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Much is being written today on this subject of "demons" and "devils" but in the King James 1611 Bible the unclean spirits which can dwell inside a person are called "devils" and "unclean spirits". Scripture also refers to the "Devil" as a specific entity which is "Satan", who deceives the whole world:

"And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him" (Revelation 12:9).

The Lord Jesus Christ referred to the Devil as "the prince of this world". Before Jesus was crucified He told His disciples;

"Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me" (John 14:30).

And thus Scripture tells us that this present world system is controlled by "The Devil, and Satan" which is "that old serpent" that deceived Eve in the garden of Eden (Genesis Chapter 3). And as a result of man's sin, death entered the world; just as the LORD God had told Adam that it would, if he ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil;

"***And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die" (Genesis 2:16&17).***

The Bible tells us that the Tree of Life was also in the garden (Genesis 2:9), and that Adam and Eve were free to eat from it (Genesis 2:16). And had they done so, and not eaten of "the tree of the knowledge of good and evil" they would have lived forever, and not have died. But they listened to the serpent, and not the LORD God, and so death and sin entered the world. The reason we all die is because we have all sinned. We have all inherited Adam's sinful nature:

"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned" (Romans 5:12).

And thus all mankind shall not only die physically but also spiritually in the second death, which is eternity in the Lake of Fire (Revelation 20:12-15), if they do not come to the Lord Jesus Christ to be washed in His blood, and receive the free gift of the Holy Spirit to be adopted into the family of God. Jesus declared that;

"Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God"(John 3:3).

If the Reader has not yet been born again and saved by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ we would encourage them to read our article; "How to Be Saved."

This Article is intended for those who have already been born again into the family of God through being baptized into the Lord Jesus Christ. When a person is adopted into God's family by the Spirit of adoption, their spirit is united with the Holy Spirit and their salvation is secure;

"For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us" (Romans 8:15-18).

The Bible tells us that walking with Jesus Christ is to be the "crucified life";

"And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts" (Galatians 5:24).

Why is this? It is because even after a person is born-again by the Holy Spirit their physical body; their earthly flesh is still fallen and corrupted through Adam's Fall - we all have the corrupt sinful nature inherited from Adam and Eve. And it is in this corrupted flesh that unclean spirits also called "devils" can dwell. But the Good News is that the Lord Jesus Christ has given His followers the means by which these unclean spirits can be cast out;

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. 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. So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen" (Mark 16: 15-20).

We can see here that the casting out of devils is the first of five signs which the Lord Jesus Christ said would "Follow them that believe." We shall address the other signs in our Articles and courses; the speaking with "New tongues" is one which appears to cause some confusion today. But for now let us focus on the first sign the Lord Jesus Christ said would follow "Them that believe"; the casting our of devils in His Name.

It is important to understand that in English the LORD has given us the King James 1611 Bible as His perfect Word. And the Name of the LORD is the Lord Jesus Christ. There is no "Yeshua" or "Ya-hoo-ah" or any other pseudo "Hebrew" nonsense found anywhere in the New Testament. In any case; the New Testament was originally written in Greek! And then the LORD who preserves His Word from generation to generation has given us His perfect Holy-Spirit Word of God in English. For those not aware of this fact, we hope you will have a look at our Article; "The Battle of the Bibles."

And so we can see that the followers of the Lord Jesus Christ are to cast out devils in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. And this must be important because it is the first sign which Jesus Christ Himself said would "Follow them that believe."

And yet there are very few within the organised Christian Church today who are doing this. And so we have written this Article to give an introduction regarding what Scripture says on this important subject.

Because the fact of the matter is that in the world today most people need to be delivered from unclean spirits, including children. In fact, unclean spirits can enter into a child when it is in the womb. And those who are born-again Christians are given the authority in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ to cast out these unclean spirits.

But it is important to view these things from a Biblical perspective. So here are a few points to consider.

SPIRITUAL WARFARE and DELIVERANCE

There is a difference between personal deliverances and the concept of spiritual warfare described in Ephesians Chapter 6 against the spiritual potentates who are called “The spiritual hosts of wickedness in heavenly places”. (Ephesians 6:12).

The Bible tells us that there are "devils" and "unclean spirits" which can inhabit a person's body, and that these can be cast out in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ by His followers. This is what is called "deliverance." And "deliverance" is different than the spiritual warfare in which every person is engaged, whether they know it or not.

Revelation 12:9 has told us that "That old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan" has been cast out onto this earth. We are also told in this chapter that he took one third of the angelic host with him, and that they are all here on this earth. And their objective is to destroy every man and woman and to try to make us reject the Lord Jesus Christ so that we will burn in the Lake of Fire forever, which is where they shall also be going (Revelation 20:10). These are angelic beings, and do not need a body to dwell in, but can travel about. They could go into a person, and sometimes do. However they do not require a human body to inhabit.The "unclean spirits" and "devils" which can dwell within a person do require a body, for reasons which shall be explained.

However we are all born into a War Zone, in any case. And this can be traced back to man's sin in the garden. We are no longer in paradise, and in fact the LORD had to cast Adam and Eve out of the garden of Eden and has put a flaming sword and cherubim to guard the entrance. Why?

"And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life" (Genesis 3:22-24).

We are fallen men and women, living in a world which is also corrupted through man's sin, and the "prince of this world" is Satan (John 12:31, 14:30, 16:11). And Revelation 12 tells us that Satan tried to destroy the Lord Jesus Christ, but was unable to do so; Jesus defeated Satan on the cross, and has ascended to the right hand of God the Father, awaiting His return to this earth. Revelation 19:11-21 tells us how the Lord Jesus Christ shall return in glory to this earth and cast the rulers of the darkness of this world into the Lake of Fire.

However Revelation 12:17 also tells us that when the dragon saw that he could not defeat the Lord Jesus Christ he set his sights upon trying to destroy those who follow Jesus Christ and keep His commandments.

And this is a war which all born-again Christians must fight by taking the armour of God and using the only

weapon of God we are given; the "Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God":

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

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, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints"(Ephesians Chapter 6:10-18).

This is the spiritual warfare which we all must fight as long as we are in this earthly body. And it is not the same as the casting out of devils, which is "deliverance" however the principles of warfare described are essential for deliverance, as well. And we will discuss some aspects of deliverance, but first it is important to identify what the "unclean spirits" and "devils" which are cast out from a person in a deliverance actually are, and how they came into existence.

WHERE DID DEVILS AND UNCLEAN SPIRITS COME FROM?

Genesis Chapter 12 reveals that "There was war in heaven" and Satan and his angels rebelled against Almighty God, and they were subsequently cast out upon the earth;

"And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, 8And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him" (Revelation 12:7-9).

This Chapter also shows that it was one third of the angelic host who joined with Satan, and who were cast out of heaven. These fallen angels have become Satanic entities also known as "devils". Therefore two thirds of the angelic host have remained in heaven and do the work of God. This means that there are twice as many good angels as bad angels, who became devils after they rebelled. And so you could say that this is a good thing that there are twice as many good angels as bad angels. But Satan's fallen angels did something after they were cast onto the earth which brings up their numbers, as it were; Genesis Chapter 6 tells us that a certain number of them had sex with women, the daughters of men, and produced a hybrid race of children called "giants."

It needs to be understood that the angels are male, and that Scripture refers to them sometimes as "men", as in Genesis Chapter 19, and also as "The sons of God" (Job 38:7). It is also clear in Scripture that the angels in heaven do not marry or have children; the LORD did not intend them to marry or "Be fruitful and

multiply" the way He intended for Adam and Eve to be fruitful and multiply. It is emphasized three times in Scripture that the angels of God in heaven "Neither marry nor are given in marriage" (Matthew 22:30, Mark 12:25, Luke 20:35). However it is also clearly stated in Scripture that the angels who rebelled against God and were cast out onto the earth did marry, and bear children.

Genesis 6 tells us that some of the fallen angels had sex with women, and that "giants" were produced; "Mighty men of old, men of renown" (Genesis 6:4).

"And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown" (Genesis 6:1-4).

And so we can understand that these giants which were fallen angel/human hybrids began to marry-into the race of Adam, and corrupt the genome of mankind. They were also violent, and there is evidence that they became cannibals. Our Article entitled "Giants On the Earth" gives further information on the giants, including skeletons which have been found but hidden by modern-day "science." Museums across the world have in fact destroyed giant bones which were given to them in good faith by the Public. Why is this? Because Satan is the "prince of this world" who is trying to get all mankind to disbelieve the Bible. And the existence of giants is one of many historical facts which shows that the Bible can be trusted entirely.

The fact that giants have existed also shows that the "evolution" narrative of "That old serpent...which deceiveth the whole world" is also a barefaced lie. We need to understand that "science" today is largely deception. Our article entitled the Flat Earth addresses this matteer also. But the Word of God cannot fail, because the Lord Jesus Christ can never fail.

And so Genesis 6 tells us that the LORD had to send the Great Flood to destroy the giants who were evil, and were also corrupting the genetic code of mankind. Some people call them the "nephilim" because "nephil" is the Hebrew word translated "giants" in the King James Bible. The word "nephil" implies "to fall." And, as we have seen in Revelation 12:9, the angels who created these giants not only fell from heaven, but were cast out of heaven onto the earth. Let us consider the Scripture again:

"There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them" (Genesis 6:4).

The word "giants" in the Authorized King James 1611 Bible is a Holy Spirit inspired translation of the word "nephil" as are all the words in this Bible. This shows us that these entities were gigantic in size. The "fallen" is a word which can be interpreted as being the angels themselves; not their offspring with women, which were "giants." The "giants" were a fallen angel hybrid entity which had entered the genome of mankind through the fallen angels mating with women.

And thus this corrupted genome began to spread through mankind, as the giants themselves mated with other women and produced more hybrids.

But Noah was "Perfect in his generations" (Genesis 5:9). Noah was not corrupted by the seed of the fallen angels. And everyone today is descended from Noah. Genesis Chapter 10 which is called the "Table of Nations" provides us with all the different nations who have been descended from Noah's three son's Shem, Ham and Japheth;

"These are the families of the sons of Noah, after their generations, in their nations: and by these were the nations divided in the earth after the flood" (Genesis 10:32).

And so what does this have to do with deliverance?

The unclean spirits and devils which can invade and indwell human bodies are the spirits of the hybrid giants which were destroyed at the time of the Flood. Scripture tells us that the LORD destroyed all flesh that was on the earth. But the unclean spirits of these hybrids which are "devils" remained. Scripture also indicates that the fallen angels corrupted the animals as well; this may be the horrible entities called "dinosaurs" today. We will do a course on this presently.

Jesus explained how the unclean spirits roam about seeking a place to dwell. This is always their objective to do so.

By indwelling a person they obtain a greater advantage in controlling that person than when they are working from the outside. When devils indwell a person, he or she is said to “have” evil spirits, to be “with” evil spirits, or to be “possessed” with devils. (Mark 9:17; Luke 4:33; Mark 1:23; 5:2; Matthew 4:24).

However the term "possessed" does not mean that the person is "owned" in the sense that the devil owns the person.

In this sense, a Christian could never be “devil possessed”. He could not be owned by devils because he is owned by Christ;

“***Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold ... but with the precious blood of Christ" (1 Peter 1:18,19)***

“What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's”(I Corinthians 6:19,20)

The following includes quotes from the excellent book; "Pigs in the Parlor" written by Frank and Ida Mae Hammond, which is available as a free pdf on www.archive.org and also from booksellers:

"The Christian should always consider indwelling devils as unnecessary and undesirable TRESPASSERS.

A trespasser is one who unlawfully and stealthily encroaches upon the territory of another. Trespassers can continue their unlawful practices until they are confronted and challenged on the basis of one’s legal rights. Jesus has purchased the believer with His own blood and has made him a steward over his own life. The devil has no legal right to him; however, it is up to him to defend his rights. No devil can remain when the Christian seriously desires him to go! “Resist the devil and he will flee from you" (James 4:7b).

Devils consider the body of the person indwelt to be their “house”: When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. Then he saith, I will return into MY HOUSE from whence I came out" (Matthew 12:43,44a).

It is not uncommon for devils to speak through a person who is being delivered (See: Mark 1:23, 24). You may often hear evil spirits declare, “This is my house” They are referring to the person’s body, and are seeking to deceive the person and the deliverance minister into thinking that they have a right to that body. No devil can back up such a claim. All devils are liars and deceivers. devils have no title to bodies redeemed by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

When devils are being commanded out of a person they will sometimes contend “I have been here a long time” as though tenure of occupancy gives them title to a person’s body. The Christian must be assured that no devil has a legal right to indwell his body. Twenty-five times in the New Testament devils are called “unclean spirits”. The word “unclean” is the same word used to designate certain creatures which the Israelites were not to eat (See Acts 10:11-14).

The pig was one of these “unclean” creatures. According to Old Testament law they were not to be eaten or even touched. The New Testament lifts this prohibition by showing that these creatures were spiritual types.

As a spiritual type the pig is to the natural realm what the devil spirit is to the spiritual realm.

Just as the Israelite zealously protected himself from contact with pigs, the Christian is to guard himself from contact with evil spirits.What would you do if a herd of filthy pigs came into your parlor and began to make themselves at home? Would you invite such a thing? Would you pay no attention to them in the hope they would soon leave of their own accord? Would you try to clean up their mess as fast as they made it?

You would do one of these things. You would drive them out as quickly and unceremoniously as possible! And this is to be our attitude toward devil spirits. As soon as they are discovered they are to be driven out. All four Gospels record the event of Jesus cleansing the temple. This is an unusual picture of our Lord. He was filled with righteous indignation at what he found in the temple. It was no time for mere words; it was a time for action. He began personally and determinedly; to purge the temple of every defiling thing. This is an illustration of the cleansing of our bodies, which are temples of the Holy Spirit, from all that is unclean.

Devil spirits provide nothing good. They only defile. They have no more place in us than the cattle, birds and money changers had in the earthly temple. We can act in the same authority with which Jesus cleansed the temple and rid ourselves of defiling evil spirits. Jesus did not make pretty speeches or debate with those who defiled the temple - he drove them out! As unreasonable as it may seem, some Christians are not as ready to get rid of indwelling devils as one might assume. Some are embarrassed to admit the need for deliverance.

The embarrassment should never result from having them but in failure to act promptly in getting them out. Others have walked in agreement with certain spirits for so long that they do not want to change. Not all Christians really want to live in purity. Such are as those who have made friends with pigs. But even the prodigal son came to himself while among the swine and decided that he would separate himself and return to his father. Let us pray that all of God’s children who cohabit with spiritual swine will see that there is a better life.

A research scientist in biochemistry told me of an experiment in which he was engaged. It was his objective to isolate and identify the factors which are responsible for hog pen odors. By determining the reason why hogs smell as they do it would to then be possible to find an antidote. Thus, hogs could be made more compatible with human society. It is not our objective to make devil spirits compatible. We are not looking for ways to make devils easier to live with but how to get rid of them. We want no pigs in our

parlor!

Your Spiritual Enemies

Devils are spiritual enemies and it is the responsibility of each Christian to deal with them directly in spiritual warfare.

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places" (Ephesians 6:10-12)

"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 strongholds)" (2 Corinthians 10:3,4)

Scripture employs the analogy of wrestling in reference to our warfare with Satan and his hosts. Wrestling is an accurate and pointed description. It speaks of close-quarter fighting; of personally grappling with the powers of darkness. Most of us would prefer to use a giant cannon and blast away at these enemies from miles away, but this is not possible. The battle is very personal and close. The enemy is a spiritual one. The weapons are spiritual.

Wrestling also suggests pressure tactics. This tells us that Satan’s tactic is to put pressure on us. He does this in the areas of our thought life, emotions, decision making and our physical bodies. Believers often feel pressured by the enemy in one way or another.

When one is ignorant of Satan’s devices he may turn for relief to tranquilizers, sleeping pills or even the psychiatrist’s couch. But God’s remedy for victory over Satanic pressures is spiritual warfare. The Bible shows us how the Christian can put pressure upon the devils and defeat them! He must then learn the practical ways in which this is done. He must throw away his ineffective fleshly weapons and take up mighty spiritual weapons.

The believer must know both his own weaponry and how to employ it, and the tactics of the enemy and how to defeat him.

Ephesians chapter six, verse twelve tells us four important things about our spiritual enemy. First, we are told that we are fighting against PRINCIPALITIES.

This word is used to describe things in a series, such as leaders, rulers and magistrates. Thus, a “series” of leaders or rulers would describe their rank and organization. So the word "principalities” tells us that the Satanic kingdom is organized. Perhaps Satan’s forces are much the same in organization as the army of the United States which his the President as Commander-in-Chief followed by generals, colonels, majors, captains, lieutenants on down to the private. Satan is the head of his kingdom and has under him a rank of ruling spirits ultimately subject unto himself.

It is emphasized three times in the Bible that the Lord Jesus Christ referred to the Devil as the "Prince of this world" (John 12:31, 14:30, 16:11).

The English word"principality" is defined as “the territory or jurisdiction of a prince or the country that gives title to a prince” (Webster). Thus, we see that these ruling spirits under Satan, the chief "prince of this world" are assigned over areas such as nations and cities.

This is borne out by the account in Daniel, chapter ten. Daniel was seeking a word from God through prayer and fasting. After three weeks an angel appeared. The angel explained that he had been delayed in getting to Daniel with God’s message by an encounter with "the prince of the kingdom of Persia”. He does not refer to an earthly prince, for no mere man could withstand a heavenly messenger. He is speaking of a devil prince. From this it is clear that there are ruling devil spirits placed by Satan over nations and cities in order to carry out his evil purposes. Problems that persist and plague churches and homes can well indicate that special evil agents have been assigned to cause trouble in these areas as well. Thus, we discover that our spiritual warfare embraces much more than our individual lives. We are fighting for the welfare of our homes, communities and nation.

The enemy is organized. His moves are made with evil designs

Second, we are told that our warfare is against POWERS. This word tells us that the devils who are placed over various areas or territories are given authority to carry out whatever orders have been assigned. The Christian soldier need not be dismayed or discouraged to learn that those whom he faces have been given authority, for the believer has even greater authority.

All Christians are vested with the authority of the name of Jesus.

"And these signs shall follow them that believe: IN MY NAME shall they cast out devils" (Mark 16:17).

This verse tells us that the believer has greater authority than the authority of unclean spirits and devils. Devils are forced to yield to the authority of the name of Jesus. Scripture reveals that devils not only have authority but they have power. In Luke 10:19 we read of the “power” of the enemy. Yet this fact will not daunt the Christian warrior, for he has the promise of God’s Word that he can have greater power than that of the enemy.

“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you.” (Acts 1:8)

The power of the believer comes to him with the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Jesus knows that his followers need both authority and power to deal with the enemy. When he sent the twelve out in ministry he sent them fully equipped;

“Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them POWER and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases.” (Luke 9:1)

A little later in His ministry Jesus sent the seventy disciples out two by two, and when they returned they reported that they successfully dealt with the Satanic powers in the mighty name of Jesus:

"And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord even the devils are subject unto us through thy name. And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall by any means hurt you" (Luke

10:17-19).

The commission that Jesus has given to His church provides the same authority and power. In Mark 16:17 we are told that believers are to cast out devils in the name of Jesus. The promise was not limited to the apostles or first century disciples, but is for all believers of all times. The commission as stated in Matthew chapter twenty-eight, verses eighteen through twenty, opens with the declaration, “all power (authority' is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore...”

We today have the same authority and power for ministry that was given to the church initially. It would be sheer folly to go against unclean spirits without this power and authority. The authority comes through salvation; the power comes through the baptism in the Holy Spirit. The power given the believer through the mighty baptism in the Holy Spirit is evidenced through the operation of the gifts of the Spirit (See I Corinthians 12: 1-11).

The gifts of the Spirit, such as supernatural words of knowledge and discerning of spirits, are indispensable in spiritual warfare. This power and the authority of Jesus’ name are given that the believer might overcome Satanic powers.

The policeman is an example of authority and power. He gets up in the morning and before he goes to duty he puts on his uniform and his badge. Everyone recognizes his “authority” when they see his uniform and badge. But there are some lawless persons who will not respect this authority. So, the policeman straps his billy-club on one hip and his revolver on the other. Now he has the “power” to back up his authority!

In like manner, the Christian is foolish to go out against the Devil's forces without both his authority and power. We are not to wait for God to come to our rescue. It is not a time to pray that God will provide power and authority. He has already provided for our salvation and our baptism in the Holy Spirit. He is therefore waiting for us to recognize that He has already made the necessary provisions, and that we are to engage in spiritual warfare and become the militant church prophesied:

"***And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:18).***

Third, we learn that we wrestle against THE RULERS OF THE DARKNESS OF THIS WORLD.

This designation of the enemy emphasizes his intention to control. Satan is referred to in Scripture as “the god of this world” (II Cor. 4:4). When Adam fell through sin, Satan gained dominion over the world. Jesus did not deny the devil’s claim made during the wilderness temptations:

“Again the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; And said unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me" (Matthew 4:9).

It is imperative that we recognize Satan to be a defeated foe. He is stripped of his power and his kingdom.

We have every right to treat him as a trespasser. Suppose you own a piece of wooded property. You put up signs around that property saying “No Trespassing”. This signifies that you own the property and have a legal right to keep others off it. A hunter comes by. He disregards your notices posted around the property and trespasses. When you find him there you can make him leave. He has no right to stay. It is

important that we understand that unclean spirits have no legal rights to the Christian. They may trespass, but when we are ready to take the initiative and give them notice they must leave.

Jesus explained His ability to cast out demons in these words:

"But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you. When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace. But when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him ALL HIS ARMOUR wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils" (Luke 11:20-22).

Jesus declared that the strong man's armour was taken away from him. This means that Satan is made completely defenseless.

In Ephesians 6:11 the Christian is exhorted to take unto himself the WHOLE ARMOUR of God. Thus, the Christian is not vulnerable at any point while the devil is vulnerable at every point! Satan is still seeking to rule the world he has made considerable progress. Why? Because the church has not risen up in the power and authority given it. However the more Christians who enter into the warfare, the more Satan will suffer loss.

Fourth, Scripture says that we wrestle against SPIRITUAL WICKEDNESS IN HIGH PLACES.

The key to this phrase is the word "wickedness". The word suggests that which is highly injurious or destructive in character. These evil powers have only one objective; wickedness. They may appear as angels of light and by their deceptiveness draws many into their nets of destruction. Jesus exposed their wicked purposes in these words:

"The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy" (John 10:10a).

These four expressions from Ephesians 6:12 have given us a very vivid picture of Satan's kingdom. It is highly organized to carry out its purposes. The Devil's powers are set in array and given authority by Satan to control the entire world and plague it with pernicious evil.

There is no advantage to us in ignoring Satan's forces and methods. This only permits Satan to work undetected and unchallenged. To fail to become actively involved in spiritual warfare is to suggest that we do not care what becomes of ourselves, our loved ones, our community, our nation and our world. Most Christians have not become engaged in spiritual battle because they have never been taught the importance of it nor the way to go about it. Today Satan is flaunting his power through spiritism, occultism, false religions and cults as never before in all human history.

Fight the Good Fight

It is an awakening revelation to the followers of Jesus Christ today to discover how organized Satan is and how systematically he is working against us. While most of us have been taught that it is every believer's task to be a witness of Jesus Christ, and even trained and encouraged to witness; at the same time we have not been schooled that it is also every believer's task to be a Christian soldier, active in spiritual warfare. How many Christians have been trained in "the PULLING DOWN of strongholds" (II Corinthians 10:4), or in how to "RESIST the devil" (James 4:7), or how to "WRESTLE against principalities... powers... rulers of the darkness of this world... and spiritual wickedness in high places" (Ephesians 6:12)?

Satan has a method and a settled plan to conquer each one of us, along with our family, church,

community and nation. God has provided armour for our protection and weapons for offensive warfare. Thus, we can withstand every assault against us AND launch an attack that will overthrow the enemy! The emphasis in this book is upon personal deliverance. This is the starting point for total spiritual warfare. When we engage the enemy on the level of personal deliverance we are lighting Satan's front line troops. His "top brass" is beyond, and we must gel to them before the battle is over.

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The first objective in warfare is to free oneself. Does everyone need deliverance? Personally, I have not found any exceptions. While we have walked in ignorance and darkness the enemy has successfully made inroads into each of us. We must learn how to get him out and how to keep him out. Talk out loud to the devils! This may seem foolish and awkward until you have gotten accustomed to it, but it is an effective and necessary tactic of spiritual warfare. It is obvious that one must speak out when expelling devils. We must also speak to devil assaulting from without. You don't have to shout or raise your voice; a very quiet word will do, or even under your breath.

For example, suppose a devil has just spoken to your mind: "So-and-so thinks you are stupid." Devils talk to our minds like that. It is the way they plant seeds of resentment and suspicion. You can soon learn to distinguish between what is of self, of God or of Satan. You might say something like this to the devil: 'You are a liar, devil. I reject that thought about my friend. My mind is under the protection of the blood of Jesus. I bind you from my thoughts. I command you to leave me alone, in the name of Jesus." The preceding is an example of resisting the devil. We know the Bible tells us to "resist the devil", but we may not have discovered the practical way of implementing the principle. In whatever words you use, vocalize your position in Jesus Christ and resist the demons by the use of the name and blood of Jesus.

They are trespassers and must "flee" when resisted in this way. Do not stop at telling them once. Demons can be stubborn, so keep resisting until your mind is at peace. Study carefully the seven ways to determine the need for deliverance. Be honest with yourself. Ask God to help you see where and how devils have invaded. This does not mean to mull over past sins and unpleasant things in the past. It is simply recognizing that demon have taken advantage of sins and circumstances in life, in order that those intruders can be driven out and the doors closed behind them.

DEVILS IN CHILDREN

Evil spirits have no sense of fairness. They never hesitate to take full advantage of times of weakness in a person's life. Of course the weakest time in most lives is childhood. A child is completely dependent upon others for protection. Without question the majority of demons encountered through ministry have entered the persons during childhood. Christian parents need to understand their responsibility to protect their children as well as how to deliver their children from demon oppression. One of the first questions asked in pre-ministry counseling is, "How did you relate to your parents as a child?" In the majority of cases this question opens the door for a listing of grievances for which the parents are blamed.

How often I have heard such replies as, "My father was an alcoholic." They go on to relate various fears associated with this condition in the home. There was insecurity and often poverty because father was unable to provide, or spent the family income in support of his addiction. As a child in such a home grows a little older he becomes embarrassed and ashamed. The quickest way to understand what doors were opened for devils to enter is to hear an account of a person's childhood

And if possible, seek out help of deliverance ministry in the area where you live, or online. Our Article; Christians and Unclean Spirits has some information on these.

Or meet with other concerned believers in the body of Christ. Perhaps the Lord will direct you to learn to minister to one another.Ultimately deliverance must be restored to the church. It is as much a ministry of the church as preaching, teaching and healing. Jesus performed all these ministries and commissioned the church to continue them.

Begin to practice self-deliverance. Pick out an area in your life where you know demons are troubling you, and command them to come out in Jesus' name. When the demons see that you are absolutely renouncing them and are speaking in faith, they will respond. Do not let them go unchallenged another day! "The Kingdom of God is... righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost" (Romans 14:17). This is God's inheritance for you NOW! It is yours for the taking!