

Q & A: BINDING and CASTING OUT DEMONS

AMY DANIELLE ASKED THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

Where do the evil spirits go when we command them to leave? How do we keep them from hurting others, if we are praying for an individual person or an isolated group? When we bind them, how long do they stay bound?

ANSWER:

Matt.12:44-45 - 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; and when he is come, he findeth *it* empty, swept, and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last *state* of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.

The Bible says the evil spirits go through dry places or arid and desert places. This is a place where nothing is living, no homes, no rest or refreshing can be found there. So then the evil spirit comes back to the person it was cast out of to see if it can get back in. If the person was delivered but was not serious about being saved and living a righteous life, then the evil spirit can see this. It takes a look to see the state of its former house. It has been cleaned but it is EMPTY. A Christian should be filled with the Holy Spirit and keep the doors closed to satan and his demons by living a righteous and obedient life. If they are not filled with the Holy Spirit then the person is still a dwelling place for demons. There is nothing there to hinder or stop the evil spirit from moving right back in and bringing any number more of evil spirits. I used to take that 7 literally as only 7 but it is more understood as being representative of any number.

If the deliverance is in a church setting, and the situation permits, those that are not saved or young children and such can be asked to leave. Otherwise the minister should bind satan and his demons and cover everyone there in the blood of Jesus Christ. Pray to the Lord lifting up the deliverance session and asking for

His Holy Spirit to move and cleanse this person's life and protect all who are there.

Unsaved people are already open to demonic activity in their life because they don't serve Jesus. You should not be doing deliverance on people who are not saved and don't seek or want Jesus Christ in their life. The most you can do is bind satan, cover them in the blood of Jesus Christ and pray for them, for their salvation, for their spiritual eyes and ears to be opened to receive Christ.

Matt.15:26 – But He answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast *it* to dogs.

A gentile woman had come to Jesus seeking deliverance for her daughter. Jesus called deliverance – bread. And He said it wasn't proper at that time to give it to anyone other than the Jews.

Jesus died to set everyone free. So after He went to the cross, the way was made for all of us to have salvation in every sense of the word. To be saved, healed and set free from evil spirits, to be set completely free from satan's yoke around our necks.

The Bible does not tell us how long they stay bound. But you can assume they will come right back checking to see if they can get back in. The point of binding is that it is a temporary thing that allows you to spoil the strong man's house. The proper way of deliverance is once the evil spirit is cast out, for the person to be filled and baptized into the Holy Spirit and to learn and grow and live in obedience and not to open doors to sin in their lives. Listening to the leading of the Holy Spirit will help them to keep the doors closed to sin. If they go back into a sinful life then the demons have a legal right to come back and bring even more with them. The more a person continues in this way the harder it is for them to be delivered.

Here is something Pastor Erustus shared. We were talking about binding satan and his demons before our church services.

He shared: Yes in my prayers sometimes I am led in my spirit to bind satan and his demonic influence in unsaved person's life. Sundays at times I pray the way you do because some people come to church pretending to come worship God but they are agents of the devil with a mission. When we pray, bind and cover them with the blood it renders powerless satanic power in them. Several times during deliverance sessions in church demons cried out that they came with a mission but our prayers rendered them powerless. Not all who come to church or listen to us or drawn to our ministries are Godly, some are agents of the devil, sorcerers, witches, our enemies . So such kind of prayers helps a lot for it's a spiritual warfare paralyzing satanic work in people's life and the locality we operate.

Jesus equipped His followers to fight against the evil powers of darkness.

Matt.16:19 - And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

The keys to the kingdom stands for authority we have been given in Christ Jesus. So all believers in Christ Jesus have the authority to exercise in God's kingdom and over this dark world. All of us by faith should cast out demons and satan. The authority and power is in Christ Jesus name and not in our selves.

Luke 10:19 - 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.

Every knee bows to Jesus Christ. The power is in Him alone. Do all of this warfare in His name only. Be sure you belong to Him, otherwise you will get severely beaten up because the spirit realm knows who truly belongs to Jesus and who does not.

It's each believer's responsibility to pay the cost of forsaking all to follow Christ. We are to be committed in seeking God in prayer & fasting, studying the word, fellowship of the saints, praising and worshiping God, giving, ministering or serving in the church/ God's kingdom, living holy, etc. These keep satan and his demons off our life. Developing a strong relationship with God is very significant.

But for total deliverance to happen and come faster the victims must diligently learn to seek God in all things. They must love God with all their hearts, soul and strength, completely turn away from their old life. Many take long or are so reluctant in growing in the things of God. They put little effort in growing to

mature in the things of God. This makes it hard for them to deal with demons and satan.