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INTRODUCTION

‘When we signed up as Christians we automatically entered into Warfare.’

God has called Christians to drive back the forces of evil and darkness in the world and actively destroy anything that hinders or corrupts the Kingdom of God [1Jn3: 8]. Spiritual Warfare is a normal calling and daily challenge of the whole Church. It is Spirit controlled living & attitudes that includes casting out demons. The devil is threatened and defeated by every Christian who stands in Christ’s victory practicing the principles of Spiritual Warfare.

People tend towards two extremes: over-emphasis or under-emphasis, when they think of Spiritual Warfare. Some see demons everywhere, in everything and in every problem. They may even blame the devil for their own sinfulness. They think the solution is in casting out demons. Others may call demonic phenomena as psychology, or pretend that the devil doesn’t exist. If our desire is to see supernatural manifestations, Satan will be happy to put on a show for us. We should not live in our past successes or formulas for deliverance. This would isolate us and make us feel proud that only we have the answer. There is great need for balance. The dangers of imbalance are: fear, ignorance, spiritual pride, desire for power – control – recognition, which leads to bondage. As students we must be good students ever willing to learn.

‘Spiritual Warfare’ that it is not an option, but a normal call and challenge of the Church. It is Spirit controlled living & attitudes that includes casting out demons. The Kingdom of God and the kingdom of Satan are two kingdoms in opposition. The Kingdom of God is certainly superior. Our God-given task is to set the captives free.

We will learn about the four levels of the devil’s hierarchy their character and operation, with Satan as its ruler. We were made aware of the enemy’s plans to destroy us, the various methods he uses, with the mind as the main battleground,

and godless leaders who neglect to care for God's people. Satan targets an all age group. His aim is to kill, steal, destroy and devour. God's people perish for lack of knowledge. They are often ignorant of the devil and his devices and who they are in Christ. Every spiritual battle will be won when they know and act on what they know - that they are more than conquerors in Christ, and that God has delegated them His authority based on the resurrection and exaltation of His Son Jesus Christ.

It is important to know the weapons of warfare, how to exercise authority in spiritual warfare successfully, and stay spiritually fit at all times. Knowledge of the demonic realm, its activity, the entry point of demons, and demonic strategy of attack would be of great help in this battle. Guilt is the key to our defeat, while the righteousness of Christ given to us is the key to the devil's defeat. We need to know how to keep deliverance once obtained. In this series on 'Deliverance' we will understand more clearly the practical ways of expelling demons.

In the name of JESUS, I cover myself and the one reading this with the Blood of JESUS. I ask for giant warrior angels to protect us.

HOW DID JESUS CAST OUT DEMONS?

LESSON 1

Healing and casting out demons were two continuing major features of Jesus' ministry. He always did this in public and combined it with the teaching of God's Word. He never sent anyone to preach without first giving him authority to cast out demons

Jesus of Nazareth went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, Acts 10:38. He himself said that He cast out demons [Lk13: 32]. Even the Pharisees, the enemies of Christ, testified that Jesus did cast out demons [Matt.12: 24]. Jesus' claim to the Kingdom of God being on earth is based on His casting out demons. The two continuing major features of the ministry of Jesus were undoubtedly 'Healing' and 'Casting out Demons.' Jesus cast out demons wherever he went. [Mt4: 23-25]

Mt8:14-17 House of Simon & Andrew

Lk6:17 Plain

Mt15: 22 Coasts

Lk9:37 Down the hill

Lk8:1 Every city & village

Mk6:10 House

Mt8:32 Sea shore

Mk3:9 Small Ship

Mk5:2 Out of ship

Mt9:32 Outside

Mt12:15 Multitudes

Mk1:23-27 Synagogues

Mt4:23-24 All of Galilee

Jesus used various methods in casting out demons.

The calmness with which He expelled demons reflected His power.

He often did this in public and combined it with teaching God's Word.

He never sent anyone to preach without authority to cast out demons.

He never argued, struggled or created a scene.

He rarely allowed demons to speak [Mk1: 34].

He rarely entered into a conversation with the devil [Lk8: 30].

He cast them out by the finger of God, anointing, Holy Spirit Luke 11:20). He regularly quoted from the book of Deuteronomy.

He consistently used God's Word against the evil one - "It is written."

Jesus commanded them to leave and they all left at once.

He also delivered the demon-infected person in his absence [Mt15: 21-28] He impressed his disciples with the value of faith in casting out demons.

Jesus' contact in each deliverance case was brief, concise, of short duration and with a few words. He cast them all at one time. They left immediately. At no time did Christ ever show any fear of demon forces or personalities. He declared, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth" [Mt28: 18].

Throughout the Gospels we see Jesus casting out demons. In fact about one third of His ministry was spent delivering the oppressed. Many times He commanded demons leave. We see Jesus in Luke 13:11-16 laying hands on a woman with a spirit of infirmity. He came to set the captives free [1Jn3: 8; Lk4: 18]. It should be noted however, that all who are sick may not need to have demons cast out. Each case needs to be discerned.

Christ likened casting out of demons to plundering Satan's house [Mt.12: 28-29]. He described the necessity of binding the strong man before casting out other demons When Jesus cast out demons witnesses saw an act of kindness,

compassion and love, freeing the captives from the burden of oppression and misery. How could this be anything other than supreme love?

KNOW YOUR ENEMY

LESSON 2

CRUCIFY or CAST OUT?

Although the problem of sin is universal, the problem with demons is not. Many people are under the power of demons, but not all. There is a close connection between sin and demons. If mankind never sinned, we would never have faced demonic attack. A healthy human body is immune to illness. It is able to identify and expel germs. A sick body is weak and its immune system does not work efficiently. Demons seek to invade a person. When a person is spiritually healthy, the spiritual 'immune system' identifies and attacks the demons, and they are unable to move in and take control. Any kind of spiritual unhealthiness, sinfulness or emotional weakness makes a person vulnerable to demonic attack.

Most of the problems Christians have are not from demons or the devil. There is an enemy on the inside of us, which is our carnal, fleshly selfish desire. The enemy on the outside is the devil or demons that try to rule by fear. Sometimes we talk too much of demons which causes fear instead of freedom. At the other end we must not forget that he is still active, can try to attack or invade even though he is defeated.

In the spiritual realm too, like the physical, correct diagnosis is essential. It is important to know, what we are dealing with, in controlling our own problems or those of others. Is it the flesh [carnal nature]? Or is it demons?

The remedy for the flesh is crucifixion, which needs personal application. We have to die unto ourselves daily. [Rom6: 6; Ga2: 20]. The remedy for demons on

the other hand is to cast them out. These two remedies are not interchangeable. It is impossible to cast out the flesh and it is impossible to crucify a demon.

<i>Counselee</i>	<i>Brother, I want you to cast out a demon out of me</i>
<i>Counselor</i>	<i>How does that demon affect you?</i>
<i>Counselee</i>	<i>I can't get on with my wife – there is no harmony between us.</i>
<i>Counselor</i>	<i>I don't believe you have a demon that needs to be cast out. What you need is to apply the cross to your fleshly nature.</i>

Crucifixion is the mark of those who belong to Christ. He is not interested in our church membership or denominational labels. He looks to see if our old carnal way of life has come to an end at the foot of the cross. Crucifixion is painful but it is the door to new life.

The Kingdom of God and the kingdom of Satan [Col1: 13-14] are two kingdoms in opposition. Satan has a highly organized, undivided kingdom with areas and levels of authority [Mt12: 22-28, Eph6: 12]. But the Kingdom of God is superior [Mt12: 27-28]. As representatives of God's Kingdom on earth, we are in an all-out war with Satan's kingdom. This warfare is like a wrestling match against evil spirits whose headquarters are in the heavenly realms.

The Kingdom of darkness consists of Satan [devil – fallen archangel], fallen angels, numerous demons and evil spirits. Satan's intends to steal, kill and destroy our minds, bodies, character, reputation, and relationships [Jn10: 10] e.g., abortion, suicide, addiction, lust, witchcraft etc. The battleground on this war is the mind. Satan has built strongholds of prejudice and unbelief in the mind to hinder receiving the truth of the gospel. Our God-given task is to break down these mental strongholds and set the captives free and make them submit to and obey Christ [2Cor10: 4-5].

There are FOUR LEVELS in the devil's hierarchy: [Eph6:12]

- Principality; Powers; Rulers; Spiritual Wickedness in Heavenly Places.

PRINCIPALITY: ['Territorial Spirits']

A Principality is a 'Prince' – leader over a 'Pality' - geographical [land area] and demographical [people group in society]. For example we read of the Prince of Persia and the Prince of Greece in Dan10. Princes could also be assigned to places like London, Texas, Los Angeles, Mumbai, Delhi, and communities like Goans, Gujaratis, Jains, Sindhis, Punjabis and so on.

POWER:

Powers are strongholds of evil with power demons assigned, e.g., Greed, depression, fear, witchcraft, lust, pornography, homosexuality, alcoholism, division, strife, and so on. These power demons are attached to individuals, as well as families, ancestry, cities etc. A city for example may be characterized as 'Capital of Pornography,' or 'Capital of Gambling.'

RULERS:

This is an office held by spirit beings. Satan influences and rules through human authority structures in schools, business, church, union, clubs, high court, policemen, ministers etc. He also rules where there is no authority or submission, in chaos and rebellion – causing breakdown of institutions, marriages, families and so on. These type of demons rule the darkness of this earth. They also rule the realm of the spirits, powers and princes. Every ruler has been assigned an area of authority in which his rulership is affected. We must know the particular ruler in the particular area whether city, state, nation or empire. Rulers do not rule where 'light 'has come.

SPIRITUAL WICKEDNESS IN HEAVENLY PLACES: [2Cor4: 4]

They lie, deceive and hinder the truth and the preaching of the Gospel. For example, False Religions, Cults, Rock-Music, T.V. Programs, Philosophies, Nazism, Communism, Humanism, and so on.

Satan is ruler of the realm of authority defined as 'air.' He is the ruler of the surface of this globe and works in disobedient children. He is an angel who loves to dominate, intimidate and manipulate. In the heavenlies he is ruler over the rebellious angels in the 2nd heaven and on earth over unclean spirits. Satan is limited in many ways e.g., hedge [Job1:10], permission [Job1 & 2], time [Rev12:2], location [Job1:6-7 – only one place at a time]. He seeks worship [Mt4]. He is defeated [Heb2:14-21; Rev1:28; Col2:1] and destined for the lake of fire [Rev20:10].

Lucifer had one of the highest positions in Heaven – master musician, worship leader of heaven, anointed cherub. He became proud and wanted to sit on God's throne [position]. [Note the Five 'I Wills]. He started rebellion in heaven. Consequently, he lost his position [V/s 13], and became Satan, the devil, accuser, slanderer, the author of lawlessness. He is called by many names - Lucifer, Bright & Shining One, Satan, Devil, Serpent, Evil One, Dragon, God of this world, Prince of the Power of the Air, Tempter, Belial [worthless" or "hopeless ruin."], Beelzebub ["Lord of the Flies"], Father of Lies, False Angel of Light etc. [Isa14: 12-15; Ezek28: 12; Rev12: 9], Accuser, Roaring Lion, Deceiver and so on.

The First Heaven is the visible, natural Heaven of the sun, moon, stars etc. The Third Heaven is God's dwelling place, the place of departed righteous. The Second Heaven must be in between, the first and the third. This is where Satan's' Head Quarters is located. [Dan10, 12 - Daniel's prayer and the battle of the angels – Messenger Angel along with Michael the Archangel against the 'Prince of Persia.' [Job1:6-7; 2:1-2; Rev12:10-12; Gen1:1; 2Cor2:6; 12:2-4; Eph4:10;]. Hell and Hades are probably below the earth.

Satan was the anointed cherub who covered, guarded the throne of God [Ez28:14]. He influenced other angels in his rebellion against God. Satan along with 1/3rd angels was thrown out of the Third heaven [Rev12:4; Dan10:13]. The hosts of

demons under his command occupy the 1st and 2nd heaven, earth and underneath the earth. Probably hell is under the earth. The lowest un-winged class of demons, walk on the earth. The other higher classes are winged.

IDENTIFY the ENEMY

Discerning of Spirits [DSP]

It is not discernment [judging], psychological insight, mental penetration, fault finding, discerning the faults, character or fruits of others. DSP is a Gift of Revelation [1Cor12: 10], which gives us insight into the spirit world. It discerns or sees demons or evil spirits, good spirits, human spirits, angels, Christ or God himself [Exo33: 20-33]. Moses was able to see God's likeness, Isaiah too [Isa6: 1]. John on the island of Patmos saw the seven aspects of the Spirit of God in the spirit realm. To 'discern' is to see. In the spirit world there are divine spirits and evil spirits. We see into the spirit world by revelation of the Holy Spirit. Through this gift we discern the kind of spirit behind supernatural manifestations whether evil or good [E.g. 'spirit of divination' - Acts16: 16-18]. Paul through DSP was able to discern and cast this evil spirit out. However, without DSP we can still discern the true or false, the good or evil spirit, by 'inward witness' knowing the Word, and walking in the Spirit [Rom8: 14].

Satan sows seeds of deception and death through thoughts and feelings [fiery darts Eph6]. He will keep on sowing the same seed repeatedly till it takes deep root and grows. If we cultivate them they will grow and destroy us. This is a major way the devil takes control. Satan accuses or blames a Christian [Rev12: 11] for some sin, fault, failure or weakness whether true or false. If the person accepts it, he feels guilty and unfit. It next brings him under the fear of judgment or condemnation. If our heart is heavy with condemnation, our faith will be weak.

Without faith or with a weakened faith we will not be able to fight or resist the devil. This is exactly what the devil wants, that we will give up the fight.

A Christian can be vulnerable to the attack of demons through a variety of factors such as: family background in the occult or false religion; negative parental influence; early childhood trauma or pressures; emotional shocks; habitual sins; hereditary factors; idle words; laying on of hands; 'charismatic fortune-telling;' acknowledging plurality of gods, practicing idol worship in any form; teaching people to achieve righteousness by self-effort, witchcraft, warding off sickness and infertility by occult methods, abortion, rock music, occult medicines, reiki, yoga, and so on [Exo20:3-5; Jas3: 16; 1Pt3: 6; Lk22: 3; 1Tim5: 22; Mt12: 36-37; Mt12: 43-45; Acts16: 16-22; 1Cor8: 5-6;]. When the doctor is unable to diagnose the problem of sickness it could most probably be caused by demons.

Demons have degrees of strength and authority. Jesus, speaking of epilepsy said, "This kind goeth not but by prayer and fasting" [Mt17: 21]. Here He was revealing that some demons are so strong that it takes the total surrender of the Christian in dedication and divine union with Christ to rebuke and loosen the evil spirit and to exorcise it from the demonized person. There are demons that rule over large areas as lords or leaders and governors in the evil spirit. A deaf spirit seems to be the weakest and the easiest to dislodge and cast out. Epilepsy is possibly the strongest to combat or remove.

Demons principally live in the air above the earth because the devil is the 'prince of air.' [Eph2: 2]. They also have access to regions below the earth's surface. Demons have greater power in some geographical areas than others, where there is little or no resistance to them. Demons live in dry places [Lk11: 24]. They also live in evil places, where there have been crime and murders [Rev2: 13]. If

you live in a house that seems oppressive, either rebuke the threatening spirit in Jesus' name or sell the house and move out. In the heathen world, demons select certain places to live in – special cities, mountains or desert places. They also inhabit certain trees. Some spirits may dwell in a special rock, where the heathen come to worship them. But above all they wish to inhabit humans where they can express their evil desires and unclean ways.

The 12 disciples of Jesus Christ became men of dynamic divine power, by virtue of their spiritual relationship with Jesus Christ. When Christ sent them forth, He commanded them to exercise divine power over evil spirits [Mt10: 1, 7-8]. These supernatural powers were the divine credentials of their office of apostleship. [Lk9: 1]. These disciples wonderfully carried out the commission of their Lord and Savior. Christ also commissioned the second group of 70 disciples [Lk10: 1, 2, 17]. The final command Jesus gave His disciples and the Church of all ages is recorded in Mk16: 15-17.

The devil tries to exercise his strength where Bible reading and prayer is taken out of schools and homes. The devil has no power to hurt people where prayer is being offered and where the blood of Jesus is accepted as protection and covering.

There are demonically manifested diseases where medical treatment is unsuccessful because the source of the problem is spiritual. The remedy is deliverance from evil spirits. One of such diseases could be cancer.

Some of the evil spirits by name are – the spirit of cancer, inheritance, alcohol, drugs, narcotics, tobacco, addiction, nicotine, fear, anxiety, allergy, alzheimer's disease, arthritis, pain, asthma, bell's palsy, death, bursitis, cerebral palsy,

deafness, blindness, deaf & dumb, diabetes, tinnitus, eczema, epilepsy, tumor, gluttony, migraine, depression, multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, osteoporosis, parkinson's disease, psoriasis, scleroderma, schizophrenia, scoliosis, suicide, tooth decay, infirmity, etc.

Then there are also spirits of infirmity or weakness, rejection, unclean spirits, divination, bondage, error, familiar spirits, angel of light, lying, seduction, foul spirit, jealousy, serpent spirit, invisible-spirit, spirit of false doctrines, perverse spirit, persecution complex, sorrowful spirit, spirit of slumber, whoredom, destruction, death, distraction, suicide, religiosity, insanity, etc.

A Christian soon learns that he must test and try the spirits to determine whether or not they are of God. A spirit that cannot stand praise to Jesus Christ and his shed blood is easily discernible. When an internalized spiritual 'voice' suggests a deed or action that is contrary to the God's Word that is a clear indication of demonic activity.

But behind every idol is a demon that craves worship. The idol is only a symbol. Behind the symbol is the devil's power. The heathen have all kinds of symbols of the devil's power. The witch doctors of Haiti stick pins in dolls and cause injury to people at distances. These dolls become symbols of the power of witchcraft. If people kneel, offer incense, flowers, burn candles in worship before the idol, the evil spirit comes into the idol and may even do things for people. The devil wants to be worshipped and he will get into any kind of idol if one comes and worships him there. You wouldn't want one in your house, would you?

It is well known that evil spirits inhabit houses, distillery joints, bars, disco houses, gambling dens etc. There are haunted houses where people hear

shouts, loud footsteps, voices, see evil apparitions, articles fly about and so on. How do evil spirits get into buildings? – It is often through evil people who have lived in such places - practitioners of black magic and witchcraft, where accidents, suicides, murders have taken place or it could be people possessed by evil spirits that lived in those houses. To get rid of these evil spirits the house needs to be anointed, turned into a place of prayer, the precious blood of Jesus needs to be pleaded over it and demons need to be cast out from it. When evil spirits dwell in a house there two things that can be done.

1. You can go from room to room and cleanse it by pleading the blood of Jesus, commanding the evil spirits to go. You can encircle the entire house with the Blood of Jesus. Then the people who live there can be told to shout out the praises of God. If the least manifestation occurs, they should scream – “Don’t you come back! You stay gone forever!” Then they will be free indeed.
2. The alternative is for the inhabitants to move out of the house. There are people who are weak in the Spirit and who cannot wage spiritual warfare successfully.

There are many avenues by which the devil can enter a person. E.g., if a person permits his temper to go astray until he screams uncontrollably, he opens his spirit at that moment to demons. When the spirit of rage takes hold of the person other evil spirits like lying, stealing etc, can enter making him lie or steal without knowing why he did so. You need to identify the ‘King pin demon’ holding the door open to other demons who are now hiding behind him and then oust them all out.

All forms of occult are forbidden in Scriptures and God has said that all who take part in it will be cut off from His presence. All forms of spiritism are forbidden

[Lev19: 31; 20:6; Isaiah8: 19]. These sins need to be confessed, renounced, repented of and forsaken for deliverance.

When someone wants to put a curse on you. Plead the Blood of Jesus over yourself, and then command the curse to go back from where it came from [Num23: 8].

There are men who creep into churches and pray for the sick and miracles seem to take place, but they are operating in the strength and revelation of the occult spirits and thereby many are deceived. Jesus said, "by their fruits you shall know them." They often put up a false front of "love" to deceive, and the evil spirit shows up in their faces - "plastic face," unreal mask, fixed stare etc. Plead the Blood of Jesus and this occult, deceiving, religious spirit will soon be revealed. Beware of false prophets.

KNOW YOUR BATTLEGROUND

LESSON 3

MIND

Thoughts originate within us. They come from us, from God or from the enemy. While forces of darkness cannot read our minds [which only God can Ps7: 9], they can put in suggestions [Mt16: 23]. Most spiritual warfare takes place in the human mind. Not all evil thoughts come from Satan, but he loves to exploit and add to them. He loves to discredit people, destroy relationships, fill the mind with negatives, falsehoods, unrighteousness and so on [Jn8: 44; Rev12: 10]. Two common mental strongholds are thoughts of inferiority and condemnation. [Prov4: 23, refers to attitudes and emotions]. He attacks through doorways of negative emotions like anger, anxiety, worry, fear or attitudes of pride, rebellion etc. [Mt18: 34-35; Heb12: 14-15; Eph4: 22-24; Col3: 8]

Many carry wounds as real as physical ones caused by spoken words. Words spoken are tools that can bring life or death. They can be vehicles of Satan for deception, accusation, death [Prov18: 21; Ps141: 3]. They may begin with an innocent comment in someone's absence. The comment turns to observation, concern, criticism, accusation, and complaint. These words spoken vex the mind. The words we speak can ruin others and ourselves as well and incurs God's wrath. "As a man thinketh in his heart so is he." "From the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks." Death and life are in the power of the tongue.

KNOW YOUR ENEMY'S PLANS

LESSON 4

There are two realms: earthly and heavenly. The earthly is that which we can see and touch [physical realm]. The heavenly realm is the unseen world where the battle takes place between the forces of darkness and light. If we don't fight in the heavenly places, we will fight in the earthly places. If we don't battle the powers of darkness we will fight people instead. We often fire our cannons in the wrong direction.

Satan takes advantage of those who ignorant of their position in Christ, relationship with God, are unstable, weak, and carnal. He tempts and attacks us at our weakest point. He ensnares us by the words of our mouth. He instills in us fear, unbelief and pride [1Pt5]. Many live in fear of the enemy [including the fear of man]. This fear grows of not knowing who God is. Satan intimidates us, causes us to get angry, depressed, frustrated, fed up, give up, make improper decisions etc.

He plans to destroy our minds, bodies, character, reputation, relationship and all that is righteous and good. He inspires suicide, addictions, emotional and physiological upsets, negative emotions, stress, worry, fear, unbelief, causes us to doubt God's willingness and ability to take care of us. He causes Christians to fight each other and leave him out. We often lose the battle by our wrong attitudes though right in doctrine [Jn8: 44]. If we allow bitterness, rebellion, pride, independence, unbelief we cannot live in victory.

His plans are sometimes hidden and sometimes wide open. He rules through devices like horoscopes, astrology, channeling, Ouija boards, dungeons and dragons, Harry Potter, palmistry, Reiki, fortune telling etc. If we consult a supernatural source of information we open ourselves to the powers of darkness. He

plans to destroy us by our involvement with the occult, eastern religions, philosophies, humanism, pornography, drugs etc. The Lord forbids occult activities, witchcraft, fortune telling, spiritualistic exercises [Exo20:3].

Satan plans to influence leaders in a way that they do not live and lead according to biblical principles. Because of godless leadership, the walls of their authority crumble and Satan rules through them. In 1Tim2:1-2, we are directed to pray for all those in authority. When people constantly undermine authority they are helping Satan's cause. Neglect destroys Society's protective walls. To the extent leaders [parents, teachers etc.] neglect their responsibilities to lead, rulers of darkness rule in their place.

The five most common ways Satan attacks us:

Infirmities: [2Cor12: 10] – Sickness or disease caused by germs, sin, physiological abnormalities, weakness, abuse of bodies, improper diet, lack of exercise or rest, devil, or act of God's judgment.

Reproaches: Satan attempts to make us look bad. The media proclaims our unfaithfulness, scandals, infidelity [disloyalty] and cause slander and gossip.

Distresses: When circumstances and relationships come under attack, the enemy brings us to the point of despair, panic, stress, suffering hoping we would quit, drop out, burn out or feel we couldn't cope with life or ministry.

Persecutions: Satan hinders preaching of the gospel through persecution thus preventing people from continuing as committed Christians.

Difficulties: [2Cor12: 10] E.g. Financial hardships. Many missionaries and pastors have given up disappointed because of severe financial hardships.

Enemies in the Promised Land: [Judg3: 1] - The Promised Land had hostile warlike tribes who worshipped strange gods. God left hostile nations to develop Israel as warriors. Salvation brings every Christian into the Promised Land where he learns to be a spiritual warrior dealing with the hostile tribes, like discouragement, criticism, fear, gossip, guilt, hardness of heart, inferiority complex, resentment, unforgiveness, etc. Unless we rely on God, we will not be able to drive them out.

Satan inspires rebellion and rebellion destroys walls. It is a heart attitude that says, 'I don't need leaders telling me what to do.' The spirit of rebellion is the rejection of authority [1Sam15:23]. Satan plans progressively lead to bondage. He begins to influence [we are tempted and we feel like doing it]. If we accept the influence, it weighs down our will making it easier to repeat the particular sinful act. Our conscience becomes dull. We then get to the place where sin doesn't seem wrong. It then becomes a habitual. At this point we are convinced that it is our basic human nature that cannot be cured. The habitual sin develops into bondage. The enemy now has a grip on the person.

Satan targets children seeking their destruction. From the fires of Molech in the OT where parents sacrificed newborn babies to idols, to the present day war, abortion, sexual perversion, drug addiction, child pornography, children are under direct attack. Deep-seated wounds are entry points of demons.

Greed is the foundational to Satan's schemes. He knows that man's selfishness is influenced by money [1Tim6:10]. So he tries to influence him with the love of money, the root of all evil.

He also influences disunity, which brings attacks including sickness and death.

KNOW WHO YOU ARE

LESSON 5

'For lack of knowledge My people perish.'

'You shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free.'

The devil works in darkness. When we are ignorant of him, we are in darkness where he is free to work. Ignorance leads to bondage. The more we shine the light on his activities the more we hinder his work. Eph1- 3, focuses our position in Christ and relationship with God. It accounts what God has done to forgive and reconcile us. We need to meditate on scriptures and key words of truth that tell you who you are, like, blessed, chose, predestined, lavished, redemption, forgiveness, inheritance, grace, peace, access, sealed, fellow citizens, God's household and so on.

SIT [Eph1-3]: Being seated speaks of reigning [Rom5:17]. Jesus took his rightful place as King of kings and sat down, after completing the work of atonement and defeating the devil. We too need to take our rightful place won for us by Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord and sit down. Our salvation is complete, our authority over the enemy has been won [Col2:10]. When Christians know they are kept by the power of God, saved and secure in Christ and seated with him in the heavenly places they will be victorious.

WALK [Eph3-4]: Having learned to sit with Christ, knowing who we are in Him, we must then learn to walk worthily in obedience, in the Spirit, Eph6: 10-20.

STAND [Eph6]: Finally we are instructed to take our stand against the enemy.

USE YOUR AUTHORITY

LESSON 6

In Gen3: 15, God promised to bruise Satan's head through the seed of the woman [human race, born of Eve; children of Israel; Lord Jesus Christ]. The seed of Satan would in turn bruise man's heel [works of the devil]. Satan plants his seed of destruction in all human children in order to corrupt the seed that would bruise his head.

God delegated some of His authority to man. Authority is delegated power. [Mt28: 18]. When man disobeyed God, he passed it on to Satan. And Satan can only use it through man, influencing the world to the degree that man chooses to sin and disobey God. Jesus established our authority by destroying the devil's works on the cross – [1Jn3: 8; Lk4: 18-19; Acts10: 38]. Our authority is also based on what Jesus did for us – Col1: 13-14, 'delivered from the dominion of darkness and transferred into the kingdom of His beloved Son.' His sinless life qualified him to take back what Adam gave away, what the devil stole. Jesus handed us once again the authority Satan stole. With our authority comes responsibility to use it for God's purpose. God is behind the authority He has given us. We received this authority at new birth. We inherit the name of Lord Jesus and we can use it in prayer against the enemy. The place of authority is at the right hand of God the Father [Eph1:20] where we are seated. [Lk4:18-19; Mk16:17-18; 1Jn4:4; Rom8:35-39; Jn20:22-23; Lk10:19; Eph1:18-23]

The source of authority is based on the resurrection and exaltation of Jesus Christ [Eph1 & 2]. We have to deal with the same demonic powers Jesus defeated and showed openly to heaven, earth and hell and recorded it in the Bible for us to know what happened in his death, burial and resurrection.

In God's mind Jesus Christ the Head and His body [us] are raised together. The authority that belongs to Jesus Christ belongs to the 4 individual members, for we are the Body of Christ [1Cor6, 12; 2Cor6]

The Cross has an important role to play, although it was apparently the place of defeat and death when we died with Jesus. Resurrection was the place of triumph and we rose with Him. We need to come by the Cross-for salvation, but move on to Resurrection, Pentecost, Ascension and the throne. The right hand of the throne of God is the center of the power of the whole universe. We are seated with Christ in the place of authority in the heavenly places at the right hand of God. Jesus dethroned the devil, now we can reign over him [Eph6:12; Col2:15].

Weapons of Defense: [Eph6:10-17]

If we don't have the Spiritual Armor 'on,' we will land up as casualties. Paul lists six pieces of equipment a Roman legionary wears for full protection. Girdle of Truth; Breastplate of Righteousness; Shoes of the preparation of the Gospel; Shield of Faith; Helmet of Salvation; Sword of the Spirit;

Girdle of Truth

Truth in daily living – honesty, sincerity, openness, frankness. Put away sham [pretense], hypocrisy [double standards], religious procedures of saying and doing things we don't mean.

Breastplate of Righteousness

[Ga5:6; 2Cor5:21; Phil3:9; 1Thess5:8]

It is not the righteousness of works or religious law but it is the righteousness that comes by faith. It is the righteousness of Christ and not our own. It is not the kind of outward ceremony or ritual, but an active faith that works through love. It is a breastplate of faith and love. The breastplate of faith is for our own personal

righteousness. It protects the heart and our life. Love protects us from all negative forces like resentment, bitterness, un-forgiveness, and discouragement.

The Shoes of the Preparation of the Gospel

Have peace in yourself first before you transmit it to others [Mt10:12-13]

Be ready to communicate the Gospel in a simple way of how one is saved

Shield of Faith

It is for the protection and provision for ourselves and all whom God has committed to us [including family etc]. It covers everything. Claim the protection of faith in the blood of Jesus over everything connected.

Helmet of Salvation

Rom8:37; Isa61:3; 1Tess5:8; Heb6:17-20; 10:23; 11:1;

Rom8:24, 28; Eph2:12; Col1:27

It protects the head, which represents the mind, the battlefield. Like in the physical, people wounded in the head find it difficult to be effective, so in the spiritual people that are depressed or who mistrust other Christian workers are unable to be effective missionaries and servants of God. The protection of the mind is hope. We have valid hope when based on valid faith. Now hope is a quiet steady expectation of good based on the promises of God's Word. It is continued optimism that protects the mind. We must know that everything that happens in our lives is being worked together by God for our good. Optimism is the helmet, which protects against doubt, discouragement, self-pity, mistrust etc. No hope, no salvation. If we have Christ, we have hope and we have God. If you do not have hope it is as if Christ is not in you. You are not a lost soul but you are not living in the experience of salvation. Hope in the mind is an essential part of your salvation experience. Do not give up hope, be an optimist. It will protect your mind.

The Sword of the Spirit

[Heb4:12; Rev1:16; Mt4:1-11; Eph6:17]

The sword is defensive as well as offensive. The other items are defensive. Without the sword you have no way of driving off the devil. God's Word penetrates every area of the personality. Jesus Himself used it in His earthly life. The basis of every temptation against Jesus was a temptation to doubt. Satan began with the word 'if.' Jesus responded 'it is written.' The devil can quote scriptures but he misapplies it. He used it against Jesus, he can use it against us. If we are going to handle the devil we must know scripture thoroughly and how to apply it. We must be careful of people who misapply scripture and try to tempt us to do the wrong thing. The Bible on the bookshelf doesn't scare the devil. When you take the scripture in your mouth and quote it directly, it becomes the sword of the Spirit.

Weapons of Attack

[2Cor10:4-5; Mt16:18; Isa28:6; Col2:15; Eph6:15; 2Cor2:14; Mt28:18-19;]

No army ever won a war on the defensive. We must move from defensive to offensive. Jesus pictures His Church on the offensive, attacking the gates of Satan. In attacking a city the natural place to attack is the gates because they are weaker than the walls [Isa28:6]. Satan will not be able to keep the church out. Satan has been stripped of his weapons and armor through the cross. Jesus won the victory on our behalf at the cross. He has given us authority which we need to exercise against the evil one. Authority is only effective when used.

Methods for exercising our Authority: [2Cor10: 4]

Name of Jesus	Word of God	Holy Spirit	Blood of Jesus	Truth [Rev12:11]
Carries victory of the Cross & Resurrection [Mk16: 17]	[Mt4: 4; Eph6:17; Heb4:12]	[Acts1: 8; Eph6: 18; Jn20: 22]	[Rev12:11]	Declares the acts, character of God and truth about ourselves.

Four main spiritual weapons of attack

Prayer	Praise	Preaching	Testimony
Eph6: 18	Ps8: 2; 22: 3	Rom1: 16; 2Tim4: 1-4; Jer23: 29; Heb4: 12	Acts1: 8; Rev12: 11

Pray the 'Ephesian Prayers' twice a day for a year and watch your progress.'

[Refer to the Book - Prayer Mantle]

KNOW HOW TO STAY SPIRITUALLY FIT

LESSON 7



Prayer before Combat

- Meditate on God's Word [Jos1: 8]
- Pray in Tongues [Jude19-20; 1Cor14: 14]
- Wait upon the Lord [Isa40: 31]



Take Authority against the enemy

- Obey God [Jas4:7; 2Cor2:9-11]
- Resist the devil verbally [Jas4:7; 1Pt5:9]



Humble yourself [Jas4:10]

Consider every rebuke, criticism, accusation which may be partially or fully true and that we may be wrong. Even when we are right, be open and willing to examine the content of what others have to say to us. We need to be open to the ministry of others in our lives. We need to remember that we are students in the school of life.



Never lose faith or fall under condemnation. [Rom8:1]



Maintain good relationships at all cost [Prov18:19]

KNOW HOW TO WAGE WARFARE

LESSON 8

Spiritual Warfare is not just a prayer prayed or a demon rebuked. It is a life lived [Jas5: 16; Eph4: 27; Gen18: 20-33]]

Preparing for deliverance

Nine Steps to Freedom

1. Personally affirm your faith in Christ
[Heb3: 1] Here 'Confession' means, "saying the same as...." Say what the Word of God says that Jesus has done for you.
2. Humble Yourself
[1Pt5: 5-6]. Say to God 'I need You.' [Cast your dignity aside]
3. Confess any known sin
[1Jn1: 7-9]. Call sin as sin. If your problem is overeating call it 'gluttony.' If it is gossip call it 'gossip,' if is bowing before idols call it idolatry, etc. Confess any ancestral sins you know of.
4. Repent of all sins. First confess, then repent & forsake [Prov28: 13]
5. Forgive all other people & forgive yourself [Mk11: 25-26]
6. Break ties with the Occult & False Religion [Exo20: 3-5; Deut7: 26]
7. Prepare to be released from every curse over your life

Some problems that commonly indicate that a curse is at work are –

Mental or emotional breakdown	Barrenness, tendency to miscarry related female problems
Repeated or chronic sicknesses	Hereditary illnesses
Accident prone	Continuing financial insufficiency
Marriage breakdown, family alienation	Family history of suicides-untimely deaths

If you sense there is a curse over your life, seek release from it on the basis of what Jesus did for you on the cross when he was made a curse [words of prayer will be given].

8 Take your stand with God

As soon as you take your stand with God, He also takes His stand with you [Rom8: 31]. If the Holy Spirit gives you the name of a specific demon, you must take a deliberate stand with God against the demon and verbalize it. For example, say: “You spirit of lust, rejection, confusion, gluttony or whatever, I take my stand against you in the name of Jesus. I no longer submit to you. You have no more place in me. I command you to go.” [Jas4: 7]

9 Expel – Do not do this until you have prayed [prayer of deliverance will be given in the next section].

Prayer of Deliverance

Say aloud:

“Lord Jesus Christ, I believe You are the Son of God and the only way to God – that You died on the cross for my sins and rose again so that I might be forgiven and receive eternal life.

“I renounce all pride and religious self-righteousness and any dignity that does not come from You. I have no claim on Your mercy except that You died in my place.

“I confess all my sins to You and hold nothing back [think of the sins that come to your mind]

“I repent of all my sins. I turn away from them and I turn to You, Lord, for mercy and forgiveness.

“By a decision of my will, I freely forgive all who have ever harmed or wronged me. I lay down bitterness, resentment and hatred [think of those who have harmed you].

“I cut off all contact I or my family or ancestors have ever had with the occult or with false religion [thank God for His mercy and forgiveness].

“I commit myself to get rid of all objects in my possession connected with the occult or false religion.

“Lord Jesus, I thank You that on the cross You were made a curse, that I might be redeemed from every curse and inherit God’s blessings. On that basis I ask You to release me and set me free to receive the deliverance I need.

“I take my stand with you, Lord, against all Satan’s demons. I submit to You, Lord, and I resist the devil. Amen!

“Now I speak to any demons that have control over me. I command you to go from me now. In the name of Jesus, I expel you!” [Breathe out forcibly, several times].

Every time you experience a release, praise and thank God for it. When you feel your deliverance is complete or you have come as far as you can at this time, kneel down and make Jesus Lord of every area of your life.

If you feel your deliverance is not yet complete, wait until your strength returns or you feel prompted by the Holy Spirit. Then continue with the process of getting the demons out.

- Repentance: - If we pray for someone struggling with a sin that is also present and unchecked in our own lives, our prayers will be powerless. Therefore we ourselves need to repent and confess our sins.

- Prayer Walking at specific locations – breaks bondages and strongholds of sin, negative influences, evil influences and causes the area to fall to the gospel.
- Intercession
- Preaching the Gospel – places light in the midst of darkness [Rom1:16; Acts1:8]
- Right reaction to circumstances
- Setting the captives free [Lk4:18-19]
- Fasting [Isa58:6] - releases anointing which in turn breaks the yoke [Isa10:27] and keeps us spiritually sensitive.
- Giving [Mal3:10-11] – the love of money is the root of all evil [1Tim6:10], it brings us financial breakthrough.
- Unity – Jn17. If we work for unity it will keep the door shut to the enemy.
- Signs & Wonders [Gifts of the Spirit – 1Cor12]
- Serving – [Jn10; 1Jn3:8]

THE BASIS OF VICTORY

LESSON 9

Satan's primary weapon is guilt, he is the accuser of the brethren. [Rev12:10]. He accuses us to make us feel guilty and when we feel guilty we cannot defeat him. Guilt is the key to our defeat, while righteousness is the key to our victory and his defeat. We must remember that all our past sinful acts have been forgiven when we put our faith in Jesus [Col2:13-14; Rom10:4]. Christ is the end of the law as a means to achieve righteousness with God. We must remember that Jesus was made sin with our sinfulness that we might be made righteous with His righteousness [2Cor5:21]. When we grasp this fact the devil cannot make us feel guilty anymore.

Col2: 15 – Triumph is the celebration and demonstration of victory that has been won. Jesus through his death on the cross demonstrated His victory over the entire satanic kingdom to the whole universe. In the wilderness Jesus defeated Satan on His own behalf. On the cross Jesus defeated Satan on our behalf for us. It is now our responsibility to demonstrate & administer the victory of Jesus at all times and at every place.

Col2:13-15: the great essential fact is that Christ has already defeated Satan and all his evil powers, authorities totally and forever – the devil is determined that we will not grasp this fact. We lose if we don't know what belongs to us. [Jn8:32; Hosea4:6].

We must know that:

- We have authority over him because he is a defeated foe.
- Lord Jesus Christ defeated him for us.
- We receive this authority when we are born again.
- As new creatures in Christ Jesus we inherit the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ and we can use it in prayer against the enemy.

The Lord has given us authority [Lk10: 19]. Here serpent and scorpions mean demons, evil spirits, and power of the devil. The value of our authority rests on the power that is behind that authority. God Himself is the power behind our authority. The devil and his forces recognize our authority which is delegated power [Eph6:10; 1Jn4:4]. When Christ ascended, He transferred His authority to the Church. He is the Head of the Church and believers make up the body. [Mt28:18-19]. Christ is seated at the right hand of the Father – the place of authority – and we are seated with Him. [Eph1:18-23]. The mightiest work of God was the raising of Jesus from the dead. Satan and all his cohorts opposed the Resurrection. But Jesus Christ defeated them, ascended into heaven and is now seated at the right hand of the Father far above them [Col2:15]. He put them to naught or paralyzed them and we have to deal with the same. Thank God Jesus defeated them and we have to administer defeat to them.

The Source of our Authority: - is found in the resurrection and exalting of Christ by God [Eph2:1-7]. We were raised up together with Christ and made to sit together with him on the throne. When we realize that the authority that belongs to Christ also belongs to individual members of the Body of Christ and is available to us, our lives will be revolutionized [1Cor12:12-14, 27]. He is calling the Body, which is the Church, Christ. Thank God we are the body of Christ. [2Cor6:14-15]. We are Christ. The believer is called 'righteousness' and the unbeliever 'unrighteousness.' The believer is called 'light' and the unbeliever, 'darkness.' The believer is called 'Christ,' and the unbeliever, 'Belial.' We must reign as kings in this life here on earth [Rom5:17]. We are to do the works of Jesus [Jn14:12].

HOW TO EXERCISE AUTHORITY

LESSON 10

Dominion over demons belongs to every believer, every disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ, who will exercise the authority for exerting it. [Lk10: 19; Mt18: 18]. Never be afraid of the devil because the shed blood of Jesus Christ covers you. You can triumph over the devil defeating him in every situation. Satan is afraid of your authority, so use it and be victorious.

We need to build the truths about our authority given in the Bible into our lives by meditating and feeding on them [e.g., Lk10:19; Mt28:18]. As long as Satan can keep us in unbelief or us in the area of reason he will defeat us in every battle. But if we hold him in the arena of faith and the Spirit, we will defeat him all the time.

We need to demand your rights [Jn14: 13-14] – In this scripture ‘ask’ means demand. Faith is involved in exercising spiritual authority. We need to base our faith on what God’s Word says. If the demon doesn’t go after we have exercised our authority, we need not get disturbed. We need to stand our ground with faith in God’s Word. We do not have to stand all day long commanding demons to come out. We need to just speak the Word of Faith. When you know your authority these demons are going to come out. They have to go sooner or later.

All the authority that was given to Christ belongs to us through Him, and He wants us to exercise it. The door to exercising authority centers on two phrases, Paul prayed for the Ephesians “...and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places” [Eph1: 20]. And “... hath raised us up together’ [Ezph2: 6]. We should meditate on these two prayers till they become part of us. We have been made to sit with Him, “far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion” [Eph1: 21].

Not one single time in the NT is the Church ever told to pray that God would do anything against the devil. The believer is told to do something about the devil because he has been given the authority. The Church is not expected to pray to God about the devil. The Church has to exercise the authority that belongs to her. God has already delivered us from the authority of darkness and translated / transferred us into the kingdom of his dear Son [Col1:13]. Jesus is the head of the Church and can only work through the Church. We need to learn to be exalted [But not Proud]. Eph1:22 – Jesus is the head over sickness, disease and anything else that is evil. And we are seated with Christ on the throne.

Jesus gave the Church [which includes us] authority against the devil.

Mt28: 18 Mk16: 15-18 [JESUS]	“All power [authority] is given to me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore” The first sign [to any believer is casting out demons.
Jas4: 7 [JAMES]	The scripture doesn’t say, the devil will flee from Jesus; it says he’ll flee from you
1Pt5: 8 [PETER]	We are to resist the devil.
Eph4:27 [PAUL]	“Neither give place to devil.”

Rev1: 18 – Jesus has the ‘keys of Authority.’ He took them away from the devil and gave them to the Church. Although we have authority over demon spirits we do not have authority over human wills. We need to exercise our authority – Mt18:18: “Whatsoever things ye refuse to be permitted on earth will be refused to be permitted in heaven” Jesus has delegated this authority over the devil to the believer here on earth. Every believer has this authority and is expected to exercise it. God doesn’t want the devil to dominate your family. You need to say, “Devil, I’m

ruling over my domain. You are not ruling in my household; I am, through Jesus Christ.” [The devil will then flee from you].

CASTING OUT DEMONS

LESSON 11

Two are better than one [Eccl4: 9-10]. – Do not be a ‘lone ranger,’ except in an emergency, or where you are alone [casting out demons] and you can’t help it. There is no record that Jesus ever sent anyone out to minister by himself. He always sent out his disciples in pairs. Normally only an experienced minister with authority should undertake the ministry of deliverance on his own. [Bear in mind there is always the possibility that a person receiving deliverance may become violent].

Do not minister alone to a member of the opposite sex. Do not minister along with another of the opposite sex on a long-term basis. Generally men minister along with men, women along with women, husbands with wives, or collectively men & women.

Be under authority [Mt28: 18]

- A married woman is normally under the authority of her husband. She should not be engaged in ministering without her husband’s full knowledge and approval.
- When ministering in a local congregation, come under the authority of its leadership.
- A Christian who desires to be protected spiritually should take his or her place in the structure of the local church
- Men [or women] who practice deliverance whether single or married should be part of fellowship or church with an effective structure of authority. A dangerous place to be is for ‘lone rangers’ male or female.

- Persons going out on 'missionary journeys' should be submissive to and under the covering of the pastor and elders, be anointed by them and report back.

Normally when you come against Satan, you identify him. Then you give him your reasons for exorcising authority over him: "By the blood of Jesus Christ I come, and I come by the authority of the Great commission."

If you can bring a spirit out, you can direct it at least locally. It is not really important to tell it where to go. You could tell it to go to some uninhabited place [e.g. Arabian Sea, Sahara Desert] or into the uninhabited space above us.

Evil spirits can move around in various parts of the body. Satan mainly seeks to take over two areas: the throne of the soul, which is the head, and the throne of the spirit, which is the belly. Some who are demonized complain of feeling bands around their head or abdomen. When the power of Satan is broken the bands disappear. Some other characteristics of demonized victims are: unnatural restlessness, talkativeness, muttering, eyes that are glazed or unnaturally bright and protruding or inability to focus naturally, frothing at the mouth, foul breath, palpitation of the heart, recoiling form, fighting the power of the Holy Spirit etc.

There are several steps to total possession. In the cases of repression, depression or oppression a person can deliver himself. He can say, "I demand oppression to go from me and I am free!" When it becomes obsession, his mind is afflicted and he cannot set himself free. Someone else must do it for him because he cannot even think clearly and does not have faith or strength. Oppression is the most common form of attack. It is a 'spiritual pressing down' which develops a condition called 'mental depression.' A demon-possessed person entirely under the control of the devil] in turn needs another to get him

delivered, for he has been taken over completely. Don't think of casting out demons unless you repent and confess your own sins first.

Where possible counsel the person in detail. Lead the demonized person to repentance, forgiveness and born-again experience, but do not lead him to the baptism-in-the-Holy Spirit until the demons are cast out [Mk16: 17]. [Christ places the casting out of demons before the speaking with new tongues. People must first be fully delivered from demons before they seek the Baptism in the Spirit and the speaking with new tongues. If this is not done, people who are baptized in the Spirit and speak with new tongues may still need deliverance from demons. Plead the Blood of Jesus. Ask the demonized person to renounce Satan, sin, self-government, and any occult involvement. The demonized person needs to make a detailed confession of his sins with true repentance and forsaking of his sins. He needs to say the 'Blood Prayer' aloud with faith [see 'Prayer Mantle']. Where a person has already been born again and baptized in the Holy Spirit and yet demonized, ask him not to pray in tongues when he is being delivered, but only to agree with the Christian counselor who is getting him delivered. Later on he can do so when delivered.

It is not necessary to shout at demons; they hear quite easily and will obey you. Watch the kind of contortions, body movements taking place during the deliverance session along with the speech, screams, restlessness, odor, vomit [type and color] etc. Satan is a good counterfeit who imitates the gifts of the Spirit including tongues, prophecy and gifts of revelation.

There have been reports where people have been delivered from demons of suicide, epilepsy, arthritis, cancer, insanity, religiosity, fear, jealousy, foul demons, sex demons, etc. These frequently come out crying with a loud voice, sometimes accompanied by vomiting, spitting, coughing, writhing. They even

have argued back and refused to come out, but have done so ultimately in the name of Lord Jesus. Deliverance is always certain though it can be delayed over a period of time.

What are the Conditions for Deliverance from the destructive influence and power of demons?

“The Minister’s Requirement”

1. The first condition is a correct diagnosis [1Cor9: 26]
2. The minister must recognize the authority delegated to him in the name of Jesus. “In my name they shall cast out demons.” We also read of this in Lk10: 17;
3. The minister needs the power [anointing] of the Holy Spirit [Lk4: 18]
4. The minister must be prepared to provide both time and place for intimate personal counseling.
5. The minister must beware of spiritual pride in any form. He should be motivated by sincere, God given compassion for the one who needs deliverance.

The Minister should confess, repent and forsake his own sins; Listen to the Holy Spirit; Pray in tongues; Use the Word of God; Praise the Lord; Command with authority; Commission God’s Holy angels and have a follow-up.

Ensure that the patient repents from occult activity [if any]

Check area of forgiveness, with special reference to parents, relatives etc.

Ensure that they honor their parents

Ensure that sexual sin is renounced, including abortion, adultery etc.

Ensure that any occult activity on the part of parents and ancestors has been renounced and repented from. They should forgive them.

Ensure that their house is cleansed.

Ensure that they have made Jesus their Lord and Savior.

Ensure that they are really repentant.

“The Patient’s Requirement”

1. Humility [James4: 6-7]
2. Honesty [Ps32: 1-5]
3. Confession [1Jn1: 9; James5: 16]. First confess then pray.
4. Renunciation [Prov28: 13; Isaiah55: 7] – Forsaking should come before ‘mercy’ and ‘pardon.’
5. Forgiveness – [Heb12: 15]. The one who desires forgiveness from God must first forgive his fellow men. Resentment and an unforgiving spirit are two of the commonest hindrances to deliverance.
6. Call upon the name of the Lord aloud [after meeting the first five requirements], Joel2: 32

The Patient should also be Water Baptized. Blessed Water could be used to remind the demon that the person has been water baptized and to remind the person that during water baptism he was cut-off from the power of sin and Satan in his life.

The Patient’s house also needs to be cleansed. Occult objects should be removed and the house blessed by blessed water, blessed oil, Blood of Jesus, laying on of hands on the walls, prayer of praise, etc. – demons should be commanded to leave the house.

Whenever a person is delivered from a demon, there is some definite experience or reaction. Where there is no definite experience or reaction, it is questionable whether deliverance has been really affected. Unless the demon comes out there has been no real deliverance. Normally a demon will seek to remain in hiding rather than be compelled to manifest its presence and come out. Now a demon is a 'spirit,' which also means 'breath.' A person's breath normally enters or leaves his body through his mouth or nose. The same is true of demon spirits. When a demon comes out of a person, it normally comes out through his mouth. At this point there is usually some definite manifestation.

The following are some manifestations connected with the mouth which commonly mark the end of deliverance – a hiss, a cough, sobbing, screaming, roaring, belching, spitting, vomiting. [Acts8: 7]. Different classes of demons exhibit different types of behavior. E.g. sexual demons come out with some form of spitting or vomiting [quite often large amounts of slimy mucous material are brought up in the process]. The demon of fear normally comes out with a kind of hysterical sobbing or moaning. Demons of lying and of hatred utter a loud roar. Demon of nicotine [smoking] comes out with a cough or a gasp. At times demons take control of the patient's organs of speech to utter their own words. Sometimes this causes a change in voice. The demon within a person may understand and speak a language unknown by the person himself. In such cases, the minister may exercise the authority delegated to him through the name of Jesus and may command each demon to name itself, thus revealing its nature and activity. The names uttered could be – fear, hatred, lies, doubt, envy, jealousy, confusion, perversity, schizophrenia, death, suicide, adultery, mockery, blasphemy, witchcraft etc.

Rebuke the spirit, bind and command it to come out. “In the Name of Jesus, I bind you, I rebuke you, evil spirit. Come out!” Keep doing it until demons come out.

To cast out an evil spirit, say, “I bind you Devil [or Satan] in the name of Jesus, and by the power of God’s Holy Spirit, you will no longer exercise dominion over this person. You foul spirit of _____, come out in the name of Jesus, do not hurt him and never enter him again! I place you under the authority of Lord Jesus Christ who is ‘far above all’ and I command you to go where the Lord Jesus Christ sends you.

[Addressed to the person being delivered] - In the name of Jesus, by the power of His precious Blood shed on the Cross for you personally, I take the Sword of the Spirit and cut you free from bondage of _____ [name the particular bondage]. [Jn11: 44].

HISTORICAL REVIEW OF THE DEMONIC REALM

LESSON 12

Satan influenced other angels in his rebellion against God. Satan along with 1/3rd angels was thrown out of the Third heaven [Rev12:4; Dan10:13]. The hosts of demons under his command occupy the 1st and 2nd heaven, earth and underneath the earth. Probably hell is under the earth. The lowest un-winged class of demons walk the earth. The other higher classes are winged. There are fallen angels, disembodied spirits, pre-adamic spirits, un-natural offspring of angels & humans at the flood of Noah's time. There is a difference between spirits and angels. The demonic hierarchy dealt before, from the lowest to the highest consists of principalities, powers, rulers and wicked spirits.

Demons have a personality – will, knowledge, emotion, speech, self-awareness, oppress, obsess and possess. Their work is to kill, steal, destroy devour, oppose God, His work and His Kingdom [Jn10: 10; A10: 38; 1Jn3: 8]. They also have different [spiritual] forms – snake, serpent, scorpion, crabs, frogs, insects, animal forms, carved gods in heathen temples etc There are different kinds of demons such as unclean demons, deceitful spirits, deaf & demon spirits, spirits of distortion, blind & dumb spirits, spirits of harlotry, spirits of sickness, spirits of divination, familiar spirits, spirits behind sins, families of demons etc.

Rebellious fallen angels are intelligent, have wings and can fly. They do not desire human bodies. Demons on the other hand are not fallen angels and they do not act like them. They are silly and ridiculous, earthbound and cannot fly. They have an intense desire for human bodies. They walk. Generally their source is unknown. Some angels left their habitation, breached certain orders of God and were sent to Tartarus [Jude] below hell

Demons entry point is through our mind, at times of sin [our own or ancestral], thought life, pregnancy, emotional crisis, curse, fear, inheritance, occult involvement, touching dead bodies, shock or grief, accidents, trauma, marriage breakdowns, habits, transference etc. They operate in a variety of ways - entice, tempt, enslave, torment, compel, defile, harass, depress, cause fear, loneliness, self-pity, despair, suicide, envy, jealousy, pride, anger, violence, murder etc.

Mental demons cause doubt, indecision, procrastination, compromise, homosexuality, self-abuse, an urge to delight in spanking children, compulsive habits of eating, drinking, sleeping, addiction etc. [Many drug addicts are controlled by hatred and deception]. Demons of the tongue can cause blasphemy, lying, gossiping, and sex perversion. Demons cause divisions, fight against our peace, personal harmony, peace of mind, well-being, etc. Demons try to nibble at the fruit of the Spirit.

The believer can have a demon residing in his mind or physical body. The only way the demon can enter the spirit of the believer is through his mind [e.g. chronic doubting]. Therefore the mind must be kept on Jesus [“...thou will keep him in peace whose mind is stayed on thee because he trusts in thee”]. You cannot cast out evil spirits out of some people if they don't want help.

Demons affect our emotions - attitudes, relationships, cause resentment, hatred, fear and rebellion; thoughts of the mind – doubt, unbelief, indecision, procrastination; in the tongue – lying; sexual areas–perversion, self abuse etc;

Addiction – alcohol; physical infirmities – tumors, heart attacks, arthritis etc.

They also attack psychological areas – recurrent and disruptive emotional attitudes like resentment, hatred, fear, envy, jealousy, pride, and moods which are unreasonable and extreme, that dominate us against our wills. We can become very talkative, restless or get depressed

Satan dominates and controls in other ways as well:

One person dominates another; Heresy; False religions; Forbidden spiritual contacts e.g., fortune telling, horoscopes, astrology, mediums, consulting the dead, using charms, drugs etc.

Some demons manifest while being cast out – coughing, yawning, sighing, groaning, screaming, sobbing, twisting, foaming, mucus, vomiting, hissing, spitting, wriggling, shouting, lying down as though dead, animal noises etc. At times there may be no manifestations. They come out from various pores and positions of the body.

You can send lower class demons to hell [Of what use is it?], but not the higher class. Earth bound demons walk through dry places seeking rest and finding none come back to the same person from whom they were cast out, with seven stronger ones. They move out of dead people into others. The reason evil spirits seek to live in man is because they can work to a greater degree in this world.

Witchcraft is the power branch of the Occult [1Sam15:23] It is man's rebellion against God, with a desire to control people and circumstances

Divination is the knowledge branch of the Occult, e.g., fortune telling, astrology, ESP, Numerology, horoscopes, telling the future, etc.

Sorcery operates through material objects, music, drugs etc. to have an impact on the physical [2Tim3:13 – Imposters – enchanters]

Occult Check Sheet:

Before proceeding bind Satan and the powers of darkness and loose the person's mind to the Holy Spirit so that he can recall things he needs to remember. Ancestral curses may be the source of the problem [Each of us has 2 Parents, 4 Grand Parents, 8 Great Grand Parents, 16 Great Great Grand Parents. Thirty in all. Any

one of them could be the cause of the curse in your life in 4 generations]. We need to ask him next, whether he or his ancestors have been involved in the following:

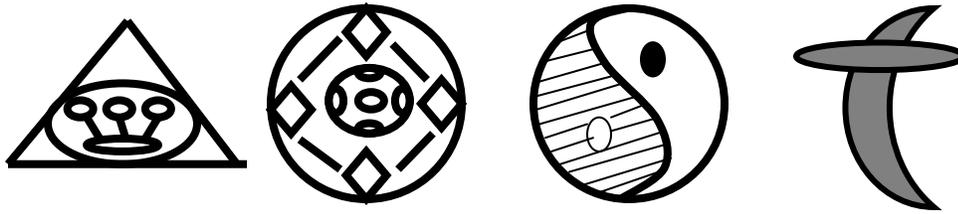
Witchcraft	Kabbala	Gypsy Curses	Blood Pacts	Blood Subscriptions
Spells magical power words	Black Magic – Invoking hidden powers for bad ends White Magic – Invoking hidden powers for good ends			
Mental suggestion	Hypnosis	Mesmerism	Self Hypnosis	Ankh [Cross with ring-top]
Parakinesis – Control of objects by power of mind and will Telekinesis – Objects move, instruments play, engines start etc.				
Ouija boards	Planchette	Séances	Mediums	Clairvoyance
Clairaudience	ESP	Mind Reading	Telepathy	Thought Transference
Dream Interpretation	Occult Books	Fortune Telling	Palmistry	Tea Leaf Reading
Phrenology	Crystal Ball	Tarot Cards	Handwriting Analysis	Numerology
Astrology	Horoscopes	Psychometry	Divining	Dowsing
Levitation	Table Tipping	Spirit Rapping	Automatic spirit writing	Yoga
Karate	Judo	Kung Fu	Akido	Martial Arts
Astral Travel	Amulets Tiger's Claw	Shark's tooth	Horse shoe over the door	Mascots
Gold earring man	Talisman [magic picture]	Letters of Protection	Zodiac charms	Pagan fetishes

Religious objects, relics from temples	Significant days	Chain letters	Hallucinogenic drugs – LSD etc	Rock Music Lyrics
Visits to temples	Visits where psychic powers demonstrated	Possessing Occult Literature	Received Magical Healings	Touching Occult involved Corpse
False religions – Jehovah’s Witnesses; Mormons; Herbert Armstrong [worldwide church of God]; Unification Church; Unitarian church; Christadelphianism; Freemasonry; Spiritualism; Bahai; Scientology; Christian Science; Ranganism; Theosophy; Rosicrucianism; Eastern Religions - Hare Krishna, TM, Divine Light Mission; Rajneesh; Buddhism; Islam; Hinduism; Shintoism; Confucianism; Japanese Flower Arranging - Sun Worship etc.				
Incest	Pornography	Reiki	etc	Etc.

Nine Satanic Activities

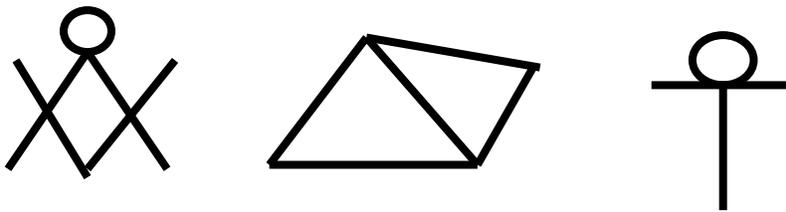
1. Pass through the fire [Deut18:10-11]
2. Divination, Fortune telling [Gen10:27; Num23]
3. Practice of witchcraft, astrology [Jer10:1]
4. Enchanters who cast spells
5. Sorcerer – formulas, incantation, muttering, mysticism
6. Casting spells, Charmer
7. Medium with familiar spirits
8. Spiritist – wizard, receives superhuman knowledge through demons
9. Necromancy – calling up the dead [Deut18:12]

Satanic Symbols:



Druid

Priest Unicorn Symbol



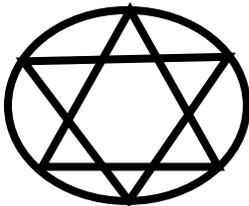
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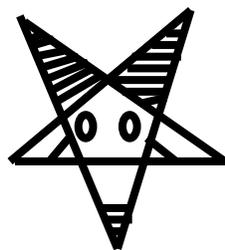
Ankh Symbol of Reincarnation



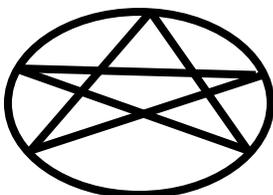
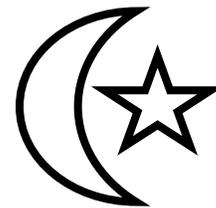
All Seeing Eye Of Horus



Hexagram
Used in Black Magic



Crescent symbolizes Diana
The Queen of Heaven
Star symbolizes Lucifer



Pentagram Symbol of Witchcraft

Three Forms of Satanic Attack:

1. Frontal Attack: Brief, sustained pressure – Oppression – Resist the devil and he will flee from you.
2. Bondage: Siege or Blockade – The enemy breaks through and surrounds the area, part of our life is brought under the enemy's control, which prevents that area from functioning properly. Bondage in some habit, way of life or wrong relationship has got hold of the person. A firm resistance here is not sufficient. It needs to be 'loosed' by another.
3. Invasion or Occupancy. Here the enemy occupies part of our life. It is no longer under our control at all. Here the evil spirit has to be cast out.

TIPS ON DELIVERANCE

LESSON 13

The higher class demon holds the door open for lower class demons to enter into a person. If the spirit does not come out after commanding, ask his name and how many they are. For some won't come out until you do this. Sometimes you hear these spirits talking while others are unable to hear. You need the discerning of spirits to see and hear in the spirit realm. Some are not healed because the people who pray over them do not have discerning of spirits. Unless the demon is cast out in the case of a demonic sickness, no healing is possible even if holy oil is applied.

These demons operate from outside the body or from inside. If they are on the outside, we must resist them [Jas4:7]. If they are within the body, we must expel them [Mk1:39].

Do not be in a hurry to cast out demons out of a person unless you are sure that he will obey instructions. Otherwise his plight may become worse on re-entry of demons. When a demonized person is being delivered do not allow him to speak in Tongues or use the name of Jesus at that time because it forms a barrier for blocking demons so they cannot come out. Only the exorcist should pray and the one being delivered should agree. The great distinctive mark of a demonized person is restlessness.

For good results in deliverance:

Cover the chinks in the armor; Use scriptures accurately; Quote what Christ's death, burial and resurrection has done to the enemy; Call on the name of the Lord Jesus; Be humble; Be truthful; Repent and Confess sins; Forgive. The person ministering must know his authority in Jesus Christ [Mt28:18; Mk16:7; Mt8:5]. Some people are

not delivered because of lack of repentance, failure to confess sins, failure to forgive others and failure to break ties with the Occult.

For a believer to keep deliverance once obtained:

Yield every area of life under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

Be filled with the Holy Spirit [Eph5:18]

Live by the Word

Put on the Spiritual Armor

Right Relationship

Right Fellowship with positive believers

Make Jesus the Centre.

Declare that the body is the temple of the Holy Spirit [1Cor3; 1Cor6]

We must totally renounce Heresy; False religions; practices [Deut18:9-14], keep away from forbidden spiritual contacts e.g., fortune telling, horoscopes, astrology, mediums, consulting the dead, using charms, drugs etc. and cleanse our house from all carvings, buddhas, charms etc.

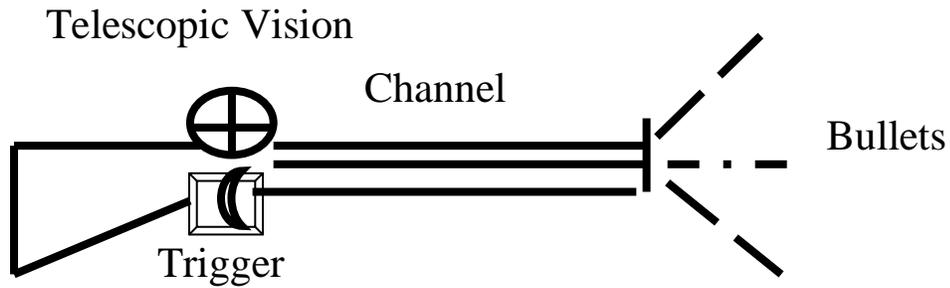
Submit to Jesus Christ for Him to be you Savior, Master and Deliverer.

[Answer these Questions]

- Will you renounce Satan and all his works of darkness in your life?
- Will you renounce all rebellion and resentment?
- Will you renounce every cult that denies the blood of Jesus?
- Will you renounce all psychic and occult abilities and allow Christ to take them out of your life?
- Will you renounce the heresy of reincarnation and every philosophy that denies the divinity of Lord Jesus Christ?
- Will you forgive everyone against whom you have had bitterness & resentment?
- Will you forgive yourself and accept yourself?

Confess & renounce the evil spirit in the name of Jesus, forgive others and call on the name of Jesus.

Spiritual Weapons



Telescopic Vision [Heb4:12] - God's Word

Channel – The Mouth [Ps8:2]

Trigger [Mouth Activity]

- Prayer [Rom8:26-27],
- Praise, [Acts16: 25-26;
- Preaching [Acts19: 8-10];
- Testimony [Acts1:8]

Bullets – Name of Jesus; Blood of Jesus; Word of God;

PROTECTION

LESSON 14

Six Means of Divine Protection

1. The Word of God
2. The Blood of Jesus
3. The Authority of the Believer [Mk16: 17]
4. The Holy Spirit [Jn16: 13]
5. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit [1Cor12]
6. Prayer

RETAIN DELIVERANCE

LESSON 15

Some reasons why demons persist in remaining in the person:

Lack of repentance

Lack of desperation

Wrong motives Self-centeredness Failure to break with the Occult Failure to cut off binding soulish relationships [Soul Ties] Lack of release from the curse Failure to confess a specific sin Not separated by 'Water Baptism

To retain deliverance

1. Walk in the Spirit – clean holy life [2Cor10: 5]
2. Read the Word of God daily and live by the Word of God
3. Keep the right company [2Cor6: 14-15]
4. Have the right fellowship – Join a Spirit filled Bible believing Church.
5. Be water baptized
6. Be filled with the Holy Spirit continually [Eph5: 18]
7. Jesus should be central, your Savior and Lord.
8. Put on the 'spiritual armor.'
9. Be a worshipper
10. Love God

BREAKING SOUL TIES

LESSON 16

Gal. 5:24; 6:17

What are soul ties? How are they formed? Are they always demonic? What danger is there in soul ties? How can they be broken?

A Soul tie binds the souls of two or more people. Some soul ties are good, some are bad. Good soul ties are based on love; demonic soul ties are based on lust. God has created good soul ties between Children & parents, husbands & wives, friends & friends; Christians & Christians. Good soul ties bring blessings; bad soul ties bring curses. Therefore bad soul ties should be broken.

GOOD SOUL TIES - Marriage; Family; Church; Friendship;
[Eph5:28-31; Gen44:20, 30; Eph4:16; 1Sam18: 1]

MARRIAGE: God joins a husband and wife with bonds of love [good soul tie]. Sexual union in that marriage is an expression of God-approved love. Divorce violently rends the God created soul ties causing pain, sorrow and trauma.

FAMILY: When a child is born, the infant should be bonded to his parents. The parents convey their love to the child in many ways. It stabilizes his personality and makes him secure

CHURCH: The Church is made up of many members knit and built up together with good soul ties through bonds of love desirable and necessary, to bring it to maturity, fulfill its calling.

FRIENDS: Jonathan and David had good soul ties based on pure love

BAD SOUL TIES

1Cor6:16 Sexual relationships cause soul ties to be formed good or bad. The couple becomes one flesh. Good soul ties are formed within marriage; Bad soul ties are formed outside marriage [premarital; extramarital]. One way a Bad Soul Tie can be formed is through sexual relationships outside marriage [adultery, fornication]. That kind of a soul tie will certainly destroy marriage.

God's Order has always been marriage- dating- petting [good soul-ties - bonds of love]
The Devil's Order has been dating – petting – marriage and that opens the door for unclean spirits

Evil soul ties are also formed by same sex - homosexuals, lesbians, Rom1:26, 27.

Evil soul ties are even formed with evil companions – gangs. One is influenced by friends, therefore how important it is to choose righteous & holy friends. I Cor.15:33

When a son or daughter is ready for marriage, the soul tie with the parents must be broken so that the soul tie between husband and wife is properly formed or there will be problems.

Eph. 5:31 God said: "A man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife". This does not mean that he should stop honoring his father and mother. It is in fact giving him an opportunity to become mature. Again, if there is no love - bonding in a family children become a target for satanic assault.

When a family member or close friend dies, the soul tie formed with that person must be broken although loving memories may remain. If the umbilical cord is not severed at birth it can bring death to the baby and endanger the mother. It has been reported that there are women who have lost their babies but are still connected with them through soul ties because they keep on pining for them. By not breaking these soul ties they have gone through depression and great difficulties in life.

It is written in Deut34:8, "...the children of Israel wept for Moses...thirty days, with that the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended" - Prolonged mourning shows the soul tie has not been broken and that causes demons of sorrow, grief and loneliness to enter.

There are also demonic soul ties formed in the Church – forming cliques - One says I am of Paul the other says I am of Apollos. Sometimes, pastors join church members to themselves rather than to Christ. This unnatural bonding takes people away from Christ.

How do demons enter soul ties?

These demons enter when we allow evil soul ties to continue. For example - A man has to forsake all others and be joined to his wife – and yet the married man is still found with his Ex-girlfriend on phone; sms; email; private visits, that means he has not forsaken all – his evil soul ties continue. And that will bring danger to his marriage

The secret of allowing soul ties to continue is 'joint sharing.' With good soul ties 'joint sharing' is good. But with wrong or evil soul ties there should neither be a 'joint' nor 'sharing.' For a husband to be joined to his wife he must be 'cleave' to her and 'leave' his 'Ex.' - 'out of sight out of mind.' But often they play the 'blame game,' – 'she / he is calling me, I'm not...' – is that always true?

To break evil soul ties identify that specific person you are still in touch with..."Confess; Repent; Forsake"....Get rid of gifts and objects that are with you which remind you of that person - such a gift given could continue to hold the evil soul tie between you two

PRAYER

Father God, in Jesus' Name I repent and renounce my ungodly soul ties with others. Forgive me of all sexual sins I have committed.

In Jesus' Name and by the power of his blood, I now break and cut off all unholy soul ties formed between me and these people.

In Jesus' Name and by the power of the Holy Ghost I command all ungodly sexual soul ties of my past and present be broken!

In Jesus' Name I command all evil spirits who have taken advantage of this unholy soul tie to leave me now

I ask in Jesus' Name for the complete healing of my soul.

I command my mind and emotions in Jesus' Name to "let go and forget" that ungodly union right now. Thank you Lord!

People who maintain that nobody can be free from willful sin or ties with the demonic world are ignorant of God's provision to set man free, and make him free indeed. Appropriate this provision for your life by ensuring that you crucify your flesh with all its affections and lusts today.

CONFESSION**PRAISE AND WORSHIP**

1. Thank you Lord, for your redemptive power.
2. I confession all of my sins and I ask for forgiveness.
3. I release myself from all unprofitable friendships, in the name of Jesus.
4. I come against the dark powers which have manipulated my friendship with ... (mention the name of the person) and I break their powers over my life, in the name of Jesus.
5. I bind all demonic authorities which motivated and controlled my relationship with... (mention the name of the person) and I break their authority and power over my affections, in the name of Jesus.
6. I command all evil 'remote controllers' to lose their hold upon my affections, in the name of Jesus.
7. I release myself from the hold of every bewitched relationship, in the name of Jesus.
8. By the blood of Jesus, I remove myself from any strange authority ever exercised over me.
9. I remove all evil soul-ties and affections, in the name of Jesus.

10. I come against every desire and expectation of the enemy to engage me in any unprofitable relationship, in the name of Jesus.

11. I break every ungodly relationship, in the name of Jesus.

12. I break and renounce evil soul-ties I have had or may have had with:

- a. Secret societies
- b. Cults
- c. Adulterers
- d. Family members
- e. Close friends
- f. Organizations
- g. Husbands
- h. Past or present friends
- l. Acquaintances
- j. Wives
- k. Engagements
- l. Doctors
- m. Clubs
- n. Religious leaders
- o. Social organizations
- p. Preachers, etc.

13. I renounce all hidden evil soul-ties, in the name of Jesus.

14. I renounce, break and loose myself from all demonic subjection to any relationship, in the name of Jesus.

15. I break all evil soul-ties and wash them away with the blood of the Lord Jesus.

16. I remove myself from any strange authority exercised over me, in the name of Jesus.

17. I remove all mind controlling manipulations between me and my friends or family members, in the name of Jesus.

18. I claim deliverance from any negative affection towards anyone, in the name of Jesus.

19. Let evil affections towards me be wiped off the mind of... (mention the name of the person), in the name of Jesus.

20. Lord Jesus, I give you my affections, emotions and desires and I request that they be in submission to the Holy Spirit.

21. Praise the Lord for answered prayer



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