

Deliverance

Concept:

One aspect of Jesus' ministry that stands out as you read the Gospels is the confrontational attitude that Jesus had toward the demonic. His first recorded sermon is Luke 4:18,19 which showed what was to come when He declared that the prisoners were going to be set free. Can't you just picture the joy by some and the unbelief of others as people asked the age-old question of "How?" Jesus showed His "How" very quickly when in Luke 4:31-45 He broke demonic strongholds and people were set free. I would have loved to have been there to experience the excitement of the crowd as they saw the Word manifest.

Acts 10:38 is certainly a good description of what the ministry of Jesus was all about. He simply healed all who were bound and set them free. Many times that freedom meant that the devil and his demonic forces had to be released. A good example of this is found in Matthew 8:28-34 where a demon was completely released from a life that was full of distraction. I am sure that every Jew was completely shocked because in all of the religious experiences they had no reference of deliverance taking place. Nowhere in the Old Testament had anyone moved with such authority in his confrontation with the devil. Jesus taught principles and then demonstrated what He was talking about. We, as a church, need to teach Luke 10:19 and then start moving in that authority for all to see. The disciples stepped out and were excited about the consequence of the Word. The disciples went out under the authority that the Lord gave and came back excited about the fact that demons obeyed them when they spoke the Word.

The interesting story to me about deliverance and Jesus takes place after the mount of transfiguration in Matthew 17. Jesus admonishes Peter that it is wrong to stay on the mountain because there is work to do in the valley. Most of us like the mountain top experiences, but Jesus liked them both. Jesus walked down the mountain and immediately was met with a father who had a demon-influenced son who needed some serious help. Jesus quickly dismissed the demonic control, but the boy appeared dead. Jesus was not moved by the sight of the boy, because he was confident that the power of the Word had set the boy free. Jesus simply reached over and pulled the boy up and the boy responded in health. Jesus then turned to the disciples and disciplined them because of their belief.

We certainly do not want to allow a heart of unbelief to sneak into our lives and cause us to not strike a blow of defeat against the enemy. Our sonship in Christ is a sonship of freedom and not bondage. Romans 6:6 declares that sin has no power on us. We are no longer in Satan's kingdom (Colossians 1:12). Therefore, his dominion over my life is dissolved. Addictions, brokenness, emotional insecurity, or anything that would stunt our growth has no authority or right. Holy Spirit will help us get free, and also just as important, anoint us to help set other people free. Jesus in Luke 13:15, 16, used the power and loosed a lady who had been bound for 18 years. That is really "Good News." But, Luke 10:20 tells us that our biggest shout should be that our name is written in the "Lamb's Book of Life." This is not to say that 1 Peter 5:9 won't bring joy when Peter tells us to resist the devil and he will flee from us. Mark 16:15-18 brings further instructions and tells us that the Lord is watching over us and the manifestation of the devil will not harm us. That is Good News!

Definitions:

Devil: Diabolos: evil spirit, adversary, false accuser, slanderer, throwing fiery missiles, anger

Devil: Diamonion: evil spirit, a messenger and minister of the devil, author of idolatry, seducer from truth

Devil: Daimonizomai: to be demonized, cruelty, tormented by a demon

Deliverance: to set free, to take and hand over to, leave for another, liberation, rescue

Scripture Application:

1. Genesis 3:4,5
2. Job 1:6
3. Job 2:7
4. I Chronicles 21:1
5. Isaiah 14:12-15
6. Ezekiel 28:1-19
7. Zechariah 3:1
8. Matthew 4:1-11
9. Matthew 4:23,24
10. Matthew 8:16, 17
11. Matthew 8:28-34
12. Matthew 9:32-34
13. Matthew 10: 1, 8
14. Matthew 12:22-24
15. Matthew 12:26-29
16. Matthew 12:43-45
17. Matthew 13:19
18. Matthew 15:21-28
19. Matthew 17:14-21
20. Matthew 28:16-20
21. Mark 1:21-28
22. Mark 1:32, 34
23. Mark 3:22-26
24. Mark 4:23, 24

25. Mark 5:1-20
26. Mark 9:25
27. Mark 7:24-30
28. Mark 9:17-20
29. Mark 16:9, 17
30. Luke 4:33-36
31. Luke 6:17, 18
32. Luke 8:1, 2
33. Luke 8:24-31
34. Luke 9:1
35. Luke 9:37-43
36. Luke 10:17-20
37. Luke 11:14-23
38. Luke 11:24-26
39. Luke 13:10-13
40. Luke 13:32
41. John 13:2
42. John 10:10
43. John 14:30
44. Acts 5:1-41
45. Acts 8:6, 7
46. Acts 10:38
47. Acts 16:16-18
48. Acts 19:11-16
49. Acts 28:18
50. Romans 1:24-32
51. I Corinthians 4:3, 4
52. II Corinthians 2:15
53. II Corinthians 11:3-15
54. Ephesians 1:19-22
55. Ephesians 4:27

56. Ephesians 6:12
57. I Thessalonians 2:18
58. II Thessalonians 2:8, 9
59. I Timothy 3:10, 11
60. I Timothy 4:1-8
61. II Timothy 3:3
62. Titus 2:3
63. Hebrews 2:14
64. James 2:19
65. James 4:7
66. I Peter 5:8,9
67. II Peter 2:10-12
68. I John 3:8
69. Jude 1:9
70. Revelation 1:18
71. Revelation 9:11-20
72. Revelation 12:7-12
73. Revelation 13:1-4

Scriptural References: Demons

1. Genesis 6:1-4
2. Exodus 7:11
3. Leviticus 11:7
4. Leviticus 20:6, 27
5. Numbers 5:14
6. Deuteronomy 18:11
7. Deuteronomy 32:17
8. Judges 9:23
9. I Samuel 18:8-10
10. I Kings 22:21-24

11. II Chronicles 11:15
12. II chronicles 33:6
13. John 38:4-7
14. Psalm 106:37
15. Proverbs 18:18
16. Isaiah 8:19
17. Isaiah 29:10
18. Isaiah 61:3
19. Daniel 10:12 – 11:1
20. Hosea 4:12
21. Matthew 10:7
22. Matthew 12:24-30
23. Matthew 12:43-45
24. Matthew 13:39
25. Matthew 25:41
26. Mark 5:1-18
27. Mark 7:25
28. Mark 16:17
29. Luke 4:36
30. Luke 7:21
31. Romans 8:15
32. I Corinthians 10:20
33. Ephesians 2:1-3
34. Colossians 1:15-18
35. II Peter 2:4
36. I John 4:1-6
37. Jude 1:6, 7
38. Revelation 16:13-18

Conclusion:

As you have read all of the scriptures, you certainly cannot deny the existence of the Spiritual World. Colossians 1:12 states that we have been delivered from the kingdom of darkness and translated into the kingdom of God. This clearly shows us that there are two kingdoms. If you have received Jesus Christ as your personal savior, then you don't need to wonder what kingdom you belong to; however, you can be harassed by the devil, demons and fallen angels. Scripture is very clear about giving place and about being deceived by his schemes and tricks. We need to discern what is from the devil so we can stand our ground and drive him out with the name of Jesus. There are demons for everything that is destructive and they might be the reason destruction is happening in our lives.

If you are not properly taking care of your body, you may get sick and obviously Satan is not the direct cause. I need to change my habits and then my body will respond. However, we know from the book of Job that the devil is able to inflict my body with disease. As we have said over and over, I need to discern or ask my discipleship group to pray and they can help me discern. Always keep a balance in your life when it comes to demons and the devil. By balance I mean don't blame everything on the devil, but don't pretend he doesn't exist. Don't give the devil any credit, just a rebuke.

Action Points:

Here are eight steps to practice so that you will stay free in your walk with Christ:

1. Stay in the Word
2. Stay in prayer
3. Stay close to a friend
4. Stay in fellowship at a local church
5. Stay away from sexual traps
6. Become aware of the enemy's tactics
7. Meditate and memorize scripture
8. Study a subject that relates to what the Lord is dealing with you (i.e. prosperity, guidance, holiness...)

Checklist:

This is a check list to use to resist the enemy. Get your discipleship group to pray with you about any or all of the steps listed.

Some of these are obvious demonic activity and others might be connected to demonic intrusion. All of these might suggest that this is a spirit that is causing this.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol abuse | <input type="checkbox"/> Envy | <input type="checkbox"/> Demonic visitation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual abuse | <input type="checkbox"/> Control | <input type="checkbox"/> Nightmares |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drug abuse | <input type="checkbox"/> Dirty language | <input type="checkbox"/> Low energy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection | <input type="checkbox"/> Lying | <input type="checkbox"/> Deafness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Low self-esteem | <input type="checkbox"/> Gambling | <input type="checkbox"/> Blindness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Homosexuality | <input type="checkbox"/> Greed | <input type="checkbox"/> Poverty |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adultery | <input type="checkbox"/> Bitterness | <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fornication | <input type="checkbox"/> Sickness | <input type="checkbox"/> Generational disorders |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pornography | <input type="checkbox"/> Witchcraft | <input type="checkbox"/> in family |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chronic stealing | <input type="checkbox"/> Isolation | |

Prayer:

Father, in the name of Jesus, I break the hold of the devil over me in _____ and I cancel the devil's assignment over my life. I repent for giving the enemy access in _____ and I shut the door on this right now and put the blood of Jesus on that. I command the devil to leave and not return according to 1 Peter 5:7,8 and Nahum 1:9. I say that I am free of all hindrances and I choose to give my self to pursuing God's purpose in my life and that my actions will be _____ (opposite of what the brokenness is. Example: sickness turns to health) and the power of the Spirit will help me walk in a manner that will please the Lord. Amen.