

9. Desires to be her husband's mother rather than his wife. Ahab really wants a mother so he can remain a "Peter Pan," or a spoiled little boy.

10. Bedroom blackmail and sexual rationing are

most potent manipulations over her husband. Ahab responds with anger, disgust and repulsion, which may produce impotence, defeat, and frustration. He may retaliate by adulterous affairs or retreat into sleep, TV, newspapers, sports, alcoholism or other activity outside of his home.

11. Becomes deaf to Ahab's problems, never considering she may have problems herself.

12. Likes to push her husband into better job positions or up the social ladder. If things do not go right in these plans, Ahab pouts and sulks; he is depressed or displeased, loses his appetite, and displays childish self-will. He wants his Mommy to make everything right.

13. No matter what Jezebel does, her marriage is never satisfactory. Both partners become disappointed and frustrated. Ahab is attracted to a Jezebellic woman because he senses she is hard and can take abuse. This gives him an excuse to commit adultery, get drunk, act irresponsibly and rationalize that she deserves it!

14. Controls the hospitality in the home. She likes a lovely, spotless home, but doesn't like to share it, except to show off. She can make her

husband's friends very uncomfortable. The Bible indicates that the man is the host who does the inviting of guests and showing hospitality. Ahab reacts by going "out" or to his friends' houses where there is a more comfortable atmosphere.

15. Because of the desire to control and "mother" men, she is drawn to men who want her kind of love. She is hurt repeatedly because no matter how hard she tries to please him in an ungodly way, she is disappointed by his inability to give and receive love. The Ahab Spirit in these men wants love but is really unable to give or receive love freely. This results in demonic striving, divorce or unhappy living arrangements.

16. Jezebel's family is always in confusion, trying unsuccessfully to please or placate her. Family members are made to feel guilty for wanting to escape her destructive control. Ahab is part of this plan as well as one of its victims. (Jezebel is also a victim, often being very unhappy.)

17. Jezebel's tongue castrates males, makes women worthless, and keeps children from growing up. Ahab fears her acid tongue and

uses her for his selfish purposes, hating her for her cleverness.

18. Unable to display natural affection, she is merciless, especially to the aged. He is selfishly absorbed in his own interests, as he is not able to give or receive love in a godly manner.

19. Opens herself and her family to evil spirits by being out of order. This is true of Ahab spirits, also.

20. Jezebel spirits are usually inherited from the sins of the fathers. The same is true of Ahab spirits.

14: Warning!

WARNING! THE VULTURES ARE COMING!

“For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of

Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.”
(II Corinthians 11:13-15)

If you are interested in our variety of the deliverance ministry, I would advise that you use some of our men for meetings. Do this rather than inviting other good men who know about deliverance but do not use the same emphasis we have at Hegewisch. Your work needs to be very firmly rooted, and it is unwise to have anyone to come in and introduce things that will weaken the deliverance thrust.

By that time you will probably feel as we do, that you need nothing less than the full message of salvation, healing and deliverance. I say this after seeing some fledgling works infected with a virus that is the beginning of the end for them. I am jealous for the spread of real, biblically rooted deliverance works.

Here and at other places where I have gone, I have pushed, even to physical collapse, to advance deliverance. We believe this is the desperate need of

the Body of Christ today. I feel I have proven that I mean what I say. I challenge others claiming to speak for deliverance to produce their own verification and proofs. In other words, let them put their life where their mouth is; for talk is cheap! Let them be willing to sacrifice themselves and face the ridicule and hatred that come to those who stick to the undiluted truth.

Where are their sustaining and continuous works, such as the Hegewisch Baptist Church? Where are their results, the multitudes they have rescued? Where are those who have been enriched to become living epistles because of the leader's steadfastness? Where are the workers, produced by their efforts, who continue to minister and reproduce other workers to share the message of freedom?

Sadly, many whose mouths speak the loudest about their absorption in the cause of deliverance are only producing the same superficial results of others. They prime and pump the crowds for money and are constantly fundraising for some grandiose "God told me" projects.

They count success by popularity and numbers. The acclaim of men and accumulation of material wealth and possessions are more coveted than a spiritual harvest of lives, freed and energized for the Lord. The end-times demand more, not less,

dedication; and the people will never rise above their leaders.

James solemnly warns that those who lead and teach will be judged with greater strictness than others will (**James 3:1**). Jesus warned long ago that “many are called, but few are chosen,” or as a little girl put it, “many are cold and a few are frozen.” Seasoning and waiting on the Lord to choose and thrust out his leaders is a lost truth in these days of six and twelve month wonders. There are too many chiefs and not enough Indians!

Never having learned the Bible principles, men plunge into the work, not counting the awful cost. This will be exacted from them physically, mentally and spiritually. It will also be levied on their families, close associates and ministries. Only those willing to endure such hardness and sifting will qualify to go further. Some may even have the privilege of dying for the Lord Jesus. In this day of shallow and sentimental “dedication,” few even know what is expected, let alone strive to prepare themselves for the work.

Over and over, I have seen those come in under false colors, smilingly endorsing but actually sowing the seeds of destruction for the deliverance ministry. Most come with some “new” and usually quick and trouble-free way of obtaining deliverance. Praising,

worshipping, singing, screaming, waving and blowing demons out of people have been reported. What happened to casting them out in the name of Jesus Christ? But how quaint that I should bring up the Bible-approved method, rather than spectacular but ineffective manmade substitutes!

I feel that it is time to strike out to inoculate the young workers and groups ahead of time. Hopefully this will preserve them from the deception which comes in with ignorant and/or uncommitted teachers and preachers. Be careful whom you let into your pulpit or group to minister. Everyone who shouts spiritual warfare and deliverance is not necessarily genuine. Many are sowing religious weeds. There are some who are really bad.

I am a strong believer in putting your money on the horses running in your track. I have nothing against fundamental or Pentecostal missionaries who do not believe in nor practice deliverance. However, I prefer to support those who are teaching and practicing casting out evil spirits biblically.

There are multitudes of believers who will support the first category of workers, but only those who believe in deliverance will support those overseas who practice it. For this reason, our missionary outreach is now supporting a work in Mexico and also the Indonesians, who are building the same kind

of works there that we have at Hegewisch.

The Hosts of Hell books indicate what we feel constitutes a true deliverance ministry. If you are in agreement, you would do well to open your group for ministry only to those who have a proven commitment because of a firm belief in this ministry. You will soon learn that all who praise deliverance are not really committed to it. Many times, that to which they are referring is a watered down perversion that is only a religious sop.

Because the sheep are so desperate for help, some preachers now give lip service to a ministry about which they have little or no knowledge and in which they have no real interest. Even some who have formerly been exposed to the real thing have adulterated it and turned to other, **usually more financially lucrative**, forms of “ministry.” These people are even harder to comprehend than those who are willingly ignorant of the truth.

Hegewisch has what is perhaps the largest collection of one-hour messages on scriptural deliverance (both audio and video) in the world. Audiotapes can be used to teach individuals. The VHS videos, in particular, will expand a smaller ministry at a lower expense than bringing in an outside speaker. They are also helpful because they offer a chance to review basic teachings for the

group, or for newcomers, without the wear and tear on a busy leader.

They offer the leader a break. Often he has a bad week at work and insufficient time to get his message together. Videos can be used for the message or as the basis for a Bible search and discussion period. This can offer the hard-pressed leader an occasional breather. The two-hour Mass Deliverance tape will even take the entire group into deliverance. Those using it say that it produces excellent results.

Tips on Deliverance

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Some facts gathered by Canadian friends during deliverance sessions have been passed on for the help of others.

Involvement with Jesuits will designate one as a witch. This is because of the strong ruling spirits governing that branch of the Roman Catholic

system. The strongman over the unsaved is Spiritual Darkness.

Children control their parents when they are driven by spirits of Childish Self-will, Rebellion, Witchcraft, Witchcraft Control and Mind Control. Believers must be careful of wishing and daydreaming lest it lead them into the bondage of covetousness. Jesus branded covetousness as idolatry.

Evil spirits possess signs of power and authority. For example, kings have thrones, keys, scepters, crowns, rings, cloaks, shoes, belts, and horns. They can pass the keys and scepter to lesser spirits to give them authority to do certain jobs. Their cloaks are protective, and there is power in their shoes.

Higher-ranking demons have belts and footstools that show their authority. There are horns of power and strength (wickedness) which can be sawed off by God's angels. This should be done continuously lest they grow back.

Smaller spirits wear earrings, which designates them as slaves. Curiosity is a doorkeeper and is tied in with Witchcraft to keep the doors open. Children's cartoon shows on TV are full of pantheism, animism, fantasy, witchcraft, foolishness and folly.

Witches have been carefully infiltrated and planted into the law enforcement forces. Their job is to

hinder and stop investigations. Astral projection or Eckankar is associated with daydreaming, psychic designs, science fiction, witchcraft, soul travel and scanning.

Tolkien was bewitched by rock stars Jimmy Page and Led Zeppelin. Reading the books of Tolkien can lead to bewitchment. They open doors and bind minds to fantasy black witchcraft, astral projection, drugs, rock music. Tolkien was a close friend of C. S. Lewis.

Demons can have their minds blanked by other, stronger demons in order to interfere with interrogation. Witchcraft uses power and control to strengthen and bind spirits in others. Pleiades is a very strong power base, stronger than mind occult. Remember to bind all religious lying spirits. Orion, Leviathan and Mazzaroth were also found nested together. Some picked up these spirits from the movie, "Ishtar."

A lady who is new to deliverance reports this interesting happening related to her working in an Indian artifact store. Recently while she was sleeping, the Lord told her that she had a spirit of Vishnu which she had gotten from handling the East Indian beads. She was puzzled, for she had never even heard of the name.

The next night while her husband was at work,

she was feeling miserable about this Vishnu spirit. She pulled up the recliner chair to the TV and popped in Pastor Worley's Mass deliverance tape and went through the renunciations. When Eastern religious spirits were called out, she erupted for a time, violently expelling many demons.

The characteristics and distinctions of a true prophetess are mentioned in context with a man (husband, father or brother -- scriptural authority and covering for the woman). Six times prophetess is used for true prophetess.

Exodus 15:20 -- Miriam, sister of Aaron and Moses

Judges 4:4 -- Deborah, wife of Lapidoth

II Kings 22:14 -- Huldah, wife of Shallum (story of Josiah King of Judah, hearing the words of the book of the law found in the house of the Lord)

II Chronicles 34:22 -- Huldah, wife of Shallum

Isaiah 8:3 the prophetess, wife of Isaiah, bore Mahershash-baz (i.e. judgement).

Luke 2:36 -- Anna, daughter of Phanuel, of tribe of Asher, had lived with husband seven years from her virginity, a widow which departed from the temple. Twice prophetess is used for a false prophetess who had no covering of male authority over her and was opened up to religious and spiritual deception.

Nehemiah 6:14 -- Noadiah (i.e., convened of Jah) would have put Nehemiah in fear if she could have done it.

Transference of Spirits

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“I long to see you that I may impart unto you some spiritual gifts to the end that ye may be established.” (**Romans 1:11**)

A special kind of transference of spirits is possible, for good or evil, by the laying on of hands. Under certain conditions, hands laid on others can release incredible spiritual power. We should make sure that something good is in our hands and hearts before laying hands on others.

In Scripture five reasons are spelled out for this practice of laying on of hands.

First: To impart healing to the sick.

“And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.” (**Mark 16:17,18**)

Second: We receive power to administer the baptism of the Holy Spirit to others.

Third: To impart spiritual gifts (**Romans 1:11**). The Greek translates “to take something you have and impart it to others.”

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“Established” means to be strengthened in faith and spiritual experience. Paul desired that they have spiritual gifts. Had he been like many today, he would have been content to dazzle them with his own spiritual abilities and would have done the entire ministry himself.

Verse 12 says that he wanted to be comforted together with them by the mutual faith. By receiving the gifts of the Spirit, they would be able to minister to him; and by mutual faith, they would edify each other.

God's plan for the church includes the supernatural gifts of the Holy Spirit, received through the laying on of hands. Paul exhorted Timothy not to neglect these gifts (**I Timothy 4:14**).

In **II Timothy 1:6**, Paul reminds Timothy to stir up the gift of God within himself because of hands laid on him. After laying hands on him, he calls Timothy an apostle of Jesus Christ. He also calls him an apostle of Christ in **I Thessalonians 2:6**.

Fourth: To send out missionaries or apostles to represent the local church (**Acts 13:1-4**). Prophets and teachers laid hands on Barnabas and Saul. After this happened, Saul (great one) became Paul (little one). He is no longer "a certain disciple," but an apostle of Jesus Christ.

With apostolic power, they went down to Iconium to preach, speaking boldly in the Lord; and signs and wonders were done by their hands (**Acts 14:3**). The people were so astonished at the miracles that they brought out their idols, gold and silver. They put these before them and acclaimed them to be God. In

verse 14 they are called apostles, not merely certain disciples as in the previous chapter. Of course, they rejected being called God.

A change came upon Paul after the laying on of hands. In the Old Testament also, when King Saul came where all the prophets were gathered, a different spirit came on him; and he was a new man. Amazing spiritual powers are released and transferred through the laying on of hands.

Spiritual powers can also transfer through association. Being near someone, good or evil, can affect and permeate your entire personality, changing attitudes and actions. Statements such as "She is just like her mother" or "like father, like son" demonstrate that we become like those with whom we associate.

If children do not have godly men and women for parents and role models, barring a miraculous intervention of God in their lives, they will not become godly adults. So many modern parents set a terrible example and rear their children permissively to become Brat and Bratella.

Stupid and carnal parents see nothing wrong with their offspring becoming spendthrifts, serving rock and roll idols, going to concerts, becoming involved in sex orgies and becoming addicted to drugs and alcohol, which wreck both bodies and minds. Make no mistake -- God holds such people strictly

responsible for the way in which their children have grown up.

“Our fathers have sinned and are not, and we have borne their iniquities.” **(Lamentations 5:7)**

Children DO bear the iniquities of their ancestors. Evil spirits are transferred from parents to children. The children are sanctified by the godly life of the parents, especially those who seek to be delivered and bring help to their household. This will focus the power of the Lord on the home to assist in bringing children to salvation.

Never forget that children are like sponges, picking up the bad habits, hatreds, prejudices, fears and neuroses from their parents. Spiritual curses or blessings can also be passed down or transferred from generation to generation.

“Thou shalt not bow down thyself to graven images nor serve them for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generations of them that hate me.” **(Exodus 20:5, 6)**

Serving other gods leads to lives wasted and absorbed in material things, denying or forgetting the spiritual. This brings the curse of God upon children to the third and fourth generation (120 to 160 years).

A godly preacher named Jonathan Edwards knelt with his wife, Sarah, by their bed on their wedding day and committed their future ministry, their children and the unborn generations to God. His family produced **1400** children -- **13** were college presidents, **65** were university professors, over **100** were lawyers, several were deans of law schools, **3** judges, **56** physicians, **80** holders of public offices and over **100** went into the mission fields.

“God shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children and the heart of the children to the fathers.” (**Malachi 4:6**)

Another study in 1875 (about the same time as Jonathan Edwards) was made of the Jukes family. They just lived together without being married and disdained all morals. They had no ethics and broke every tradition, living totally godless lives for the material and physical pleasures of the moment. They had no need for Jesus Christ. Through their

generations, the Jukes family was a cesspool of crime, immorality, poverty and disease.

That family cost New York \$1,500,000 in welfare payments alone and did not produce a single decent person. The Edwards family's committal to the Lord was blessed while everything the Jukes family touched was cursed. This is why the Bible says to raise your children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

“Train up a child in the way he should go; when he is old he will not depart from it.” **(Proverbs 22:6)**

“...for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord {fellowship} hath Christ with Belial?” **(II Corinthians 6:14,15)**

“...Wherefore come out from among them and be ye separate, saith the Lord,.. and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you...”
(II Corinthians 6:17, 18)

“Being not deceived, evil communications corrupt good manners.” **(I Corinthians 15:33)**

You run around with them and have communication with them; it will corrupt your good manners. “Let us consider one another, to provoke unto love and to good works.” **(Hebrews 10:24)**

Five: The fifth function of the laying on of hands is to set aside deacons. The word “deacon” is “servant,” and he is set aside to take over duties which will relieve the preacher. They needed men to take care of the tables. Seven who were full of the Holy Ghost were appointed, including Stephen and Philip. Hands were laid on them to set them apart for this job **(Acts 6:1-6)**.

Elders are men who are spiritual overseers. They pray for the sick, help pastors to oversee the flock, and carry out the ministry. Elders must also have the same vision, goals and spirit as the head shepherd.

Division, strife and confusion are produced today because men under the pastor have come in from the outside. They are often made elders but lack the same vision, attitudes and dedication to the ministry as the pastor. The spirit of the leader must be upon the other pastors and the elders. Long ago, Moses

faced this problem:

“I am not able to bear all this people alone because it is too heavy for me and if thou deal thus with me kill me I pray thee; out of hand if I have found favor in thy sight and let me not see my wretchedness. And the Lord said unto Moses gather unto me seventy men of the elders of Israel whom thou knowest to be the elders of the people. And I will come down and talk with thee there and I will take of the spirit which is upon thee and I will put it upon them.” (**Numbers 11:15, 16**)

In **Deuteronomy 34**, the spirit of Moses came upon Joshua to lead as Moses laid hands on Joshua.

“And they shall bear the burden of the people with thee that thou bear it not thyself alone.”

It is necessary for a transference of a man's spirit to others in order to produce the necessary unity in a work.

“Can two walk together unless they be agreed?”

(Amos 3:3)

Preparations

PREPARATIONS TO RECEIVE DELIVERANCE

One of the best preparations you can make before receiving deliverance is to carefully read the books and booklets in the Hosts of Hell series written by Pastor Win Worley. This will save a great deal of explanation regarding methods and approaches used in deliverance. Fasting one or more days, coupled with intense Bible study and personal prayer immediately preceding a deliverance session has also proved to be a valuable aid. Those who have followed preliminary steps of renunciation prayers, etc., outlined in the books usually are ready to move directly into deliverance. For those new to the deliverance ministry we would recommend the “Deliverance Starter Package”. It consists of the

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John 9:4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

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God Wants You to Know That...

1. You are a sinner and cannot save yourself.

“For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.” (Romans 3:23)

2. Acceptance or refusal determines your destiny.

“He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life: but the wrath of God abideth on him (John 3:36)

“How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation.” (Hebrews 2:3)

3. You must repent of your sins, confess them and forsake them.

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9)

“Whoso confesseth and forsaketh them {his sins} shall obtain mercy.” (Proverbs 28:13)

4. Jesus Christ has already provided the way of salvation.

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should

not perish, but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16)

“For Christ also hath once suffered for our sins,
the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to
God.” (1 Peter 3:18)

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