

SELF DELIVERANCE Pt 1: POWER, AUTHORITY, EVIL SPIRITS, STRONGHOLDS, MATURING in the FAITH

Since God has blessed me with an online ministry and I can't possibly meet with all of you in person, I felt it was very important to teach you what deliverance is and to instruct you on how to perform self deliverance if needed. Last week I covered what deliverance is. If you haven't already listened to that sermon, you should listen to that sermon first. I will be repeating some things from the past several weeks so that those who search out this sermon will also benefit from what I have been teaching on how to get free in Christ.

I do not advise anyone who is not truly saved to perform self deliverance. This is not a game and there are very serious spiritual consequences when you attempt deliverance and are not even saved.

I would suggest that you first go to the church website, threeheartchurch.org and go to the sermons page and in the search bar type in the word disciple. I would listen to the teachings that are listed there for **The Discipleship Program** to be sure you understand basic Christianity. There are solid foundational teachings there to get you off on the right foot. Please also listen to the sermon titled "**Believe**" to know what it means to truly be saved and believe in Jesus. The link to that teaching is in the info. Box where you are watching from and on the church website under the sermons tab in my sermon notes.

Be sure you are ready for deliverance. This means that you have fully submitted your life to Christ. If you attempt deliverance and are not ready to turn loose of your life of sin and live an obedient life then the following scripture will happen to you.

Matt: 12:43-45 - 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 demons will come back to see if they can get back in, and even if The Holy Spirit is there, they will see if they can tempt you back into the same sin that opened the door for them to come in – in the first place.

You must fill your temple (body) with the Holy Spirit and in order to maintain this new state, that is the saved and delivered state, it requires obedience to Christ and living a holy life, being intimate with Jesus Christ, reading your Bible, praying, praising and worshiping God, giving to the ministry of Christ, witnessing of Him to others, using your gifts and talents to serve in your local church or the body of Christ at large, fasting etc. All these things should be part of your Christian life.

We are in spiritual warfare, so remember every time you gain ground, the enemy will try to retaliate. When you get delivered and as you are being delivered more and more just from loving and serving Jesus, you are gaining ground. Taking back what the enemy stole from you. As Christians, two of the most popular ways that satan fights us is in our finances and in our health. When you begin to get set free, satan gets mad and he will try to hit back.

Isaiah 41:10, 13 - Fear thou not; for I *am* with thee: be not dismayed; for I *am* thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.

God spoke this to the Israelites who constantly wavered back-n-forth in their love and obedience to God, how much more does it apply to true Christians who have come to Him through His only Son, Christ Jesus.

2 Tim.1:7 - For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

We are not to be cowards, **(Rev.21:8)** we have the very Spirit of God living inside of us. He is the most powerful of all and He created everything so we are not to be afraid of the devil trying to hit back.

Matt.10:28 - And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

We are only to fear God and for Christians, it is a reverential fear. I have had times that I have been fought so hard by satan and witches who serve him, who

conjure demons to do their bidding. It got so bad one time that Pastor Erustus was encouraging me and he said, well they cannot take your life. Look at Job, God did not allow satan to kill him. **(Job 2:6)** We have to stand strong and know that God will protect His true children. He protected Job because Job loved and served God obediently.

Acts 19:11-20 - And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul: So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them. Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth. And there were seven sons of *one* Sceva, a Jew, *and* chief of the priests, which did so. And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye? And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. And this was known to all the Jews and Greeks also dwelling at Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified. And many that believed came, and confessed, and shewed their deeds. Many of them also which used curious arts (witchcraft) brought their books together, and burned them before all *men*: and they counted the price of them, and found *it* fifty thousand *pieces* of silver. So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed.

Evil spirits can kill a compromised Christian. Witches in Kenya have killed Christians and the way they were able to do it, is that they were living in sin.

This next passage of Scripture is when Jesus had sent 70 of his disciples out to heal the sick and minister to them regarding The Kingdom of God.

Luke 10:17-20 - 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. Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.

Jesus has given power and authority over satan and all the demons to every true Christian. The evil spirits are subject to us in Jesus' name. It is very important to

know and understand that everything we do as Christians we do in the name of Christ. The power is in Him and without Him we are defenseless.

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.

This also speaks of the power and authority Jesus has given to us.

You might be wondering if you need self deliverance. If you are saved but you are struggling with an addiction, you need deliverance. Demons are behind all addictions. But you have to be honest with yourself about being seriously fed up and done with the addiction or whatever particular sin you are wrestling with. If you are not to that place where you want it gone at all cost, then you are not done with it and should not attempt self deliverance.

Some things you may need deliverance on are: sin in general, addictions of any sort: pornography, masturbation, alcoholism, drugs, sex, smoking, gambling, evil acts, depression, suicidal thoughts, wrong people you have associated with, immorality, unforgiveness, wrong churches you have attended.

Those of you who have been abused, raped or molested will want to break those demonic soul ties through deliverance. Those of you who own items that have been dedicated to satan or demons, you will need deliverance.

The occult is idolatry against God. Some examples of practicing the occult are playing with Quija boards, fortune telling, tarot cards, séances, palm reading, wicca, Santeria, witchcraft, drinking blood, making animal or human sacrifices, etc. Those that have gone deep into the occult usually need administered deliverance but you can still go through these steps because God can work through self deliverance too. That is why I'm sharing these instructions, to help set the body of Christ free. Superstition and luck are also idolatry. When you are superstitious you are very reverent to demons.

If you have some areas in your life where you are on the fence about whether a demon is behind what's happening or not, and you convince yourself nothing is there and you think you will feel dumb casting something out – then think like this, if there is nothing there, then no big deal, but if there was something there – then there will be freedom!! I would rather go after a demon that wasn't there

than do nothing and leave one free to wreck my life because I thought nothing was there and so I did nothing.

MATURING and OVERCOMING

I'm going to repeat some things I've been sharing from Pastor Erustus the past few weeks. Those that are searching out self deliverance need to hear these things and they bear repeating so we can remember and understand better how to grow and be set free in Christ.

It is 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. Many take long or are so reluctant in growing in the things of God. They put little effort in growing to maturity in the things of God. This makes it hard for them to deal with demons and satan.

For total deliverance to happen and come faster those bound in sinful habits must diligently learn to seek God in all things. They must love God with all their hearts, soul and strength.

Mark 12:29-31 - And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments *is*, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this *is* the first commandment. And the second *is* like, *namely* this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

If you don't have a desire to read God's Word, no desire to pray then you are not saved and you have no business doing self deliverance. You must truly be saved.

Pastor Continued: They must completely turn away from their old life and company (friendships) (**Amos 3:3, 1 Cor.15:33**) and start to obey God in all things. And have a spiritual father/mother to help them grow and for spiritual protection against demonic attacks and as a channel for their blessings. Where they can tithe and give their offerings which is also a powerful weapon in deliverance.

Me: *It is ok to give tithes and offerings to your spiritual parents to be a blessing in their lives, as well as sowing them into the church. An example of a spiritual parent is Apostle Paul to Timothy. He taught him, and encouraged him in the faith and prayed for him. Pastor Erustus is my spiritual father in the faith.*

ADDICTIONS and STRONGHOLDS

Addiction is a stronghold. Strongholds are satanic evil spiritual grips that holds up your soul ie mind (thinking), emotions (feeling) and will (choosing) that causes or influences your soul to act against God's will.

Addiction is dependence on a substance or habit, either physically or psychologically (alcohol, sex, gambling, pornography, masturbation, smoking, drugs etc.) which satan uses as an opening for demons to use to spiritually grip (a spiritually strong hold) on someone's soul which the devil use to control the person to do his will and not God's will.

Young or baby christians can struggle with alcoholism, pornography, smoking etc. at the beginning of their walk with God but with commitment to God's word, prayer and the infilling of the Holy Spirit one must overcome all those evils. As the Apostle Paul says, those who struggle with sin and please the flesh then the law of sin is still at work in them. **(Romans ch.7 & 8)** But those who make up their mind to walk in the Spirit such evil desires will be quenched by the Holy Spirit.

CLOSING

DEMONIC INDWELLING and DEMONIC INTERACTION

If you have strongholds set up in your life, or have demonic interaction in your life or home, there is always something that gave that spirit the right to be there. Remember satan is a legalist. He won't leave until his legal rights have been broken up. If someone was involved like in the occult and died in a place, then those demonic spirits can still be there because of what that person did. They come to cause fear, harass and hinder. A spirit cannot be anywhere unless it has a right, a legal right to be there. They get their "legal right" through a door opened by sin. This sin can be through an ancestral line (generational curses) or in your

own life. The person seeking deliverance has certain conditions to meet or the demons keep their right.

That is why we as Christians, when we realize we have been in sin against God, we should be quick to confess it, ask forgiveness for it and forsake it which is to repent. You want to get that door closed as fast as possible. And once you do that you may need deliverance depending on what is happening in your life or home.

Next week I'm going to give you the steps to take if you feel you need self deliverance.

PRAYER

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