

How To Be Delivered 4398

Proclamation: 1 Cor. 15:57

I. Demons In The Ministry Of Jesus

- A. First recorded miracle of Jesus (Mark 1:23–26)
- B. Sick and demonized were brought to receive healing (Mark 1:32)
- C. Preaching . . . and casting out demons (Mark 1:39)
- D. Jesus never separated healing from casting out demons (Luke 4:40–41)
- E. A totally physical condition caused by an evil spirit of infirmity—Jesus did not pray for healing but deliverance (Luke 13:11–14)
- F. Cast out demons and perform cures (Luke 13:32) He began that way; he ended that way

II. How Jesus Equipped His Disciples

- A. He never sent people out in evangelism without equipping them to deal with evil spirits.
- B. First authority given: “Power over unclean spirits, to cast them out” (Matt. 10:1).
Instructions: Preach . . . but don’t just say it, demonstrate it:
 - 1. Heal the sick
 - 2. Cleanse the lepers
 - 3. Raise the dead
 - 4. Cast out demons
- C. Jesus sent out seventy others (Luke 10:1)—their report: (v. 17) “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name.”
- D. The Great Commission (Mark 16:15)
 - 1. Preach the Gospel to every creature
 - 2. These signs shall follow those who believe:
 - a. Cast out demons is the first instruction
 - b. Then speaking with new tongues, etc.
 - c. Laying hands on the sick is the fifth instruction
- E. Jesus accused of being aligned with Satan (Matt. 12:26–28)
 - 1. Casting out demons is only miracle never recorded in Old Testament
 - 2. A clash between the two kingdoms
 - 3. The distinctive mark that the kingdom of God has come

III. What Are Demons/Evil Spirits?

- A. No clear biblical account—but clear direction on how to be rid of them
- B. Persons without bodies
 - 1. Must recognize you’re dealing with a person
 - 2. Is. 61:3—“a spirit of heaviness”—another person
 - 3. Joel 2:32—whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be delivered
- C. Three objectives of demons
 - 1. To torment and torture
 - 2. To keep you from knowing Christ as Savior
 - 3. To keep you from serving Him effectively
- D. Distinguish between flesh and demons
 - 1. Flesh: old carnal nature, inherited from Adam, rebel—*Remedy*: Crucifixion
 - 2. Evil spirits—*Remedy*: Cast it out
- E. How to find out
 - 1. Same word for spirit, breath, wind
 - 2. As you cannot see the wind, but you know it’s there by what you can see and

feel; so you know demons are there by what they do.

F. Characteristic activities of demons

1. They entice (if it's in words, it comes from a person/demon)
2. They harass (through problems, situations, troubles)
3. They torment (with suggestion, or emotionally, physically)
4. They compel (biting nails, thumb sucking)
5. They enslave (alcoholism, other addiction)
6. They defile (project evil, impure images into our minds)
7. They deceive (behind all forms of religious deception—1 Tim. 4:1)
8. They make people weak or sick or tired or kill them—spirit of slumber

IV. Areas In Which They Operate

A. General

1. Behind every negative emotion or attitude there is a corresponding demon
2. They operate in gangs

B. Emotions and attitudes

1. Pride, rebellion and witchcraft (1 Sam. 15:23)
2. Fear (not from God), followed by rejection (unwanted, unworthy, “Nobody loves me”)
3. Resentment, unforgiveness, anger, hatred, violence and murder (“He who hates his brother *is* a murderer”)
4. *Or* disappointment, loneliness, misery, depression, self-destruction, suicide

C. The mind—greatest battlefield

1. Unbelief—we are *believers*
2. Doubt—cancel the wrong statement with a right statement
3. Compromise
4. Forgetfulness
5. Confusion
6. Torment—with lies, insinuations
7. Insanity

D. The tongue

1. Lying
2. Cursing, blasphemy
3. Gossip, criticism (church-going demons)

E. Sex (it is not evil, but good)

1. Fornication (don't call it premarital sex)
2. Adultery
3. Masturbation
4. Homosexuality
5. Prostitution
6. Pornography
7. Sexual fantasy—basically, fantasy is evil

F. Lusts (other strong desires)

1. Nicotine—compulsive smoking
2. Alcohol
3. Gluttony—destroys your life
4. Drugs—also strange things like airplane glue, nail polish
5. Addictions are usually part of a bigger branch, namely: *frustration*—Where do you go for comfort? Food, alcohol, etc.

G. Occult—Many ways into the supernatural, but only one way into God's supernatural: Jesus

1. New Age

2. Fortune-telling (Acts 16—"spirit of divination"—python spirit)
 - a. Just because it's true does not mean it comes from God
 - b. Bait to get you into the occult
3. "Charismatic fortune-telling"
4. False religions—Christian Science, Unity, Islam, Bahai, Freemasonry (violent deliverance, often involves children of next generations), Jehovah's Witnesses, Theosophy, Humanism, all Oriental cults
5. Heresies—Mormonism, Reincarnation, all religions that emphasize salvation through works

H. Physical Body

1. Epilepsy
2. Stress (it's a person, not a condition)
3. Migraine (other head/nerve pain)
4. Allergies (not all, but many)
5. Tooth decay
6. Crippling, twisting the body
7. Sleep
8. Insomnia
9. Death—a moment of physical weakness—proclaim Psalm 118:15–18
10. Arthritis

V. How Demons Come In

- A. Occult background (Ex. 20:5), even ancestors
- B. Personal occult involvement (Deut. 18:10–12)
- C. Prenatal influences (not a fetus, but a person in the womb)
- D. Soulsh domination or manipulation by another person
- E. Pressures in early childhood—most demonic problems begin before age 8
- F. A moment of weakness (1 Pet. 3:6—not afraid with any terror)
- G. Sinful acts or habits, some single specific acts
- H. Prov. 25:28—Whoever has no rule over his own spirit is like a city broken down, without walls

VI. Conditions For Receiving Deliverance:

- A. Be humble—Pride is the single greatest barrier
- B. Be honest—Call your problem by its right name
- C. Confess your faith in Christ
- D. No confession, no high priest
- E. Confess any known sin of yourself or ancestors.
- F. Repent—accept personal responsibility (Prov. 28:30)
- G. Break every contact with the occult—renounce it—burn objects
- H. Forgive all other people
 1. If you forgive, God will forgive you
 2. Not an emotion, but a decision
- I. Stand on Scripture
 1. Joel 2:32
 2. Luke 10:19
 3. 1 John 3:8
 4. Col. 1:13
- J. Expel