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Demon Possession, Part 2

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“Cosmic Warfare Prayer” (The Lord’s Prayer)

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It’s been a month since I spoke on the Cosmic War. You can access the first eight messages online. Today will feel more like a seminar than a sermon. We covered part of this just before Christmas, and you can go to the sermon archives and look up the Cosmic War.

- **Can a Christian be *possessed*?**
- This is one of the most controversial questions that theologians and churches have grappled with.
 - My answer is yes and no.
 - To adequately answer this question, we need to look at the true meaning of *demon possession*.
 - The KJV has, at times, missed the meaning of the translation in the Greek.

What is Demon Possession?

- Thirteen times in the New Testament, the KJV and NKJV use the word “possessed” to describe someone with demons.
- Possession in the English implies ownership or complete possession of something.

The Greek word used for demon possession is *daimonizomai*.

- The Greek word does not mean *ownership*. It means *to be influenced by or under the power of*.
- **A better translation would be *demon influenced, demonized or demonization*.**
- **To return to our previous question, do I believe that a born-again believer in Christ, a Christian can be *demon possessed* or have complete *ownership*. Then my answer is “No!!”**

- But if we mean *influenced by* or have an area of their life that is being directed and influenced by a demon. Then my answer is “yes.”

Most of the New Testament letters speak of the battle of the Christian with the demonic.

How Does a Person become Demonized?

Turn to Ephesians 4

Verses 17-19

“This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, [giving demons access to our minds] having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; [demons then darken our thinking and alienate us from the life of God] who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. [This results in giving oneself over to all forms of uncleanness.]”

Verses 25-27

“Therefore, putting away lying, [the more one becomes demonized, the more one lies] ‘Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor,’ for we are members of one another. ‘Be angry, and do not sin’: do not let the sun go down on your wrath, nor give place to the devil.”

Verse 27 in the NIV reads, “do not give the devil a foothold” rather than “nor give place to the devil” in the NKJV.

- Demons need a “foothold” or *opportunity* in order to enter.
- Feeding on fleshly desire and sin. It is like rats feeding on old food...

I knew a young woman who shared how she got involved in porn and then having sex with young men in her church. One day she shared all this with me in a packed sanctuary at a church. I knew it was time to confront the demons in her life. I did and she was almost immediately set free. She’s now a worship leader.

What Kind of Tactics Will the Enemy Use? It all Started in the Garden.

Turn to Genesis 3:1-7

“Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, ‘Has God indeed said, “You shall not eat of every tree of the garden”?’ [Satan and demons attack the goodness of God].”

And the woman said to the serpent, ‘We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God has said, “You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.”’

Then the serpent said to the woman, ‘You will not surely die. [Satan and demons [Lie to us]. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.’

So when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make *one* wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. [Satan and demons use our five senses to tempt and entice us into sin]. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings. [Satan and demons tempt, entice, and then shame us].

Six Degrees of Demonization

1st Degree Occasional temptation, harassment, which the Christian can have victory through resisting, turning from the temptation, and prayer.

2nd Degree Demons *around* a person. One can feel their presence. Victory can often come through prayer, a rebuke, or just leaving the place.

I’ve been in possessed houses, haunted houses like this. We will cover this in two weeks.

3rd Degree Afflicted, oppressed, sick, demons *on* a person (Luke 13:10-13). Victory often comes through prayer from others and continual renewing of one’s mind and heart.

For example, a missionary struggling with lust. He had just bought an X-rated movie the night before and was remorseful.

4th Degree Infested, disabling in a particular area, demons *in* a person (Mark 7:26-30). Victory only comes as the body of Christ

ministers to the person and the person engages their will to be renewed daily—**demonic foothold**.

A Kazu about to commit suicide: spirits of war, violence, and lust.

- 5th Degree Dominated by *controlling* a person (Luke 8:26,27). Victory only comes through prolonged prayer and power ministry and taking back the ground step by step—**demonic stronghold**.
- 6th Degree Owned by Satan and demons (Judas) through a pact or an agreement with the enemy. No desire to be set free. No true believer in Christ could come to this point. Modern examples would be Hitler, Mao, Stalin, Manson, Idi Amin, etc.

The Naval officer in Okinawa...automatic typing, photography, channeling spirits...

How do we Resist the Devil? How do we Fight?

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

“For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.”

#1 Pull Down Strongholds

- If undealt with, a foothold can become a stronghold and you need help from others. Confess your sins and you will be healed.
- In the form of arguments in your mind that have convinced you that you are a loser, stupid, ugly, boring, or a failure.
- I was with a young couple recently where we had to deal with, confront, and cast out ten demons.
- For many it is in the form of fleshly sins that we have indulged in.
- Get people around you—Spirit empowered people to pray over you.

- Get in a Community Group, we all need accountability and allies in the battle.

Verse 5

“Bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.”

#2 Renew your Mind

- Next week I will talk about the difference between a truth encounter versus a power encounter.
- You’ve been believing the lie—a lie that has told you that if you do this or that it will satisfy your heart and it doesn’t.
- Behind every lie is a fear and behind every fear is an idol. Idols are established whenever we don’t believe in God’s provision for us.
- We renew our mind through spending time in God’s Word, reading it, praying it, and meditating in it. Remember that the purpose of a relationship with Christ is intimacy, loving Christ with all your heart.
- We renew our minds through speaking out *the blood of Christ* and the *name of Christ*; it overcomes the enemy! Say it out loud.
- We renew our minds through worship and prayer—loving Jesus with all of your heart.

#3 Put on the Armor of God and Stand

- **Ephesians 6:10-18**

“Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the

helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints.”

(Demonstrate once again how to put on the armor.)

#4 Don't Go to the Wrong Places

- Watch over your eyes, hands, and feet! Don't tempt the Lord by placing yourself in situations you can't handle.
- That includes bars, certain people's homes, bedrooms, and your computer!

Next Week: Cosmic Encounters