

# **Simple Messages On Witchcraft**

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# **CHAPTER 01**

## **WITCHCRAFT IN ACTION**

### **WASHINGTON, D.C., THE CAPITAL OF THE UNITED STATES**

**Once while I was living in the area of Washington, D.C., a young man with serious issues came to me for counseling.**

**It was nighttime. I asked my pastor if he would accompany me. We were sitting in the pastor's car. The young man was in the back seat.**

**We were just talking to him in a normal voice, then suddenly a still small voice spoke to my spirit. He said, "stop talking to this young man. Talk to the demon inside of him".**

**So, I just simply obeyed and said, "What is your name"?**

**Suddenly, the young man's face turned demonic and he started growling like an animal. He growled and growled and growled.**

**I said, "I command you in the name and blood of Jesus, come out". I repeated this and the demon fought hard. He fought and fought and fought.**

**Finally, the young man was delivered. The demon left. The young man turned became normal. I am not sure he even knew what happened.**

**A few weeks later a lady came to my office for counseling. The Lord spoke to me and said, "she is demon possessed".**

**I called my pastor and he came to my office immediately. We talked and I did the same thing I had done with the young man.**

**I asked, “what is your name”. She immediately fell to the floor and began growling like an animal with her hands up high, clawing at us as if to attack.**

**We commanded the demon to leave in the name and blood of Jesus. After a long fight he eventually left her.**

**These are only two examples of what may be millions of people either possessed or influenced by demons.**

**Satan and demons are real and alive all over the world.**

**I have been doing ministry in Africa for more than thirty-five years. I have seen evidence of the power of witchcraft and demonism. I have seen the fear that grips millions of people. I have seen lives destroyed by the power of evil spirits and witchcraft.**

### **TANZANIA**

**One night in Tanzania we were conducting an open-air crusade in a village. A lady came to the altar to give her life to Christ. She was demon possessed. The elders of that church delivered her from the demon in the name of Jesus.**

**The next night she returned. She looked beautiful and acted normally.**

**She had been a witch. She gave a testimony of how Christ delivered her from demons. She brought her fetishes. The people built a fire and she burned all her witchcraft fetishes before them. She had found new life in Christ.**

### **UGANDA—The Fake Witchdoctor**

**In Uganda a seventeen-year-old young man and his two brothers approached a witchdoctor to get him to go and kill their neighbor.**

**The witchdoctor agreed to the deal and asked for a goat and a large sum of money in payment. The boys paid the cash and the witchdoctor gave them a mixture of herbs and a plant. He told them to slaughter the goat at night and mix its blood with the herbs.**

**Then he was to take the goat blood and herbs and the plant to the neighbor's house that night. They did. And they planted the plant at the entrance of the man's house.**

**They returned to their house and waited to hear the mourning and crying that would result from the man's death.**

**However, nothing happened to the man nor even his goats and chickens.**

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**When they went to complain to the witchdoctor, they found he had fled with both the goat meat and the cash money.**

**However, they found him, beat him up and started to hang him with a rope on a tree. But the witchdoctor screamed so loud that the young men ran away and he escaped.**

**This story illustrates not the power of the witchdoctor but the power of hate that dominates people and the curse they try to put on those who offend them. They then seek a demonic source for help, thinking that source will bring about the death of the hated.**

**This is the dark world of witchcraft, even if the witchdoctor is a fake.**

## **KENYA**

**A man named Jonathan died. He had been one of the main leaders of the church. He had helped people settle disputes and had shared the gospel with nonbelievers. His death shocked the entire community.**

**As his casket, was lowered into the ground even strong men who never cried were weeping,**

**Why had Jonathan died? In Jonathan's mind he had become ill due to an issue that involved a cow.**

**One of Jonathan's neighbors, Neighbor #1, borrowed a cow from another neighbor, Neighbor #2, because he needed to provide milk for his family.**

**When the Neighbor #2 came to get his cow he discovered that Neighbor #1 had hidden the fact that the cow had given birth to a calf and Neighbor #1 had sold the calf.**

**Therefore, Neighbor #1, owner of the cow, got angry. He wanted the calf but it had already been sold. Neighbor #2 then promised Neighbor #1, the owner of the cow, that he would buy another calf and give it to him.**

**In the meantime, the wife of Neighbor #2, who had borrowed the cow and sold the calf, got sick and died.**

**Many in the community began to think that witchcraft had killed her. They thought her death was a payment for the wrong Neighbor #2 had done to Neighbor #1, the owner of the cow and calf.**

**Jonathan got involved when he talked to the daughter-in-law of Neighbor #2, who had borrowed the cow.**

**Her husband, Richard, got mad at Jonathan for interfering so he went to Jonathan's house and put a curse on him.**

**Soon afterwards, Jonathan became sick. His family took him to the hospital where they discovered he had diabetes, malaria and a severe infection.**

**Jonathan began to scream in pain, "Richard! Richard! Richard! Why have you cursed me?"**

**The local people believed that Jonathan died because he had been cursed and the power of Christ could not protect him. "What was wrong with his faith", they asked. (GR –Gailyn Van Rheenen, pg. 15-16)**

## **CONCLUSION**

**These are just a few of thousands of examples of the power of witchcraft over people's lives.**

**God's word regarding this evil practice is clear. "Let no one be found among you who sacrifices his son or daughter in the fire, who practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft, or cast spells, or who is a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead. Anyone who does these things is detestable to the LORD, and because of these detestable practices the LORD your God will drive out those nations before you. You must be blameless before the LORD your God" (Deut. 18:10-13)**



## **CHAPTER 02**

### **WHAT IS WITCHCRAFT? (ANIMISM-SPIRITISM)**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Two words in the Bible mean the same thing as witchcraft. The words are sorcery and divination.

In this book I use the word “witchcraft” because that is the term most commonly used in the culture today.

#### **I. DEFINITIONS**

Here is a biblical definition of “divination” and “magic” from the *Holman Bible Dictionary*:

**Divination & Magic:** An attempt to contact supernatural powers to determine answers to questions hidden to humans and usually involving the future.

#### **Animism/ Spiritism**

Also important to this discussion is the term “animism” (or spiritism). This is a name given to the belief that personal spiritual beings and impersonal spirits control man and human affairs.

Therefore, people must discover what spiritual beings and forces are influencing them in order to be delivered.

#### **Animism: A Belief System**

Animism is the belief that the seen world is related to the unseen. The divine and the human interact with each other.

In the west people tend to be secular. Therefore, they tend to interpret reality through a secular world view. The secular man believes there are no spiritual powers to affect life.

The animist believes that all of life is controlled by spiritual beings or forces.

### **Beings:**

Beings are personal spirits that include a number of things, for example, God, gods, ancestors, ghosts, angels, demons, and Satan.

### **Forces**

Forces are impersonal powers. They include the power behind the use of magic, astrology, witchcraft, the evil eye, and so on.

These two (beings and forces) interact in the spirit world. (GR pp. 20-21)

## **II. WITCHCRAFT TODAY**

The Bible says: “Let no one be found among you who sacrifices his son or daughter in the fire, who practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft, or casts spells, or who is a medium or a spiritist or consults the dead.

“Anyone who does these things is detestable to the LORD, and because of these detestable practices the LORD your God will drive out those nations before you. You must be blameless before the LORD your God” (Deut 18:10-13).

Witchcraft (spiritism, animism) is the most dominant religion in the world.

For example, professed Christians in many parts of Africa have adapted the African tribal religions as the first step toward getting real help in time of a personal need, family needs, healing, finances, and health issues.

**In African traditional religions there is a dominant presence of ancestral spirits as well as other spirits.**

**Traditional religion believes ancestors can produce illness. The witchdoctor will try to find out what is causing a sickness. He might sacrifice a sheep and analyze the entrails to determine the cause of the illness. Then he could offer a solution.**

**Islamic Scholar Phil Parshall estimates that 70% of all Islamic followers are “folk Muslims” and only 30% are orthodox. (Parshall, Phil. 1983, *Bridges to God*) He means that nearly three of four Muslims follow traditional religious beliefs while only one in four hold to the teachings of the Quran.**

**In Brazil there are two types of spiritism.**

- 1. Kardecism—This is the high spiritism. It advocates that spirits are really people without bodies.**
- 2. Condomble—This is the low spiritism. Its followers do not call on the dead but seek the guidance of African spirit guides. (GVR p. 27)**

**These two types of Spiritism are found even among Brazilians who profess to be Christians.**

**Thus, throughout the world millions of Catholics and Protestants will reverently worship God and yet also practice spiritism and call upon saints or witchdoctors in times when they need a power for healing, financial prosperity, or guidance.**

**Millions who practice spiritism can be reached with the gospel of Christ and be set free.**

### **III. FOUR REASONS WHY ANIMISTS ARE OPEN TO THE GOSPEL**

**Dr. Gailyn Van Rheenen gives four reasons why animists respond to the gospel. (GR p. 30)**

- 1. They live with a fear of ancestors, spirits, magic and witchcraft. The gospel has a message of love that drives out fear.**
- 2. Animists live in a society in which fear and disharmony tears the society apart. The Christian message shows how-to live-in love and harmony.**
- 3. The worldview of the animist is not adequate to explain the technologies that try to control nature. Bulldozers that destroy the trees and pushes aside the rocks while constructing a new road, for example, shocks the true animist.**
- 4. The average animist is amoral. But Christianity holds to moral right and wrong. (GVR p.30)**

#### **IV. WITCHCRAFT'S POWER TO CONTROL HUMAN AFFAIRS**

**The essence of animism is “power”. This may be the power of an ancestor to control those of his lineage. In other words, a grandparent is able to control the lives of his children and grandchildren even after his death.**

**Animism has the power of an evil eye, power to kill, power to heal, power to make a person rich, power of the demonic, power to possess someone with a demon, and the power of magic to control human events. (GR p. 21)**

#### **VI. WITCHCRAFT AND FEAR**

**An animist lives in fear of the spiritual powers. Therefore, he may try to appease the spirits before and after a harvest. He will seek the spirit world to assure the success of his daughter's marriage.**

**An animist will look to the stars and planets to see how they are arranged on the day of someone's birth or on the day of an election.**

**The animist is always looking out for ways to manipulate the powers and make sure they are on his side.**

**Yet, he is never sure if the spirit beings and forces are really on his side. He lives in constant fear. If something bad happens he then asks:**

- 1. Who has caused this affliction?**
- 2. Why has it happened to me and my family?**
- 3. What power is troubling me?**
- 4. Was it caused by an ancestor?**
- 5. Was it caused by a spirit?**
- 6. Was it caused by witchcraft?**
- 7. Was it caused by an evil eye?**
- 8. Was it caused by the stars?**
- 9. Was it caused by the planets?**
- 10. Who can help me discover the cause and the source of this evil that has happened to me? (GR p. 19-20)**

## **VII. WITCHCRAFT AND MANIPULATION**

**Much of animism is based on manipulation. The animist does not seek a personal relationship with the powers. He wants to manipulate the both the beings and the forces to benefit himself.**

**Christians do NOT believe that anyone should try to manipulate the spirits. Instead, they believe they must trust and rely on God. (GR pp. 19-24)**

**The mistake Israelites repeatedly made was turning to the dead and spirits instead of to God.**

**Isaiah said, “I will wait for the Lord, who is hiding his face from the house of Jacob, I will put my trust in Him” (8:17-20).**

**Yet, instead of trusting the Lord they consulted the dead.**

**Isaiah continued. “Should not a people inquire of their God? Why consult the dead on behalf of the living?”**

**“They should rely on the law and testimony in order to receive the true ‘light of dawn’”. (GR p. 22-23)**

## **CONCLUSION**

**Witchcraft has become a part of every major religion: Protestantism, Roman Catholicism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, even Communism. It has been estimated that the majority of the unreached world is animistic at its heart. (W. pp.66-71).**

**Disciples of Christ must know what the Bible teaches about witchcraft and false gods so they can lead people to repent and turn to the true and living God, the Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **CHAPTER 03**

### **WITCHCRAFT AND THE OLD TESTAMENT**

**The key for the Christian is what the Bible says about witchcraft.**

**The Bible is the Christian's authority for all of life, beliefs and behaviors.**

**If any doctrine or behavior contradicts the written Word of God it is wrong and sinful.**

**The Bible says, "These gods who did not make the heavens and the earth will perish from the earth and from under the heavens" (Jeremiah 10:10-11).**

#### **I. THE MAIN ISSUE---SYNCRETISM**

**The issue is syncretism. SYNCRETISM means mixing a false god with the True, Living, Creator, God.**

**Syncretism takes place when someone tries to worship both false gods and the true God. He claims to worship Jesus but goes to the witchdoctor to solve his problems who in turn consults the spirits (demons).**

**The Bible records a spiritual struggle between the people of God and animistic (demonic) powers.**

**In the Old Testament the Israelites had to choose constantly between the true Creator God and the false gods made by men and the gods of the foreign nations. Too often they tried to mingle worship of the LORD with worship of Baal.**

**The Apostle Paul addressed this issue.**

**“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.**

**Therefore, put on the full armor of God...” (Eph 6:12-13).**

## **II. WITCHCRAFT IN THE OLD TESTAMENT**

**“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is ONE” (Deut 6:4). The Bible declares there is only ONE God.**

**Thus, when a person participates in animism, demonism, spiritism or witchcraft, he is actually giving his allegiance to other gods who are FALSE gods.**

**The first of the Ten Commandments is, “Thou shall not have any other gods before me” (Ex 20:1).**

**The chosen people of God, the Israelites, were enslaved in Egypt.**

**God sent to Egypt to lead them out of bondage.**

**The plan was to leave Egypt and go into the Promised Land (Israel).**

**However, the people were afraid to enter the Land of Promise, so God let them wander in the wilderness for an entire generation—forty years.**

**Afterwards God’s new leader, Joshua, led them across the Jordan River into the Promised Land, a land God had chosen to give to the Israelites.**

**They were to conquer the land and not adopt their gods.**

**Joshua said to his people, “Choose this day whom you will serve but for me and my house, we will serve the Lord” (Josh 24:2).**

**Joshua asked the people of Israel whom they were going to serve. Would they serve the gods of their forefathers in Mesopotamia? The**



**gods of Canaan? The gods of Egypt? Or the LORD, the One, True, Creator God? Sadly, they chose the false gods.**

**Thus, they sinned and disobeyed God. The result was that they eventually adopted the pagan false gods of the Canaanites.**

**They even went so far as to sacrifice their own children to pagan gods.**

**“They did not destroy the peoples as the Lord had commanded them, but they mingled with the nations and adopted their customs” (Psalm 106:34-39).**

**They worshipped pagan idols, which became a snare to them.**

**They sacrificed their sons and their daughters to demons.**

**They shed innocent blood, the blood of their sons and daughters, whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan, and the land was desecrated by their blood.**

**They defiled themselves by what they did: by their deeds they prostituted themselves.**

**Many years later they wanted a king to lead them in battle.**

**So, God gave them Saul. After his death God raised up a young man named David.**

**Solomon was the next king and the Bible described his problem in I Kings 11:4. “Solomon’s many wives turned his heart after other gods”.**

**After his death the kingdom fell apart.**

**Israel was in the north and Judah was in the south.**

**God sent his prophets to preach repentance but neither nation listened.**

**“The Lord warned Israel and Judah through all his prophets and seers: Turn from your evil ways. Observe my commands and decrees, in accordance with the entire law that I commanded your fathers to obey and that I delivered to you my servants the prophets”. But they would not listen and were as stiff-necked as their fathers, who did not trust in the Lord their God”.**

**So, what happened? “God removed them out of his sight” (2 Ki 17:18).**

**The reality is that God has commanded his people NOT to give allegiance to other gods in any form or fashion.**

**The Old Testament shows he severely punished HIS CHOSEN PEOPLE for mixing worship of the true Go with that of other gods.**

**Psalm 82 pictures the God of heaven judging all the false gods.**

**Verse 07 announced their deaths. They are not immortal, like the true God. “But you will die like mere men; you will fail like every other ruler.”**

**In verse 08 the Psalmist urged God to stand up and judge the gods. “Rise up, O God, judge the earth, for all the nations are your inheritance.”**

**The Song of Moses in Deuteronomy 32 acknowledged that the LORD is the one TRUE, LIVING, CREATOR, GOD and all others are demons pretending to be gods.**

**DEUTERONOMY 32:10-39**

**This is a song about the time when God led the people of Israel out of slavery in Egypt.**

**It was God and only God who did it. He used Moses as the leader but it was God who did it.**

**In v. 10 note that the LORD is our shield. He cares and guards his people. This includes you!**

**“In a desert land he found him, in a barren and howling waste He shielded him and cared for him, He guarded him as the apple of his eye”.**

**Verse 11 shows God protects. He cares for His people. (This includes you!)**

**“Like an eagle that stirs up its nest and hovers over its young, that spreads its wings to catch them and carries them over its young, and carries them on its pinions”.**

**Notice what God says what He does for his people.**

- 1. He shields them (v.10)**
- 2. He cares for them (v.10)**
- 3. He guards them (v.10)**
- 4. He protects them (v.11)**
- 5. He carries them (v.11)**
- 6. He leads them (v.11)**

**He also guides his people (v. 12). This includes YOU! WITHOUT ANY HELP FROM FALSE GODS.**

**“He guided Israel out of the bondage of Egypt without the help of false gods”.**

**Note in vv. 13-14 how God protected his people after they left Egypt. He hid, fed, and nourished them.**

**“He made him hide on the heights of the land and fed him with the fruit of the fields. He nourished him with honey from the rock, And with oil from the flinty crag. “With curds and milk from the herd and flock and with fattened lambs and goats, with choice rams of Bashan and the finest kernels of wheat. You drank the foaming blood of the grape”.**

**But after all God did for His people look what they did in return (vv. 15-16).**

**“Jeshurun (Israel) grew fat and kicked,  
filled with food, he became heavy and sleek,  
He abandoned the God who made him  
And rejected the ROCK his SAVIOR. They made him jealous with their  
foreign gods and angered him with their detestable idols. **THEY  
SACRIFICED TO DEMONS, WHICH ARE NOT GOD,** gods they had not  
known, gods that recently appeared, gods your fathers did not fear.  
You deserted the ROCK, who fathered you; you forgot the God who  
gave you birth”.**

**Verses 23-33 say God punished the people.**

**God asked this question, “Where are the gods, the rock in which they  
sought refuge?” (v. 37).**

**He answered the question in v 39. “No one can compare with the  
LORD, the Creator God. ‘See now that I, even I, and there is no god  
beside me’”.**

**The Song of Moses confirmed that demons stand behind these gods.**

**“They sacrificed to demons, which are not God, gods they had not  
known” (v.17).**

### **III. NINE DESTESTABLE PRACTICES**

**In his commentary on Deuteronomy John MacArthur explained the  
nine detestable practices forbidden in Deut. 18: 9-12.**

**There are nine detestable practices that God commands not to copy  
or imitate from the polytheistic (many gods) Canaanites.**

**The people around Israel were pagans, non-believers.**

#### **1) Sacrificing Children in the Fire**

**They burned their sons and their daughters in the fire as  
sacrifices to their god Molech.**

(Lev 18:21; 20:2-5 death penalty;  
1 Kings 11:7 built a place for Molech;  
2 Kings 23:10; and Psalms 106:37 sacrificed their sons and daughters)

Examples: 2 Chronicles 33:6

Also, he (Israelite king Manasseh) caused his sons to pass through the fire in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom;

he practiced soothsaying, used witchcraft and sorcery, and consulted mediums and spiritists.

He did much evil in the sight of the Lord to provoke Him to anger.)

2) Witchcraft:

Witchcraft is seeking to determine the will of the gods by examining and interpreting omens.

3) Soothsaying:

Soothsaying is attempting to control the future through power given by the Evil One.

4) Interpreting omens:

Interpreting omens is telling the future based on signs.

5) Sorcery:

Sorcery is inducing magical effects by drugs or some other sort of potion; mood- and mind-altering drugs.

**6) Putting Curses and spells on people:**

Putting curses and spells on people is the binding other people by magical muttering.

**7) Medium:**

A Medium is one who supposedly communicates with the dead, but actually communicates with demons.

Lev 19:31 Commands God's people not to turn to mediums.

Dr. John MacArthur says that mediums are humans who supposedly mediate contact/communicate with the spirits of the dead.

They are actually demons pretending to be people. (JM-Deuteronomy Commentary)

**8) Spiritist:**

A Spiritist is one who has an intimate acquaintance with the demonic, spiritual world.

**9) Calling up the dead:**

Investigating and seeking information from the dead.

**Leviticus 19: 26**

- You shall not eat anything with the blood, nor shall you practice *divination or soothsaying.*"
- Do not practice *fortune telling or witchcraft.*
- do not practice *divination or sorcery*

God explicitly forbids witchcraft, fortune telling, sorcery.

**Divination means seeking insight into the future.**

**Divination tries to determine what future events will transpire.**

**Israelites would have knowledge of the future only IF God chose to reveal that information to them.**

**God wants his people to walk by faith, trusting him for tomorrow.**

**Leviticus 19:31:**

- **Do not defile yourselves by turning to mediums or to those who consult the spirits of the dead.**
- **Do not turn to mediums or seek out spiritists, for you will be defiled by them.**
- **Give no regard to mediums and familiar spirits; do not seek after them, to be defiled by them.**

**The function of a medium is to call up the dead, seeking to communicate with the dead.**

**The one doing the calling, the medium, is deceiving those who are seeking his service.**

**In reality they are communicating with Satan and his demons.**

**Defile means to desecrate or profane something sacred.**

**An Example: The Violation by King Saul in 1 Samuel 28:3-25**

**Saul inquired of God what to do and God did not speak.**

**After having sent mediums and spiritist out of the land, Saul disobeyed God and sought out a medium for a word from Samuel.**

**Samuel came from the dead to speak to Saul.**

**Samuel reminded Saul that God had departed from Saul because of his disobedience.**

**The next day in the battle, the Philistines would overcome Israel.**

**Samuel told Saul that he and his sons would be with him (Samuel). In other words, they would die and be with Samuel in the realm of the dead.**

**Here is God's warning about seeking the help of mediums:**

***“And the person who turns to mediums and familiar spirits, to prostitute himself with them, I will set My face against that person and cut him off from his people. Consecrate yourselves therefore and be holy for I am the Lord you God” (Lev 20:6).***

**To turn to a medium is the same as to prostitute yourself against God. Turning from God to another.**

***“Also, he caused the sons to pass through the fire in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom; he practiced soothsaying, used witchcraft and sorcery and consulted mediums and spiritists. He did much evil in the sight of the Lord, to provoke Him to anger” (2 Chron 33:6).***

**God referred King Manasseh's use of witchcraft and sorcery and consulting mediums and spiritists as “much evil”.**

**God said witchcraft is “evil”.**

## **CONCLUSION**

**When a person gives his life to Christ this means that Christ is his LORD.**

**To be LORD means that Christ is the owner and Master of your life and He is in full control.**



**The Old Testament teaches that Israel was delivered from bondage. God took care of them, fed them, and protected them. Even then they turned their backs on God and turned to demons.**

**Who can tell how many people in the church do the same today.**

**They give their lives to Christ and then when problems come they abandon Christ and go to a witchdoctor for help with their problems.**

**This is pure 100% demonism. They turn their backs on the Lord who delivered them and turning to a false god, a demon.**

**If anyone reading this book is guilty of this sin, stop reading right now and confess that sin.**

**Repent means to turn from witchdoctors and witchcraft and turn to Christ. Turn to Jesus Christ who is your Savior and LORD.**

**Depend on Him to help and deliver you.**

**You have the Holy Spirit in you if you have been saved. He promises to guide and deliver you.**

**If you have been involved in witchcraft in any way big or little, pray a prayer of repentance right now.**

**Ask the Lord to forgive you and promise him never turn to witchcraft or witchdoctors ever again.**

## **CHAPTER 04**

### **DEMONS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT**

**What are demons? Demons are fallen angel. Lucifer, a high-ranking angel, rebelled against God. He fell from his place of prominence in heaven. He led a host of other lower ranking angels with him.**

**God says about Satan in Isaiah 14:12, “How you have fallen from heaven, O star of the morning, ‘son of dawn”. Also, read Exezeiel 28.**

**Lucifer is now called Satan and is the “ruler of the demons”.**

**On one occasion people “brought to him (Jesus), a demon possessed man who was blind and mute, and Jesus healed him, so he could both talk and see.**

**All the people were astonished and said, “Could this be the Son of David?”**

**But when the Pharisees heard this, they said, “It is only by Beelzebub, the prince of demons, that this fellow drives out demons” (Matt 2:23-24).**

**In Rev demons are called “angels”. “And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back”.**

**(The Moody Handbook of Theology shares the characteristics of demons. p.308).**

#### **I. THE CHARACTERISTICS OF DEMONS**

**A. Demons are spirit beings. This means they do not have physical bodies.**

**“When evening came, many who were demon possessed were brought to him, and he drove out the spirits with a word and healed the sick” (Matt 8:16).**

- B. Demons are NOT all Present. Only God is all present which means HE is everywhere at all times. However, demons are localized and can be in only one place at a time.**

**Matthew 8:28-34 tell about Jesus casting out demons from two men of the Gadarenes and casting the demons into pigs. In each case the demons were in only one place at a time.**

- C. Demons are NOT all Knowing. The account in Mark 1:24 shows that demons knew who Jesus was. The text says, “What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth?”**

- D. Demons are NOT all Powerful. In the passage in John 10:20-21 the Jews were discussing about who is Jesus. They said, “ He is demon possessed, and raving mad. Why listen to him?”**

**“But others said, “These are not the sayings of a man possessed by a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?”**

## **II. THE ACTIVITY OF DEMONS**

- A. Demons can influence the mind.**

**Genesis 3:1-5 records the story of Adam and Eve. Satan entered the garden and deceived Eve by lying. He got her to change her mind about obeying God.**

**Paul wrote that “the god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelieving, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God” (2 Cor 4:4).**

- B. Demons deceive people.**

**The church in Thessalonica began with great joy and hope. However, they were strongly attacked by Satan working through his demons.**

Paul wrote, “For this reason, when I could stand it no longer, I sent to find out about your faith. I was afraid that in some way the tempter might have tempted you and our efforts have been useless” (1 Thess 3:5).

### **III. DEMON POSSESSION**

Demons can establish strongholds in a person’s life. (Note the chapter on Strongholds in this book).

There many examples of demon possession in the New Testament. Listed are a few of them.

“News about him (Jesus) spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, the paralyzed, and he healed them” (Matt 4:24).

“When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to him (Jesus), and he drove out the spirits with a word and healed all the sick” (Matt 8:16).

Jesus freed two demon possessed men (Matt 8:28).

Jesus cast evil spirits out of the demon possessed mute man (Matt 9:32).

Jesus healed a “demon-possessed man who was blind and mute” (Matt 12:22).

A demon speaking through a man immediately recognized Jesus as the Christ.

“Just then the man in their synagogue who was possessed by an evil spirit cried out, ‘What do you want with us, “Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God” (Mark 1:23-24).

**“That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed...” (Mark 1:32).**

**Jesus cast evil spirits out of the demon possessed man in the region of Gadarenes (Mark 5:1-20).**

**“The man lived in tombs, and no one could bind him any more, not even with a chain. For he had been chained hand and foot, but he tore apart and broke the irons on his feet”.**

**Mark 10:21 tells how Jesus healed a boy with an evil spirit**

**Luke 8:26-38 relates the healing of a demon-possessed man.**

**When one is possessed by a demon there may be a change of character. He may speak with a different voice. He may have a supernatural strength, even to the point of breaking chains.**

**Discussion for small groups.**

**Look up each of these passages and discuss what Jesus did in each case.**

## **CHAPTER 05**

### **CAN A DEMON POSSESS A BELIEVER IN CHRIST?**

The big question among many is, “Can a demon possess a true believer”?

The Bible teaches us that when a person gives his life to Christ the Holy Spirit actually enters into that man’s life and possesses him.

Paul wrote, “We were all baptized by ONE Spirit into one body” (1 Cor 12:13).

There are no New Testament examples of a genuinely born again believer being possessed by a demon. Possession means that a demon lives IN him.

No, the Holy Spirit lives IN him, not a demon.

However, a demon can work from without and influence a believer. Satan can use a demon to tempt and to create many doubts, anxious feelings and fear.

#### **I. WHO ARE WE IN CHRIST**

Every Christian needs to understand who he is in Christ. The Apostle Paul declared clearly that in Christ every believer is safe and secure, both redeemed and forgiven.

#### **REDEEMED AND FORGIVEN**

The Bible says, “In Him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God” (Eph 1:7).

**There are two key words in this verse.**

### **A. Redemption**

**In the Bible redemption refers to forgiveness of sin. It means “to cancel a debt”. The Bible teaches that there is a payment for sin.**

**“The wages of sin is death” (Rom 6:23). A bloody death is the only payment for sin that God will accept.**

**Hebrews 9: 22 says, “Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin”.**

**“The soul that sins will die” (Ezek 18:4).**

**All are “sold into bondage to sin” (Rom 7:14).**

**So, all are guilty of sin and deserve the death sentence for it.**

**However, Christ came and shed his blood and died on a cross. Why? To pay the sin debt for guilty men. He came to buy men out of bondage. The price he paid was death by blood.**

**Redemption means to buy with a price. The price to buy freedom for a Christian is the blood and death of Jesus Christ.**

**“He delivered us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the Kingdom of his beloved Son” (Col 1:13).**

### **B. Forgiveness**

**Forgiveness is the primary result of redemption.**

**At the last Supper Jesus shared with the disciples the bread and wine. He spoke of his “blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for FORGIVENESS of sins” (Matt 26:28).**

**Christ takes away both the guilt and penalty of sin from those who give their lives to him.**

**“Through Him (Christ) forgiveness of sin is proclaimed to you, and through Him everyone who believes is freed from all things” (Acts 13:38-39).**

**Psalm 103:12 says God taken a believer’s sins on himself and removed them “as far as the east is from the west’.**

**Micah put it like this. God “will cast all of their sins into the depths of the sea” (7:18-19).**

**When Christ comes into a person’s life he says to that person what he said to the woman caught in adultery. “Neither do I condemn you, go your way” (John 8:11).**

**“There is now no condemnation to those IN Christ Jesus” (Rom 8:1).**

**John 1:9 says that he is “faithful and just to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness”.**

## **II. SEALED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**“Having believed you were marked in him, with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those God’s possession—to the praise of his glory” (Eph 1:13).**

**The way God guarantees a believer has salvation is that he gives the person the Holy Spirit the moment he gives his life to Christ. The presence of the Holy Spirit is the guarantee that God will keep His promise of eternal life.**

**“If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him” (Rom 8:9). Every saved person has the Holy Spirit.**

**When he comes into a person’s life that person is sealed. This was an official mark of identification that was placed on a letter, a contract or another important document.**



**The seal usually consisted of a blob of hot wax melted onto the document and then impressed with an official ring. The document was then kept private until it was delivered to the proper person.**

**The seal of the Holy Spirit suggests four principles.**

- A. Security. A believer is secure in Christ.**
  - B. Authenticity. His experience with the Lord is real.**
  - C. Ownership. A believer belongs to Christ.**
  - D. Authority. A believer is under the authority and power of Christ.**
- (JM)**

### **III. THE PLEDGE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (14)**

**The Holy Spirit guarantees our inheritance with his pledge.**

**A pledge refers to a down payment given to someone to secure a purchase. (JM)**

**Suppose you want to buy a house but you do not have all the money at the time. So, you will make monthly payments until the loan is paid off.**

**However, at the beginning you must pay 25% as a down payment. If you fail to pay the monthly fee on the debt you lose the down payment.**

**A pledge is the down payment on your soul. The Holy Spirit in you is the down payment given by God as a guarantee that he will complete the work he begins.**

**The Holy Spirit “is given as a pledge of our inheritance” (1:14).**

### **Conclusion**

**The Holy Spirit dwells in every believer. He is our seal and pledge.**

**A demon cannot live in the same soul as the Holy Spirit. If so, then that soul would not be holy.**

**However, a demon can use his power to influence a believer. For that reason, a believer must learn to walk with Christ in faith on a daily basis and depend on him to lead and guide by the Holy Spirit.**

**In Ephesians 5: 18 Paul said, “Be filled with the Spirit”. That means to be controlled by HIM at all times. A person does that by simple trust and obedience.**

### **Discussion**

**Get into a small group and discuss the difference of being possessed by a demon and being influenced by a demon.**

## **CHAPTER 06**

### **THE BELIEVER AND SPIRITUAL WARFARE Part 1**

#### **2 Corinthians 10:4-5**

**In a Lordship Revival Conference, I was teaching on spiritual warfare and temptation. I was saying that Satan will establish a sinful stronghold in a person's life little by little, one step at a time.**

**Afterwards, a father approached me and shared his story. He said his son got involved in internet pornography. This involvement led to child molestation. Molestation led to prison. The father said that when his son gets out of prison, he will no longer be able to visit his family at home because there are younger children in the family.**

**In addition, the son will be forced to live in a certain area of the city and publicize the fact that he is a sex offender.**

**This is very tragic and proves that the wages of sin are truly death. Romans 6:23 says, "The wages of sin is death". This can be the death of your peace, joy, as you live life now as well as eternal death in hell forever.**

**The Christian life is a battle. "Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes" (Eph 6:10-18).**

**Believers are in a spiritual war. This battle takes place in the mind. The battle with Satan is all about the thought life.**

**I Thessalonians 5:23-24 says that man is composed of three parts: spirit, soul and body. Many Bible Scholars believe that the three parts of man are:**

## **1. The Body.**

**We all know that the body houses our souls and spirits. The body is a temple of God once you are saved.**

**We have the following five senses: Sight, Hearing, Smell, Touch, Taste.**

**Satan attacks us through these 5 senses.**

**It smells good so let's overeat. She looks good so let's lust etc. etc. etc. Etc. etc. etc.**

## **2. The Soul**

**The soul is your mind, will and emotions.**

**All temptation attacks in your mind. Whoever controls your mind controls you. We are in a spiritual war. This battle takes place in the mind. The battle is all about your thought life.**

## **3. The Spirit**

**The Spirit is that part that communicates with God and will live for eternity.**

## **TEMPTATION**

**What is temptation?**

**Pastor Peter Lord of Titusville, Florida, gave the following definition. He said that temptation is seeking to fulfill a God-given desire in a God-forbidden way.**

**For example, sex is a God-given desire but the temptation to commit adultery is seeking to fulfill this legitimate desire in a God-forbidden way.**

**God has given men a will. This amounts to the ability to choose right from wrong.**

**The Lord has promised that his people will face no temptation they are not able to bear and with the temptation provide a way out so that they can stand up under it (1 Cor 10:13).**

**“When you are tempted, no one should say that God is tempting me. For God cannot be tempted by evil nor does he tempt anyone, but each one is tempted when by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed” (James 1:13).**

**Bullfighting is a popular sport in Mexico.**

**In the bullfight there are four key components, the matador, the bull, the red cape and the sword.**

**The bull represents mankind.**

**The matador represents Satan.**

**The red cape represents temptation.**

**Whenever the matador waves the red cape he is tempting the bull to charge.**

**This is what happens when Satan tempts a person to sin. The man can choose to turn away by an act of his own free will through the power of the Spirit or he can charge the red cape.**

**Satan may wave the cape several times and get no response. But the moment a person chooses to charge it, he has sinned.**

**However, behind the red cape is a sword and the Bible says “the wages of sin is death”.**

**All unrepentant sin will lead to death of some kind. It may be the death of joy, peace, assurance of eternal security or eternal death in the life of an unbeliever.**

**STRONGHOLDS**

**A repeated sin becomes a habit. A sinful habit becomes a stronghold.**

**It starts with a thought. It leads to a choice. A choice leads to an act. An act repeated leads to a habit. A sinful habit leads to a stronghold.**

**In other words, Satan establishes a foothold in some area of a person's life. In that area of life the person will not have victory!**

**Some issues just keep popping up. They are not good, not healthy, not pure and not right and the person involved knows it.**

**Many times, he has made his best effort to overcome that matter but without success. He just cannot get the best of it.**

## **THE SOURCE OF STRONGHOLDS**

**To understand the warfare, a believer must know the battlefields. There are three of them.**

- 1. The World. "Do not love the world or the things in the world" (1 John 2:15). The "world" is the world system. Satan has invaded our culture with anti-Christian ideas and thoughts. He has done this through media, arts, books, education, indeed through all the things in society that teach antibiblical behavior.**
- 2. The Flesh. The term "flesh" can mean the skin that covers the bones and sometimes speaks of the entire body, as in Acts 2:26. "Therefore, my heart was glad, and my tongue exulted; moreover my "flesh" also will abide in hope".**

**However, in the area of spiritual warfare the word "flesh" refers to our old sinful nature we were born with. No one had to teach a person "how to" sin. We just grew up and did it. We are sinners by nature, and we are sinners by choice.**

The term “flesh” refers to our basic nature which operates within us from the time we are born. This sin nature is in rebellion against God.

It is self-centered and wants to be in control (Rom 7:14-24; 8:5-9).

3. The Devil. Satan exerts his power against believers and unbelievers.

“He who sins is of the devil for the devil has sinned from the beginning” (1 John 3:8).

There are many names for him: “angel of light”, accuser, prince and power of the world”.

Satan is the prince of this world. An unsaved man walks “according to the course of this world, according to the prince and power of the air” (Eph 2:2).

## **TYPES OF STRONGHOLDS**

**Bitterness.** Bitterness is harboring anger toward someone. The Apostle to the Hebrews called it a “root sin” (Heb 12:15).

### **A. Lust.**

Lust stems from an out of control thought life.

Immorality comes from the word *porneia* and covers all sexual activity outside of marriage.

### **B. Fear**

Fear is the “what ifs” of life, for example, fear of death, fear of rejection (always feeling as if you are being judged), fear of failure, jealousy, lying, gossip, addictions, insecurity, idolatry, sorcery, drunkenness, envy, doubt, guilt (the inability to forgive yourself of past sins), unforgiveness (not being able to let go and forgive

someone who offended you, but wanting to retaliate), worry, laziness, and greed.

### **C. Pride.**

Pride can lock a man or woman up as if in a straitjacket. It can build a barrier between people who live together under the same roof . Husbands will not speak to their wives; wives shut their husbands out of their lives. They will not communicate because of an impassable gulf, or chasm, created by pride.

Pride controls of the individual and all efforts to break it down made through reason or argument to break it down are resisted. It cannot be destroyed that way.

### **D. Deceit.**

Satan uses religion because God created men with a desire to worship someone greater than themselves. Every religion Satan offers depends on good works to gain access to heaven.

He uses these lies to bind people in the darkness of strongholds.

### **E. Animism/Witchcraft**

In many parts of Africa, the principal religion is animism.

Many Africans pray to their ancestors hoping their ancestors will intervene in their lives and bless them.

They also have witch doctors who have a great deal of power. The people seek out witch doctors for healing and advice.

One summer my wife and I were conducting evangelistic open air meetings. The first day of the first week forty-one came forward seeking Christ. After praying to give their lives to Jesus they all took off their fetishes and handed them over to the pastors.

The second week several demon-possessed people gave their lives to Jesus and they were freed from the rule of the demons in their lives.



**The third week a demon possessed witch doctor came to the open air meeting. By the grace of God, the Holy Spirit revealed truth to her and she gave her life to Jesus.**

**The next day she came to the open-air meeting and brought all of her fetishes and burned them before the entire crowd.**

**She then began studying the evangelistic Bible studies, the Good News, with the members of the local church.**

**How did she come to see the truth? The Holy Spirit revealed truth to her.**

**How does a person access the Holy Spirit to ask him to do his work? Prayer.**

#### **F. Materialism/Atheism**

**Another lie Satan uses to deceive people is that money and success are the way to happiness.**

**In a world where there is so much wealth many become agnostic.**

**Men believe that they can make it on their own. So they see no need for God and just do not think about him one way or another.**

**Satan lulls the church into complacency. Complacent Christians live as if there is no war. They live oblivious to the fact that Satan and his demons are out to kill and destroy. The Devil's greatest weapon against the people of God is complacency.**

**If a Christian lives as though there is no war, he sits on the sidelines and does not engage in the battle. And what is worse, Satan strips him of using the one weapon that can defeat him, namely the Holy Spirit through prayer.**

**When he does not pray, when he does not live controlled by the Holy Spirit, he is living by his own flesh we are living by our own flesh. Human flesh is no match for Satan and his demons.**

# **CHAPTER 07**

## **DEFINING THE ENEMY**

**By: Pastor David Jett**

**In order to defeat the enemy we need to know who he is. This study will teach us 08 basic truths about our enemy who is Satan.**

### ***I. Satan is the author of sin.***

**John 8:44a (ESV)**

**You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him.**

**Isaiah 14:12–15 (ESV)**

**“How you are fallen from heaven, O Day Star, son of Dawn!  
How you are cut down to the ground,  
you who laid the nations low!  
You said in your heart,  
‘I will ascend to heaven;  
above the stars of God I will set my throne on high;  
I will sit on the mount of assembly in the far reaches of the north;  
I will ascend above the heights of the clouds;  
I will make myself like the Most High.’  
But you are brought down to Sheol, to the far reaches of the pit.”**

### ***II. Satan continually opposes the work of God.***

**The name Satan means “ADVERSARY”.**

**Matthew 16:21-25 (NIV)**

**From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.**

**Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. “Never, Lord!” he said. “This shall never happen to you!”**

**Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan!**

**You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men.”**

**Then Jesus said to his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.**

**For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it.**

**2 Corinthians 4:3-4 (NIV)**

**And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing.**

**The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.**

***III. Satan has continued his rebellion through four primary means.***

**A. As Deceiver**

**John 8:44 (ESV)**

**You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.**

**2 Corinthians 11:3 (ESV)**

**But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.**

**Revelation 12:9 (ESV)**

**And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.**

### **B. As Tempter**

**Matthew 4:3 (ESV)**

**And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.”**

**1 Thessalonians 3:5 (ESV)**

**For this reason, when I could bear it no longer, I sent to learn about your faith, for fear that somehow the tempter had tempted you and our labor would be in vain.**

**James 1:14 (ESV)**

**But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire.**

### **C. As Accuser**

**Zechariah 3:1 (ESV)** Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to accuse him.

**Revelation 12:10 (ESV)**

**And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.**

## **D. As Destroyer**

***John 10:10 (ESV)***

***<sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.***

***2 Corinthians 4:3–4 (ESV)***

**And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.**

## ***IV. Satan has a highly organized kingdom***

***Matthew 12:25-26 (NIV)***

**Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and every city or household divided against itself will not stand. If Satan drives out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then can his kingdom stand?**

***Ephesians 6:12 (NIV)***

**For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.**

## **A. Rulers**

**These are Territorial spirits.**

***Deuteronomy 32:8 (ESV)***

***<sup>8</sup> When the Most High gave to the nations their inheritance, when he divided mankind, he fixed the borders of the peoples according to the number of the sons of God.***

## **B. Authorities**

**These are Teaching spirits.**

**1 Timothy 4:1 (ESV)**

**Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons**

## **C. Powers**

**These are Tormenting spirits.**

**Mark 9:17–18 (ESV)**

**And someone from the crowd answered him, “Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able.”**

**Luke 13:10–11 (ESV)**

**Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And behold, there was a woman who had had a disabling spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not fully straighten herself.**

## **D. Forces**

**These are Tempting spirits.**

**James 1:14–15 (ESV)**

**But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.**

**V. *Satan and his kingdom have limited power***

**A. Satan is very influential, but he is not always present.**

**Job 1:6 (ESV)**

**Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them.**

**B. Satan is very intelligent, but he is not all knowing.**

**Ezekiel 28:14–17 (ESV)**

**You were an anointed guardian cherub.**

**I placed you; you were on the holy mountain of God; in the midst of the stones of fire you walked.**

**You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created, till unrighteousness was found in you.**

**In the abundance of your trade you were filled with violence in your midst, and you sinned;**

**so I cast you as a profane thing from the mountain of God, and I destroyed you, O guardian cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.**

**Your heart was proud because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor.**

**C. Satan is very powerful, but he is not all powerful.**

**Job 1:11–12 (ESV)**

**But stretch out your hand and touch all that he has, and he will curse you to your face. And the LORD said to Satan, “Behold, all that he**

**has is in your hand. Only against him do not stretch out your hand.”  
So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD.**

**1 John 3:8 (NIV)**

**He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil’s work.**

**Colossians 2:15 (NIV)**

**And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.**

### **DISCUSSION FOR SMALL GROUPS**

**LOOK UP EACH OF THESE VERSES AND DISCUSS WHAT THEY  
MEAN AND HOW EACH ONE APPLIES TO YOUR LIFE NOW.**



## **CHAPTER 08**

### **DOORWAYS AND DEVICES OF THE ENEMY**

**By Pastor David Jett**

#### **Doorways for the Enemy**

**How does a demon enter into someone? He enters through the doors we open. Listed are a few of the doors.**

##### **Spiritual Stronghold**

**A mindset filled with hopelessness that causes a person to accept as unchangeable something that is known to be contrary to the will of God**

**Ephesians 4:27 (ESV)**

**... and give no opportunity to the devil.**

#### **NINE DOORS THROUGH WHICH THE ENEMY CAN ENTER:**

##### **1. *UNBELIEF***

**2 Corinthians 4:3-4 (ESV)**

**And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.**

##### **2. *SEXUAL IMMORALITY/ ABUSE***

**1 Corinthians 6:18 (ESV)**

**Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body.**

### ***3. UNFORGIVENESS, ANGER, BITTERNESS, RAGE***

**Ephesians 4:26-27 (ESV)**

**Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil.**

### ***4. DRUGS, ALCOHOL, GLUTTONY***

**Ephesians 5:18 (ESV)**

**And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit.**

**Numbers 11:34 (NLT)**

**So that place was called Kibroth-hattaavah (which means “graves of gluttony”) because there they buried the people who had craved meat from Egypt.**

### ***5. COVETOUSNESS, LOVE OF MONEY***

**Colossians 3:5 (ESV)**

**Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.**

**1 Timothy 6:10 (ESV)**

**For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.**

## **6. *REBELLION AGAINST AUTHORITY***

**1 Samuel 15:23a (ESV)**

**For rebellion is as the sin of divination...**

**Hebrews 3:15 (ESV)**

**As it is said, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”**

## **7. *GENERATIONAL CURSES / SINS OF THE FATHERS***

**Deuteronomy 5:8a, 9 (ESV)**

**You shall not make for yourself a carved image...You shall not bow down to them or serve them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me.**

## **8. *OCCULT PRACTICES, WITCHCRAFT***

**Galatians 5:19-21 (ESV)**

**Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.**

## **9. *FEAR, ANXIETY, WORRY***

**2 Timothy 1:7 (NLT)**

**For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.**

**Proverbs 29:25 (NIV)**

Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe.

Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV)

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

Also note the devices he uses to trap us.

## **Devices of the Enemy**

### ***Stage 1: ENTICEMENT --- Also called Gates of Access***

James 1:14-15 (ESV)

But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

1 Corinthians 10:13 (ESV)

No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

John 8:44 (ESV)

You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

### ***Stage 2: ENTANGLEMENT Also called Troops of Thoughts***

Hebrews 12:1 (NIV)

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

2 Timothy 2:4 (ESV)

No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him.

***Stage 3: ENTRAPMENT***  
**Arguments**

**Also called Walls of**

Proverbs 5:22 (ESV)

The iniquities of the wicked ensnare him, and he is held fast in the cords of his sin.

***Stage 4: ENSLAVEMENT***    **Also called Towers of**  
**Opinions**

2 Peter 2:19b (ESV)

... For whatever overcomes a person, to that he is enslaved.

John 8:34 (ESV)

Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin.

Discussion for small groups

Read each verse and discuss what they mean and how each verse applies to your life and ministry now.

## **CHAPTER 09**

### **Dressing to Battle the Enemy**

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**Ephesians 6:14–17 (ESV)**

**Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God**

#### ***I. The Belt of Truth***

**Jesus is the truth**

**John 14:6 (ESV)**

**Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”**

**The Bible is the Word of truth**

**2 Timothy 3:16-17 (ESV)**

**All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.**

## **The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth**

**John 16:13 (ESV)**

**When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.**

## ***II. The Breastplate of Righteousness***

### **We become righteousness at Salvation**

**2 Corinthians 5:21 (ESV)**

**For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.**

**Philippians 3:8–9 (ESV)**

**Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith**

### **We must also live every day in the righteousness of Jesus**

**Ephesians 4:24 (ESV)**

**and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.**

**Philippians 2:12–13 (ESV)**

**Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.**

### ***III. The Shoes of Peace***

#### **Peace With God**

**Romans 5:1 (ESV)**

**Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

#### **Peace Of God**

**Philippians 4:6–7 (ESV)**

**do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus**

**John 14:27 (ESV)**

**Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.**

**John 16:33 (ESV)**

**I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”**

#### **God Of Peace**

**Ephesians 2:13–14a (ESV)**

**But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace ...**

**Romans 16:20 (ESV)**

**The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.**



## ***IV. The Shield of Faith***

### **God Is Our Shield**

Psalm 5:12 (ESV)

For you bless the righteous, O LORD; you cover him with favor as with a shield.

### **We Must Use Our Shield**

“... with which YOU can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one”

## **V. The Helmet of Salvation**

### **For Protecting Our Mind**

2 Corinthians 11:3 (ESV)

But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.

### **For Directing Our Mind**

1 Corinthians 2:16b (ESV)

... But we have the mind of Christ.

1 Corinthians 2:10–12 (ESV)

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit

who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.

## **VI. The Sword of the Spirit**

**1 Corinthians 2:13 (ESV)**

**And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.**

**2 Timothy 3:16–17 (ESV)**

**All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.**

**Hebrews 4:12 (ESV)**

**For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.**

**Psalms 119:105 (ESV)**

**Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.**

### **Discussion for Small Groups**

**Read each of these verses and discuss what they mean and how they apply to your life.**

# CHAPTER 10

## CASTING OUT DEMONS

### INTRODUCTION

The best way to learn how to cast demons out of a demon possessed person is to study what Jesus did and just do what he did. In Chapter 4 there is a list of the many times that Jesus cast out demons.

We are going to examine Mark 5:1-17 to demonstrate in a practical way how to cast a demon out of a demon possessed person.

#### I. THE POWER OF DEMONS (1-7)

Jesus and his disciples had been in the city of Capernaum the evening before this event. (Chapter 4).

V. 1 “They went across the lake to the region of the Gerasene”.

This was the Sea of Galilee and a storm had come up. Jesus calmed the storm.

On the other side of the lake was the region called Gerasene.

V. 2 “When he got out of the boat, immediately a man from the tombs with an unclean spirit met him”.

The man was demon possessed.

V. 3 “This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him any more, not even with a chain”.

V. 4 “For he had often been chained hand and foot, but he tore the chains apart and broke the irons on his feet. No one was strong enough to subdue him.”

The man was strong. The man was mad. The man was dangerous. The man was violent. Matthew 8:28 says that he was so violent and dangerous that “no one could pass by that way”.

**V. 6 “When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and fell on his knees in front of him.”**

**V. 7 “He shouted at the top of his voice, “What do you want with me”, Jesus Son of the Most High God”? Swear to God that you will not torture me”.**

These verses show us the following truths:

- A. Demons have power to enslave a person.
- B. Demons recognize Jesus Christ and his power.
- C. Demons realize that the power of Jesus is more powerful than their power.
- D. Demons fear Jesus.

## **II. THE DELIVERANCE FROM THE DEMON (8-16)**

**V. 8 “For Jesus had said to him, “Come out of this man, you evil spirit!”.**

The demons had no option but to obey. (JM).

**V. 9 “Then Jesus asked him, What is your name?”  
“My name is Legion,” he replied, “for we are many”.**

In the midst of casting the demon out Jesus stopped and ask him his name. The response was, “Legion”. Legion means “many”. This was not his name but the title that all the demon forces in him had taken. At that time a Roman military legion consisted of 6,000 soliders. (JM).

**V. 10 “And he begged Jesus again and again not to send him out of the area”.**

This demonstrates the fear demons have of Jesus and his power.

**V. 11 “A large herd of pigs was feeding on the nearby hillside”.**

**V. 12 “The demons begged Jesus, “Send us among the pigs; allow us to go into them”.**

**The demons will try to bargain with you. They will resist you.**

**V. 13 “He gave them permission, and the evil spirits came out and went into the pigs. The herd, about 2,000 in number, rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned”.**

**In this case Jesus even showed that the demons had powerful destructive force and highlighted his power over them. (JM)**

**Jesus cast them out into the pigs. The pigs then ran down the steep bank of the lake and drowned.**

**V. 14 “Those tending the pigs ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, and the people went out to see what had happened”.**

**The response was anger. The owners of the pigs depended on them for their livelihood. They were more interested in making money than in the man who was delivered.**

**V. 15 “When they came to Jesus they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons, sitting there, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid”.**

**The result was that the man was completely healed. He was totally delivered.**

**V. 16 “Those who had seen it told the people what had happened to the demon-possessed man-and told about the pigs as well”.**

**Those who had seen this event of casting out the demons of this man began sharing with everyone what Jesus had done. This miracle demonstrated that Jesus was the Son of God and He had Divine Power.**

**V. 17 “Then the people began to plead with Jesus to leave their region”.**

**Even though they saw Who Jesus was and saw His mighty power and authority they rejected Him.**

**This shows us that miracles will not always lead one to Christ. Some people come to Christ because they want to get good things from him. However, true conversion involves being convicted of sin. One desires to turn from sin and surrender his life to Christ because of WHO Jesus is. He is LORD. He is SAVIOR. He is GOD in FLESH who became a man and lived a sinless life. He died on a cross and shed his blood to pay for our sins. He was buried and rose from the dead after 03 days. He is alive and wants to live in your heart.**

**By faith you can pray and give your life to Christ for Him to come into your life by His Spirit, forgive you and take control of your life.**

## **CONCLUSION**

**What do we learn from this study:**

- 1. Demon possessed people can be delivered**
- 2. Man has no power to deliver people from demons.**
- 3. Only Jesus has the authority and power to deliver people from demons.**
- 4. When a believer seeks to deliver someone from demons he must do so in the name and blood of Jesus.**
- 5. The Process:**
  - A. Ask the demon in the person his name. There may be resistance but keep asking in the name of Jesus. They must obey,**
  - B. Then command the demon to leave that person in the name and blood of Jesus. There is no need to scream and shout. God is not hard of hearing and neither are demons.**
  - C. If there is resistance just keep repeating that he must come out in the name and blood of Jesus.**
  - D. Once the demon leaves you can share the gospel and lead them to Christ.**
  - E. It is then necessary that believers surround the person with love, prayer, fellowship and teaching them the Word of God or else the demon may return.**

# **CHAPTER 11**

## **THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST**

**There are six important truths you need to know in order to have eternal life in Christ.**

### **1. You can know for sure that you have eternal life.**

**I John 5:13 says, “I write these things to you that you may KNOW that you have eternal life”.**

**Today, you can know for sure that you can have a “new life now” and that you will go to heaven after you die.**

### **2. All of us have sinned—broken God’s laws**

**Romans 3:23 says, “All have sinned and come short of the glory of God”.**

**None of us are perfect. We have all sinned.**

### **3. The payment of sin is death.**

**Romans 6:23 says, “the wages of sin is death.”**

**If we break the man’s law, we will be punished. Since we have broken God’s law we die. We are separated from God now in this present life and for all eternity in hell**

### **4. Christ died on a cross, was buried and rose from the dead to pay the only payment for your sins.**

**Romans 5:8 says, “But God demonstrated His love for us in that while we were sinners, Christ DIED FOR US.**

**The payment for sin is not being good, living a good life, being baptized or going to church.**

**It is death by blood and Christ has paid that payment for you when HE died on the cross.**

**After three days Christ rose from the dead and is alive right now and wants to live in your heart!**

**5. You can be forgiven of your sins and be saved for all eternity today. You must do two things to receive Christ, and have eternal life.**

**Romans 10:9 says, “if you confess with your mouth JESUS IS LORD, and BELIEVE in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead you will be saved”.**

**To receive CHRIST, eternal life, you must do two things:**

**A. REPENT —That means you realize you are walking the wrong road in sin and you want God to turn you around and change your life.**

**Are you willing to turn away from any sin, your faith in witchdoctors, ancestor worship, Mary, idols, saints, your own good works and life and allow Christ to be the ONLY LORD AND GOD, SAVIOR of your life?**

**B. BELIEVE IN YOUR HEART. That is faith.**

**Faith is more than just believing in your head that Christ lived, died and rose from the dead to pay for your sins. Even Satan believes that.**

**You must surrender your life to Christ as your only Lord and Savior.**

**Romans 10:13 says, “Call upon the name of the LORD and you will be saved”.**

**6. By faith you can pray right now and give your life to Christ. Prayer does not save you. Jesus does!**



## **PRAYER OF COMMITMENT**

**Does this prayer express the desire of your heart?**

**“Lord Jesus, I give my life to you. Come into my life, change my life and give me eternal life with you right now. Thank You Lord for hearing my prayer and saving my soul. Amen!”**

**If this prayer expresses the desire of your heart, then bow your head and invite Christ into your life right now.**

**God’s promise to you!**

**I John 5:12 says, “He who has the Son HAS life, he who does NOT have the Son does not have life”**

**Did you invite Christ into your life?**

**Where is Christ right now? Where will you spend eternity based on God’s Word?**

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