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LESSON ONE

CHANGED BY FASTING

What is Fasting?

- ⇒ *Fasting is an abstaining from food and pleasure for spiritual purposes.*
- ⇒ It can also include abstaining from water, but only for short periods. (1 Cor 7:3-5)
- ⇒ The longest fast from water = 3 days.
- ⇒ Fasting brings breakthroughs many times when nothing else will. (Esther 3:13; 4:14-16)
- ⇒ Mark 9:29

What Fasting Does

- ▣ A fast breaks hindrances, things that hold us back and hold our inheritance back. The gifts of the Spirit and promises of God are our inheritance. (Isaiah 58:6-14)
- ▣ Fasting brings the senses, flesh, and the carnal mind to the lowest place of rule over the spirit, thus giving the Holy Ghost greater liberty to use our minds & bodies through the gifts of the Spirit. (Galatians 5:16-18)
- ▣ Fasting causes the senses to become still and God to become known.
- ▣ Fasting humbles you under God - (Psalm 35:13) - and the result is James 4:6-10.

Describe what you see in James 4:6-10:

Benefits of Fasting

A lifestyle of fasting, not just one time (Luke 4:1; 2 Corinthians 11:25-27)

- Fasting is a key to destroying unbelief. (Mark 9:29)
- Fasting releases what belongs to us, the people and children of God. (Isaiah 58:6-14)
- Fasting is a part of the bride's life, a true period of fasting. (Mark 2:18-19; 1 Cor 7:3-5)
- Fasting is not works, but a pre-defined act of faith given by God just like 2 Corinthians 9:10, and like tithing in Malachi 3:10. (Proverbs 3:9-10)
- Jesus fasted, and He certainly wasn't a man of the world, but of faith.

The Gifts of the Spirit & Fasting

- ☞ Through fasting, the word of knowledge & discerning of spirits came into operation in Paul's life. (Acts 27)
- ☞ A word of wisdom (2 Chronicles 20:2-3, 14-17, 21)
- ☞ A word of knowledge (Acts 13:2-3)

How to Loose the Gifts of the Spirit

With the Word

- Write out Romans 10:17

- Study miracles & healings - meditate on them, read them & reread them. As you do you'll begin to see the gifts manifesting in every miracle. (Example – Matthew 15:32 - working of miracles)
- Study the lives of great miracle workers. (Galatians 3:5)

With Prayer (Luke 2:37; 1 Corinthians 7:3-5)

- Periods of prayer for specific purposes.
- Spend times of worship & thanksgiving for the gifts.
- Praying in the Spirit for specific purposes (1 Cor 14:2; Jude 19-21; Rom 8:26-28)

With Binding and Loosing (Matthew 16:19)

With Desire (1 Corinthians 12:31)

- ☞ To covet = to be passionate about, to refuse to be without
- ☞ 1 Corinthians 14:39; 1 Corinthians 14:1

With Faith

- ☞ We are to use our faith to pursue the gifts of the Spirit and their manifestation. Just as we used faith to receive the infilling of the Holy Ghost, answered prayer, help from God, or any other promise, so we are told by God to use it to pursue the manifestation of the gifts. Not just the initial evidence of speaking in tongues, but to bring into our ministries and lives all of the gifts of the Spirit.
- ☞ Just like you use your faith for prayer, you are to use your faith for the gifts. They are in you, but they are only released as you covet them and desire them. You use your faith to release and use tongues in your life. You can also use your faith to release the other 8 gifts in your life. (1 Corinthians 14:13)

With Fasting

- ♦ Fasting for the purpose of releasing the gifts, as Jesus did. (Mark 9:23-29)
- ♦ Jesus had received the Holy Ghost, as we have, but Jesus knew there was more than just receiving the Holy Ghost. (Luke 3:21-23)
- ♦ After His forty day fast, Jesus returned in the power of the Holy Spirit, and His fame was brought about by the revelation of the gifts. (Luke 4:14; Matthew 4:23-24; Acts 10:38)

What did Jesus do to release the fullness of the power of the Holy Ghost? (Luke 4:1-2)

- ♦ This was not just a one time fast, but periods of fasting and prayer. (Mark 9:23-29)
- ♦ Fasting deals with areas of unbelief that hinder or stop the power we possess over Satan, sickness & disease.
- ♦ It is unbelief that hinders the gifts.

How will you deal with your unbelief?

LESSON TWO THE INFILLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Work of the Spirit

The scriptures show two separate experiences and a difference between being:

- ⇒ Born of the Spirit
- ⇒ Filled with the Spirit.

Born of the Spirit

- ☞ The first work of the Holy Spirit.
- ☞ This is when we ask Christ to be our Savior, and we become born again.
- ☞ The new birth – 2 Corinthians 5:17; John 3:3
- ☞ In the new birth you receive: A new spirit - A new nature - Eternal life
- ☞ 1 John 5:4 - Your spirit is born of God's Spirit.

Filled with the Spirit

- ▣ The second work of the Holy Spirit.
- ▣ We must first be born of the Spirit to be eligible to be filled with the Spirit. (Matthew 9:16-17)
- ▣ We must be sons of God first, then we can ask for the gift. (Luke 11:11-13)

One Step Further

- What God starts with the born again experience, He continues and takes you further when He fills you with the Holy Spirit.
- The first is an experience of supernatural life.
- The second is an experience of supernatural power.

Filled with the Spirit

- ✗ When you are filled with the Holy Spirit, the life of God in you is revealed by the Holy Spirit in power - manifesting signs, healings, and miracles.
- ✗ Being born again brings you into the things of God. Being filled with the Spirit takes you deeper into the things of God.

How have you moved deeper into the things of God?

Comparison

- ⇒ The Spirit with us = We are born again and exhibit Christian character. (John 3:3, John 4:14, 1 John 4:17)
- ⇒ The Spirit in us = We are filled for service. (Acts 1:8; Acts 2:4)
- ⇒ See the progression – Acts 2:1-4
 - a. Verses 2-3: The Spirit filled the room, baptizing each one = spiritual baptism, or the born again experience.
 - b. Verse 4: They were then filled with the Spirit.
 - c. Indicates two separate works of the Spirit.

Read John 4:14

- The water in the well speaks of salvation, or the born-again experience.
- Water is a type of the Holy Spirit.
- Water in the well represents the Holy Spirit baptizing us into Christ.
- The Holy Spirit satisfies as we drink living water from the well.

Read John 7:37- 39

- ✗ This water refers to water in the river, or the Spirit in us.
- ✗ The water in the river is for our own benefit.

Filled for Service – Read Acts 1:8

- ✓ We now have a power to minister supernaturally, and not in our strength.
- ✓ Whenever the river (Holy Spirit) flows, it will bring life and freedom.
- ✓ Evidence of the infilling of the Holy Spirit is the ability to speak in tongues.

Speaking in Tongues – Read Acts 2:4

- ☞ This is the first evidence from scripture that someone received the second experience of the Holy Spirit.
- ☞ God linked speaking in tongues with the infilling of the Holy Spirit from the very beginning.
- ☞ The 120 at Pentecost and believers thereafter had an experiential sign or confirmation that they had indeed received the infilling of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 10:46; Acts 19:6)

What was evident in Acts 10:46 & Acts 19:6?

Evidence – Read Acts 19:1-6

- † Paul asked if they had received the Holy Spirit since they had believed. He wasn't asking if they were born again; He was asking if they were filled with the Holy Spirit.
- † The infilling of the Spirit is for power and ministry. He knew that they were already saved.
- † This further shows a distinction between being born-again and being filled with the Holy Spirit.
- † Again, the evidence that the Holy Spirit came upon them was that they spoke in tongues.
- † Being filled with the Spirit is not a one-time event. We need to be filled many times as the book of Acts reveals. (Acts 2:4; Acts 4:8,31; Acts 9:17; Acts 13:9,52; Eph. 5:18)

Results of the Infilling of the Holy Spirit

- ☞ Tongues (Acts 2:4)
- ☞ A glorification of God the Father and Jesus (John 16:13-14; Acts 2:11; Acts 7:55-56; Acts 10:44-46)
- ☞ An increase in consciousness as sons and daughters of our Father (Acts 1:4; Rom. 8:15-16)
- ☞ A greater love for Scripture (John 14:17, 26)
- ☞ A deeper love and concern for other followers of Christ (Acts 2:42-47; Acts 4:31-37)
- ☞ Help in overcoming the flesh (Rom. 8:13-14)
- ☞ A greater power and anointing (Acts 1:8; 1 Cor. 12)
- ☞ A greater hatred of worldly pleasures (Acts 4:32-37)
- ☞ A greater desire and power to witness about Jesus (Luke 4:18; Acts 1:4-8)
- ☞ Receptiveness to the Spirit's operation and gifts in our lives (Acts 2:4, 16-18; 4:29-30)
- ☞ A greater awareness of the work, guidance, and presence of the Holy Spirit

How to Receive the Infilling of the Holy Spirit

- ▶ You must be saved. (John 3:3 Acts 2:38)
- ▶ Hear the Word about the Holy Spirit. (Acts 19:1-6)
- ▶ Learn you have to receive Him as a free gift by faith. (Acts 2:4)
- ▶ Ask for the Holy Spirit. (Luke 11:11-13)
- ▶ Believe & expect. (Acts 9:17; Acts 19:6; Gal 3:14; John 7:39)
- ▶ Receive. (Acts 2:38-39)

LESSON THREE THE NECESSITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Read Acts 1:8

Write out what it means:

Read I Corinthians 12:1-31

- ☞ Read John 14:10-12
- ☞ Read 1 John 4:1-4
- ☞ Read John 15:26

Establishing the Identity of Jesus

- ➔ Read 1 Corinthians 2:4-11
- ➔ Read Luke 7:19-23
- ➔ Read Romans 15:18-19
- ➔ Read Hebrews 2:3-4 (Confirmation of the gospel)
- ➔ Read 1 Corinthians 2:9
- ➔ Read Mark 16:15-17
- ➔ Read Matthew 12:28

God is the One Who Fills with the Holy Spirit

Write out Luke 11:11-13

Read Acts 1:5 and Acts 4:30-31

Jesus is the Author of Salvation

1. Moses - 1 Corinthians 10:1-4
2. 70 elders - they didn't have the spirit of Moses
3. John 1:33
4. 1 Corinthians 12:13
5. John 7:37-39

Did I Get the Holy Ghost When I Got Saved?

- ✓ Read Galatians 4:4-6
- ✓ Read Acts 19:1-6
- ✓ Read Acts 9:17-19
- ✓ Read Luke 11:11-13

How Do I Get the Infilling of the Holy Ghost?

- ⇒ The foundation of us receiving is faith that comes from hearing. (Romans 10:17)
- ⇒ Realize it is a gift, like salvation, that God wants you to have. It's like healing or anything else from God. It is free by grace through faith. (Luke 11:13)
- ⇒ It's not done away with. (Acts 2:39)
- ⇒ We don't have to wait like they did till a set time to fulfill prophecy. It's been poured out.

The Bible Way to Receive

1. By the laying on of hands. (Acts 9:17; Acts 19:1-6)
2. There are also times when no hands are used. (Acts 2:4; Acts 10:44-48)

Is it for Today, or Was It Only for the Apostles?

- ▣ Read Acts 2:1-4
- ▣ Read Acts 10:44-48
- ▣ Read Acts 19:1-6
- ▣ Read Acts 8:14-17

What's the answer? Is it for today? _____

How Will I Know I Have Received the Holy Ghost?

- † This is what the Bible calls the initial evidence, to begin with something, endorsement, the fundamental evidence. (Acts 10:44-48; Acts 19:1-6; Acts 2:1-4; Acts 8:14-17)
- † Matthew 7:20 - Know them by their fruits (how to know one is saved)
- † Luke 3:7-8; John 7:37-39

Common Questions

What If It's Me or Satan?

- Read Luke 11:11-13
- Read Acts 2:4
- Read 1 Corinthians 14:14-16

Could you come up with another language by yourself? _____

How Does God Speak to You?

- Through the Word (2 Peter 1:19-21)
- With an audible voice (Acts 9:1-6)
- In your mind (John 14:26)
- Through dreams & visions (Matthew 1:19-21; Acts 10:9-15)
- Through signs & wonders (Exodus 3:1 - 4:7)
- Out of your spirit (Proverbs 20:27)
- Through the fruit of the spirit (Matthew 7:16-20)
- Through the five-fold ministry gifts (Ephesians 4:11-12)
- Through angels (Luke 1:5-20)

Key Verse

Impact Life Change

LESSON FOUR THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT REVEALED

“But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. [8] For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; [9] To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; [10] To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: [11] But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as He will.” (1 Cor. 12:7-11)

Are the Gifts of the Spirit for All?

The gifts of the Spirit are God’s will for every believer, not just some.

- ✗ Read 1 Corinthians 14:26; Hebrews 2:4; 1 Corinthians 2:4-5
- ✗ Read 1 Thessalonians 1:5; Romans 15:19

Jesus came enabled by power and the Holy Ghost to get those bound by Satan freed.

- ☞ Read Acts 10:38; 1 John 3:8
- ☞ We are also sent as He was. (John 14:12; 17:18; Matthew 16:18.)

Some say the gifts were done away with after the apostles, but if that is so, why would Paul write a revelation about them?

- ☞ 1 Corinthians 12:1-12
- ☞ 1 Corinthians 14 reveals the order and instruction for the operation of the gifts. If the gifts were to be done away with, then this scripture would be false teaching; but of course it is not, and the gifts are for today.

The motivation of the gifts is love. (1 Corinthians 12:31 – 13:8)

The Power of the Gifts

- ➔ The gifts are weapons of warfare against unbelief and Satan.
- ➔ Read Acts chapters 3 & 4 - Here we see the working of miracles and multitudes believing. It cannot be resisted or explained away.
- ➔ Acts 5:12-32 Multitudes were saved; witness was irresistible.
- ➔ Acts 8:5-13 Phillip, a deacon, not an apostle, brings revival to a city.
- ➔ Acts 6:3-7 We see miracles, the increase of the Word, and salvation.
- ➔ Acts 9:10-19 Ananias, a disciple, was given a word of knowledge and a miracle opening of Paul’s blind eyes.

Desiring the Gifts

- ⇒ 1 Corinthians 12:31; 14:1 & 14:39 tell us to covet, desire, and be passionate after the gifts.
- ⇒ Of course every gift should always bring comfort and exhort the church, as does prophecy.
- ⇒ Shouldn't we do what the Word of God tells us to do in every area, including coveting the gifts?

Do you desire the gifts of the Spirit? If so, how?

How to Covet the Gifts

- ✕ We covet through times of prayer, fasting & worship. (Acts 13:1-3) [see lesson on fasting.]
- ✕ We covet by asking God to use us in the gifts.
- ✕ Read 1 Corinthians 14:13 – If we could ask God for one gift, couldn't we ask Him for the other gifts to be released in order to fully preach the gospel to the edifying of the church? (Romans 15:19)
- ✕ Loose the gifts every day, consistently. Bind things that hinder them. (Matthew 16:19)
- ✕ Mark 9:14-29 (Fasting)
- ✕ Luke 4:1-2; 14-18
- ✕ 1 Corinthians 14:13 (Ask for them.)
- ✕ Philemon 6; 2 Kings 6:15
- ✕ John 14:12 (It is God's will.)
- ✕ Psalm 2:7 (Declare it.)

The Results of the Gifts

- † To bring comfort and exhort others (1 Corinthians 14:3-9)
- † To bring revival to people (Acts 8:5-13)
- † To bring healing to others (Acts 9:10-19)

Aren't these all God's will? So why would He withhold them from you when you are commanded to preach? (Matthew 10:1-8; Luke 11:9-13; Mark 16:15-20)

- ✓ 2 Chronicles 20:1-17 Out of prayer and fasting came prophecy, direction, a word of knowledge (where the enemy was coming from); and faith was imparted, renewed, refreshed; and they were rescued from death.
- ✓ Be consistent. God and His Word are faithful and unchanging.

LESSON FIVE THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT IN ACTION

“But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. [8] For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; [9] To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; [10] To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: [11] But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as He will.” (1 Cor. 12:7-11)

Read 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

- ✘ The nine gifts of the Spirit verify the identity of Jesus Christ and establish His defeat of sin and Satan. They also establish His Lordship.
- ✘ Read Luke 7:18-23 Miracles verified who Jesus was.
- ✘ Read Acts 4:12 Each miracle reveals Jesus to be the only way of salvation from God; all others are forgeries and false gospels.

The Purpose of the Gifts of the Spirit

▣ Example - working of miracles – read Acts 3:2-26

- Verses 8-9 Praise is born.
- Verses 13-15 Glorifies Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and verifies His resurrection and His being alive.
- Verse 16: Establishes faith in God.
- Verse 26: Reveals Satan and sin have been defeated, and man can be free.

▣ Every miracle has a gift of the Spirit in it.

Gifts and Fruit – What's the Difference?

The Ministry Gifts (Romans 12:3-8)

- ♦ These ministry gifts (prophecy, ministry, teaching, exhortation, giving, ruling, mercy) reveal to us how we can serve in the Body of Christ and our churches.

The Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23)

- ♦ The fruit of the spirit reveals your identity to the world and your commitment to Christ. (Matthew 7:18-23)

The ministry gifts and fruit of the spirit work together with the gifts of the Spirit. (1 Corinthians 13:1-3)

- ✓ Gifts without fruit are ineffective for glorifying Jesus.
- ✓ Gifts are for service to others, not for reputations of self.

What the Gifts of the Spirit Do

- ⇒ They reveal Jesus Christ in ways that preaching alone cannot.
- ⇒ Gifts preach the gospel through demonstration, and they are the gospel of the Holy Ghost that cannot be denied. (Acts 3:16)
- ⇒ Read 1 Corinthians 12:1-3 Spiritual gifts reveal the reality of the spiritual world.
- ⇒ They separate sinners and the deceived from error and idol worship.
- ⇒ They separate Jesus Christ as the only Lord and Savior.

Read I Corinthians 12:4-11

- ✎ The nature of all activity, including the gifts, must always be love. (1 Corinthians 13:1-3), and the basis of love is:

- A love for God _____
- A love for others _____
- A love for self _____

- ✎ “Diversities” = variety, different kinds, different levels, different deliveries and administrations.

- Examples:
 - 1) Benny Hinn flows in the gifts in worship
 - 2) Oral Roberts by the laying on of hands
 - 3) T.L. Osborn through mass prayer
- Be open to diversities of operations and different workings of the gifts.

- ✎ The gifts in operation

- 10 lepers were healed as they went (Luke 17:11-16)
- Blind man was healed (Mark 8:22-25)
- Feeding 4000 piece by piece (Matthew 15:32-38)

Handling the Gifts of the Spirit

- ☞ You control the gifts; don't let them control you.
- ☞ Be wise and led of God, prepared through prayer to know when, where, and how to deliver the gift. (1 Cor. 14:26-29)
- ☞ The gifts come to each of us differently. Don't get into a box. God is always stretching your faith.

The Gifts of the Spirit in Action

- † Read Acts 9:10-12 A word of knowledge in a vision
- † Read Acts 10:1-6 A word of knowledge in a vision and from an angel
- † Three types of visions
 - a. Open-eyed (like the ones above)
 - b. A trance (Acts 10:10 – word of knowledge and word of wisdom)
 - c. Dreams (Job 33:14-17)
- † Angels deliver the gifts. (John 5:1-4; Luke 2:9-14 – word of knowledge)
 - a. Angels are seen in dreams and visions, and with open eyes through the discerning of spirits – another gift of the Spirit. (2 Kings 6:13-18)
 - b. They can become as solid as human form. (Genesis 19:1)
- ➔ Read Acts 12:6-11 Praying in the Holy Ghost (in tongues), known as praying in the Spirit, and interpretation of tongues. (1 Corinthians 14:13; 14:2; 27)

How the Gifts Operate

- ✓ Some people experience a gift physically by feeling pain in a certain part of their body (word of knowledge).
- ✓ Some receive just a thought. (1 Corinthians 2:16)
- ✓ Some receive just a word. (Isaiah 28:10)
- ✓ Some have an inner knowing. (Acts 16:17-18)
- ✓ Some are shown a person. (Romans 8:14)
- ✓ Some receive things before the service, some during, and some after.
- ✓ Sometimes you receive something concerning someone that leads you to them. You may feel led to call or go see someone. As you make the contact by faith, the gifts go into operation.

Has this happened to you?

Where Do the Gifts Operate?

- ✘ The gifts of the Spirit are not just for church, or even just for the saved. God may use a gift through you to reach a lost person.
- ✘ The gifts are for everyday use for our lives, families, and witnessing. (1 Corinthians 14:26-27; 1 Corinthians 12:7 – to profit all)
- ✘ The gifts are to be used to create homes of separateness where we create in our children a deep faith in God. (1 Corinthians 2:4)
- ✘ Teaching and miracles go together. (John 3:2)
- ✘ Meeting needs and showing how to receive breakthrough. (Luke 5:1-8)
- ✘ Discerning of spirits to protect our homes, spouses, and children. (Acts 16:16-18)
- ✘ Word of knowledge & word of wisdom. (Exodus 2:1-4)

Describe your experience with the operation of the gifts:

Key Verse

LESSON SIX THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT CATEGORIZED

REVELATION GIFTS: WORD OF WISDOM, WORD OF KNOWLEDGE, DISCERNING OF SPIRITS

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The Blessing of the Gifts

- ➔ The gifts of the Spirit are like an adornment of pearls on a bride which sets her apart from every other woman in the room. This adornment is of great price.
- ➔ The gifts are powers, enablings of the supernatural that set the true church apart from false religions, and they declare Jesus Christ is Lord. We are His true bride.
- ➔ Many gifts operate together.

Three Categories

Revelation gifts	word of wisdom, word of knowledge, discerning of spirits
Power gifts	working of miracles, gifts of healing, gift of faith
Vocal gifts	prophecy, divers kinds of tongues, interpretation of tongues

Word of Wisdom

The word of wisdom is a portion of God’s wisdom; a word, but not all of God’s wisdom.

- ✦ This gift reveals God’s desire to help us, but also our need to walk with Him and depend on Him for everything, every day.
- ✦ If we desire to walk with the gifts continually operating in our lives, it should promote an on-going life of coveting (prayer and fasting, etc.).

The word of wisdom will operate when we:

- Live a life of obedience and holiness – Acts 5:32; 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:2
- Live a life agreeable to the Holy Ghost – Eph. 4:29-32; Acts 7:51; Heb. 3:7-17
- Don’t quench or forbid the movement of the Holy Ghost – 1 Thess. 5:19-20
- Don’t neglect the gift – 1 Timothy 4:14
- Stay encouraged, stirred, and full – 1 Samuel 30:6; 2 Timothy 1:6; Ephesians 5:18-20
- Walk with people who believe – Romans 14:1; 16:17

God desires every believer to walk in the word of wisdom just like other gifts.

- ▶ Read James 1:5; 1 Corinthians 14:13
- ▶ Wisdom reveals how to use what you have knowledge of – natural things and spiritual things.
- ▶ Mark 6:2 – Wisdom reveals to us how to use the weapons of our warfare, how to release faith, how to grow and use the gifts, and how to fulfill our commission.

How has wisdom touched your life?

Benefits of the Word of Wisdom

- ✧ Read Exodus 31:1-6 Wisdom to build ministries, buildings, businesses, and families
- ✧ Read 2 Chronicles 20:16-17 Word of wisdom gives direction to victory, counsel
- ✧ Read Mark 10:18-20 & John 7:45-46 Word of wisdom teaches us to speak to others, to our enemies, what to say in our trials.
- ✧ Read 1 Corinthians 2:13-14 Wisdom instructs us to speak spiritual languages based on God's will and promises (His Word).
- ✧ Read Romans 4:17-20 Wisdom to speak things that are not as though they were
- ✧ Wisdom tells us to change our names to names of promise.

Key Task

- ✧ Look up every scripture on wisdom, and you will begin to see how important this gift is.
- ✧ It brings useable knowledge, discretion, increase of learning, understanding, revelation of God's will, fear of the Lord, understanding of righteousness, judgment of every good path, breakthroughs, open heavens, freedom from bondages, departure from evil, honor, grace, and stability.

Word of Knowledge

The word of knowledge is a portion of God's knowledge about a person, place, thing, or event.

- ▶▶ It gives birth to faith in the giver and receiver.
- ▶▶ 2 Kings 6:8-17 - Two examples of the word of knowledge
 - a. When Elisha warned the king of Israel about the pending attack of Syria.
 - b. When Elisha asked God to open the eyes of his servant to see what he saw in the spirit realm (in association with the discerning of spirits).

Read 1 Samuel 9:15-20

- ✘ Coming events were known – a day before.
- ✘ Information given about who to join with and who to reject.
- ✘ Instruction about what actions to take – anoint him and he will deliver.
- ✘ Information given about the future – he will rule over my people.
- ✘ Revealed the thoughts of men and answered questions of the heart.
- ✘ Even dealt with the present situation of the lost donkeys.

Other Examples

- ✓ Read 1 Kings 17:8-9 Where to go and when to go revealed.
- ✓ Read 2 Kings 6:8-12 What the enemy is going to do and how to combat their plan is revealed.
- ✓ Read John 1:46-51 Reveals names and spiritual conditions, secrets of the heart.
- ✓ The purpose of the word of knowledge is always to bring people closer to God, cause a recognition of and surrender to Jesus Christ.

Read Acts 9:10-20

- ☞ The word of knowledge will confirm God's knowledge of your condition.
- ☞ It can reveal names and addresses.
- ☞ It can confirm what God has said to you, or the battles you are in.
- ☞ It can reveal what Satan has been saying about you.
- ☞ It can reveal special needs, physical needs, who to pray for, etc.

Give your testimony of the word of knowledge in action:

Discerning of Spirits

Discerning means seeing, being aware of, sensing, a knowing.

- ▶ The discerning of spirits involves the mind, spirit, and senses.
- ▶ An example: Have you ever felt the presence of God? He was there all the time, but you were allowed to feel His presence through the discerning of spirits.
- ▶ Another example: Have you ever prayed for someone, and they told you your touch felt like heat? This was the discerning of spirits at work allowing the person to sense the power of God on their skin.
- ▶ Mark 5:25-34 Jesus knew virtue had gone out of Him (vs. 30), and the woman knew what had happened to her by the discerning of spirits (vs. 33).

Four Main Areas of Discerning of Spirits

1. Discerning God
2. Discerning man's spirit, gifts, etc.
3. Discerning angels
4. Discerning devils

Discerning God

- ↪ This allows man to be led of the Holy Ghost, and to judge by the Spirit of God.
- ↪ Requires that you humble yourself
- ↪ Beware – the devil can masquerade like God, but discerning of spirits will enable you to tell the true from the false.
- ↪ John 10:3-4 We know His voice.
- ↪ Acts 9:3-9 Paul heard His voice and knew it, while the others could not tell.
- ↪ Acts 13:6-12
- ↪ Acts 21:4-5 Led of the Spirit
- ↪ Matthew 4:4-10
- ↪ Acts 20:22-25

Discerning Man

- ⊗ Reveals anointings in people
- ⊗ Shows us what is leading people
- ⊗ Acts 8:18-24
- ⊗ Acts 16:16-18; Acts 13:6-12

Discerning Angels

- 2 Kings 6:15-18
- Joshua 5:13-15
- If you see or sense the presence or work of an angel, it is through the discerning of spirits.

Discerning Devils

- ☆ Mark 4:35-41 Jesus sensed the storm was not natural, but was of the devil.
- ☆ Luke 13:10-17

LESSON SEVEN THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT CATEGORIZED

POWER GIFTS: GIFTS OF HEALING, GIFT OF FAITH, WORKING OF MIRACLES

“But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. [8] For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; [9] To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; [10] To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: [11] But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as He will.” (1 Cor. 12:7-11)

Gifts of Healing

More Than One

- ☞ There is more than one kind of healing, just as there is more than one kind of disease.
- ☞ There may be dominate areas of success in one kind of healing over others. One believer may commonly operate in the area of healing of various kinds of cancer, while another may operate strongly in the area of healing of backs.

Various Manifestations

- ✓ Can be instantaneous – Mark 5:25-34; John 4:46-54
- ✓ Can be progressive – Luke 17:12-14

Healing and Miracles are Closely Related

- ✘ They are actually inseparable.
- ✘ Too many people try to separate them. Some have said miracles are instantaneous, while healings are gradual, but read Matthew 4:23-25 for clarity.
- ✘ We could say that healings are for the physical body, and that miracles are for the physical body and the material world (see working of miracles).

Healing brings Deliverance

- ➡ Matthew 4:24
- ➡ Deliverance from mental problems
- ➡ From demons and possession
- ➡ From drugs and alcohol
- ➡ From perversions

Healing Brings Restoration of Order

- ▶ Reversal of sickness and disease
- ▶ Freedom from Satan's power and all its effects past and present
- ▶ Acts 10:38

What is your experience with gifts of healing?

Gift of Faith

The gift of faith is a deposit of God's faith for a specific task, vision, or purpose.

- ✧ It comes from hearing God's Word, but in a different way than hearing the Word which brings a level of faith to live the abundant life.
- ✧ John 10:10; Romans 12:3; 1 John 5:4-5; Romans 10:17

The measure of faith (Romans 12:3) enables an individual to carry out the will of God in ways that may never be duplicated except by God's will.

- ▶ No one can develop faith high enough to walk on water at will, but when the gift of faith is activated, they can. (Matthew 14:23-33)
- ▶ I have heard of people seeing food multiplied, but it is not the norm, nor could they do it at will, but only as the gift of faith is activated for a specific task. (Matthew 14:15-22)
- ▶ Mark 11:23; James 5:14-16
- ▶ The multiplying of food was duplicated by Jesus in His earthly ministry, but only through the gift of faith, not simply by His great faith, or by the great faith of another man in the Bible.
- ▶ If things such as this were possible at our discretion, like praying for the sick or moving mountains are, we would never have to buy food again. This is not God's purpose.
- ▶ Joshua 10:12-14 Joshua spoke to God and made a request for a supernatural favor. God spoke to him, and then Joshua spoke to the sun and moon. Making the earth stand still, as happened here, is not possible without the gift of faith.
- ▶ Exodus 17:5-7 & Numbers 20:7-11 The miracle of supply cannot be duplicated at will, but only by God's direction and activation of the gift of faith.
- ▶ Acts 13:4-12 Paul could not, nor could we, do this miracle of judgment at will, but only by the gift of faith. Many times prophets operate in the gift of faith.
- ▶ Acts 9:32-35 The gift of faith in action.
- ▶ John 5:1-9 Jesus only spoke to one man. The gift of faith is for a purpose, a vision, or a task, not for a lifetime (any more than one word of knowledge is to make us all-knowing).
- ▶ Luke 5:4-11 & Matthew 17:24-27 Both were the gift of faith in action.

Working of Miracles

A Miracle is a Work in Motion

- ✓ John 9:1-8 Jesus said something, then the man did something, and then God did the finished work.
- ✓ Mark 4:26-29 In Jesus' description of the Kingdom of God we see that miracles are a work in motion.
- ✓ 1 Corinthians 3:5-9 Another example – the new birth is the greatest miracle of all, and it is a work in motion.

Some Miracles Do Happen Instantly

- ▶ Sometimes this happens, and we rejoice.
- ▶ Sometimes miracles take time, and they are only finished as we work with God.
- ▶ Mark 2:1-12

Miracles Require Three Things

1. God ----→
2. Faith-----→ All must be present
3. Man-----→

Miracles in Motion in the Bible

- ☞ John 2:1-11
- ☞ Exodus 14:12-22; 17:6
- ☞ Numbers 20:8
- ☞ 2 Kings 6:5-7; 1 Kings 17:8-16; 17:17-24

Miracles We See in the World

- ☆ Many times miracles have to do with altering nature or reversing the natural course of things to change the outcome.
- ☆ Sometimes miracles are creating things that have been lost, like replacing a bone taken out of someone's foot; or creating something that never was, like water from a rock = a river for God's people.

LESSON EIGHT THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT CATEGORIZED

VOCAL GIFTS: TONGUES, INTERPRETATION OF TONGUES, PROPHECY

“But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. [8] For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; [9] To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; [10] To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: [11] But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as He will.” (1 Cor. 12:7-11)

Divers Kinds of Tongues

Evidence

- ✦ Tongues is the original evidence of the infilling of the Holy Spirit, and it continues to be the evidence today. (Acts 2:1-4; Acts 10:44-48; Acts 19:1-7)
- ✦ Tongues (as are all of the gifts of the Spirit) is for every believer. (Acts 1:8; Luke 11:9-13; Acts 2:39)

What is the Gift of Tongues?

- ▶ It is not a learned language, but it is a God-given language.
- ▶ No man understands it. (1 Corinthians 14:2) It is not a dialect of another nation that one may teach. It is a language developed and understood by God.

Different Manifestations and Purposes

- ✧ To help the believer through intercession, and to speak to God (Romans 8:26-28; 1 Corinthians 14:2)
- ✧ To edify oneself (1 Corinthians 14:4; Jude 19-21)
- ✧ To speak a message from God to a believer personally or to a congregation – a message that will edify, comfort, and exhort when coupled with the gift of interpretation of tongues (1 Corinthians 14:12-17)
- ✧ Gives personal direction, wisdom, and counsel (1 Corinthians 14:13)
- ✧ God directs angels of Heaven through believers by the gift of tongues. (1 Cor. 13:1)
- ✧ God directs, rebukes, and destroys the work of fallen angels through believers through the gift of tongues. (1 Corinthians 13:1)
- ✧ Deep worship, inspired and supplied by the Holy Spirit and His tongue is given to you; while doing so Satan is also dealt with. (Psalm 8:2)
- ✧ The Holy Spirit teaches us the tongue of the Kingdom, the language of faith, grace, encouragement, joy, hope, and unity. (1 Corinthians 2:13-14; Romans 4:17; Ephesians 4:29; Ephesians 4:15; Deuteronomy 1:27-28)

Do you speak with tongues?

For what purpose?

Interpretation of Tongues

Interpretation means to translate, to get the message across.

- This gift is used to interpret the unknown tongue, which is sent from God to believers in a congregation, or from God to a person individually.
- This gift can be used in daily life to lead, protect, and enable us for ministry.

Many Languages in the World

- ▶ Every language must be interpreted so as not to miss the message. (1 Cor 14:10)
- ▶ There is body language.
- ▶ There is vocal language.
- ▶ The gifts of the Spirit are a language.
- ▶ Time is a language.

Tongues + Interpretation = Prophecy

- ✧ 1 Corinthians 14:13
- ✧ 1 Corinthians 14:3-6
- ✧ Together they edify, comfort, and exhort.

Launch Into the Deep

- ↪ Example: Someone comes up to you and talks to you (child, spouse, parent, relative, etc.) Jesus said people speak out of the abundance of their hearts. When the gift of interpretation is activated, it can show you the real root, the purpose, the season of what's being said to your natural ear. There is a message behind the spoken words, and interpretation will reveal it to you if you will activate it.
- ↪ We need to understand why people say what they do. Maybe they say, "I am telling you this so you can pray for so and so." But through interpretation you may realize they really want to show you the person's faults, instead of having concern for prayer.

- ↪ When someone talks to you, you hear words, but interpretation will reveal a season the person is going through that mere words cannot express. They may say one thing, but through interpretation you see they really need encouragement.
- ↪ Signs and wonders show us God's will, direction, etc. Paul understood this. Signs and wonders can be interpreted. (1 Corinthians 2:4-6)
- ↪ Storms can be interpreted. When you see the rains coming, you take shelter. When you see the rainbow, you remember God's covenant.
- ↪ Body language can be interpreted. Have you ever given or received "that look"? What did you mean? How was the other person to know? You and they can know by interpretation.
- ↪ Seasons can be interpreted. You can sense times of sowing, watering, or reaping while you share the gospel. Sometimes you know you can only go so far, and you have to depend on God to send someone else to take the next step. This is interpretation.
- ↪ Time for prayer can be interpreted, as well as time for action.

Where do you use the gift of interpretation?

Prophecy

New Testament difference between the office of the prophet and the gift of prophecy.

1. Acts 21:10-11 Agabus was a five-fold prophet.
2. Acts 21:8-9 Philip's daughters prophesied, but were not prophets.

The Purpose of Prophecy

- ▶ To edify, exhort, and comfort (1 Corinthians 14:3-5)
- ▶ Prophecy is a divine utterance given to people from God through people, in which individuals speak under the inspiration of God.
- ▶ Prophecy is divine in its origin, but is delivered through human vessels.

The Operation of Prophecy

- ⌘ Prophecy is to be judged, weighed out, and looked at to determine the validity of its origin, because it can be mimicked by people whose desire is to be seen as spiritual. (Compare Acts 21:4; 10-11; 22:22-24)
- ⌘ Prophecy can be used at home and in private, as well as in church and publicly.
 - ◆ Someone may come to your home, and you will pray together. As you pray, a prophecy may come forth for that person.

- ♦ This makes your home a place of supernaturalness, and a place where prophecy will have its manifestation to your family and others, just as Philip's daughters.
 - ♦ Luke 1:40-45; 2:25-37
 - ♦ Sometimes you need to keep things that are revealed to you in your heart for the purpose of prayer. (Luke 2:51)
- ⌘ Prophecy empowers you to endure discouragement; it encourages action, and it encourages you to endure until you see victory, receiving the spoil and crown.

How to Judge Prophecy

- Know the fruit of the person giving the prophecy, and the accuracy of past words from that person. (Matthew 7:15-20; Deuteronomy 18:20-22)
- Ask yourself if the prophecy agrees with scripture. (2 Pet. 1:20-21; Matt. 16:21-23)
- Ask yourself if it bears witness with your spirit, or with things you are gifted in. Prophecies do not control or manipulate, but they do confirm. (Acts 21:4; Romans 8:14-17; 1 John 3:19-21; 2:20 & 27)
- Ask yourself if it produces liberty and independent thinking. (2 Corinthians 11:20; Acts 20:28-30; Galatians 5:19)

Growing in the Gift

- ↗ A good way to begin is to write down the words God gives you (or you believe He gave you), and let time prove them out.
- ↗ Remember that prophecy can build your family, so exercise it in wisdom.
- ↗ Remember that prophecy will edify, exhort, and comfort. (1 Corinthians 14:3)
 - Edify = build up, repair damage, replace zeal (like recharging a battery), renew faith (resurrect or instill), restore joy, reactivate dreams, destroy fear
 - Exhort = to call for, to beseech or call back to vision, to call back to purpose, reunite with faith in God, call out of the valley of decision to the road of destiny previously established. (2 Chronicles 20:20)
 - Comfort = encourage, create a place of refreshing, give a word in due season, give something to speak and confess, reveal the outcome of who and where someone is.

LESSON NINE

POWER OVER SATAN AND DEMONS

Satan & Demons are Real

Read Ephesians 6:10-12

- 📖 Even though they are unseen by the eye, unimaginable to the carnal mind, and unbelievable through the senses, they are real.
- 📖 Read Matthew 8:16 - They are the enemies of God and man.
- 📖 Read Acts 10:38

What Satan and Demons Do

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| 1. Luke 13:10-16 | They bind people. |
| 2. Matthew 15:22-28 | They vex people to destroy peaceful homes. |
| 3. Mark 9:14-29 | They control people to destroy them & their families. |
| 4. Mark 5:25-34 | They bring sickness & disease. |

Read Philippians 4:8

⇒ Now write out Romans 12:2

⇒ Satan comes to depress people, emotionally press them, confuse them, steal soundness of mind from them, steal peace and joy from them, buffet them with thoughts of discouragement & lovelessness, prove rejection from others & God, bring condemnation and the inability to think in line with God.

Read 2 Timothy 1:7

- ☞ Satan comes to oppress people.
- ☞ Believers can be oppressed.
- ☞ Write out Isaiah 26:3

Christians Have Authority over Satan

Read Matthew 10:1-8

- † Christians have authority over Satan's work of oppression against them.
- † Christians can be depressed & oppressed, but they cannot be possessed or be Satan's possession.
- † Read Ephesians 1:13 - We are sealed by the Holy Spirit of promise.

Read Hebrews 12:5

- ▣ Christians can lose salvation and become possessed if they begin to sin willfully, refuse the checking of God, and begin to become involved in unclean things.
- ▣ 1 Samuel 10:9-10; 1 Samuel 13:8-14; 1 Samuel 15:22-29; 1 Samuel 16:14

Read Luke 22:3 & Acts 19:13

- ✓ Don't fear Satan or demons.
- ✓ They know you, the power that you have over them, and that they must obey.
- ✓ Christians can be used of Satan, but that doesn't mean that they are possessed.

Christians Can be Attacked by Satan

Read Matthew 12:43-45

- 📖 Read Luke 22:31; 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 & Hebrews 7:25, and then write what they mean to you:

We Resist Satan

- ➡ With the Word (James 4:7; Matthew 4:4)
- ➡ With godly thought and holy lifestyle (Ephesians 4:27)
- ➡ Read James 1:13-17; John 8:32-34; John 5:6-9; 14-15; 2 Cor 7:10; 1 John 1:9

You as a Believer Have Authority over Satan

- ✂ Read Matthew 10:1-8
- ✂ Read Luke 10:19; Mark 16:15-20
- ✂ Read 2 Corinthians 10:3-5; 2 Thessalonians 3:2 & 1 Peter 5:9

Write out 2 Corinthians 5:17

- Righteousness is a sin-free standing with God that separates us from Satan's right to rule us.
- Romans 5:15-17; Colossians 1:13; Romans 3:23-26; Ephesians 1:17-23

Read Romans 6:11-17 & 2 Corinthians 6:14

- ☞ Righteousness must be protected and perfected.
- ☞ Isaiah 54:17; 2 Corinthians 6:17; Ephesians 6:14-18

Read Ephesians 2:1-3

- ➔ You don't have to be led about by Satan, the lust of the flesh, mind, or eye.
- ➔ 1 Peter 2:24; 1 Corinthians 9:25-27

Key Verse

Revelation!

LESSON TEN

WHAT ARE DEMON SPIRITS?

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Demons are wicked, hateful and destructive. Demon spirits are personalities, just like human spirits are personalities. Demons are spirits without bodies in which to dwell. We are spirits with bodies. Our spirits are from God. Demon spirits are from Satan.

Difference Between Body and Spirit

I *have* a body, but I *am* a spirit. My spirit dwells in my body. I express myself (my spirit) with the faculties of my body. You can see my body, but you cannot see me because *the real me is a spirit living inside my body*.

My body is simply the house my spirit lives in. Someday my body will die and return to the dust, but I (my spirit) shall never die. I shall return to God from where I came.

I (my spirit) am a personality. I express myself with my body. If my body were taken away, I (my spirit) could not express myself.

Sever my tongue, and my spirit could not talk. Destroy my ears, and I could not hear. Blind my eyes, and I could not see. Even though my eyes would be blind, my ears deaf, and my tongue removed, my spirit would still be there, but could not see, hear, or speak.

Amputate my legs and arms, destroy my sense of smell and my vocal cords, and still you could not have destroyed my spirit. But my spirit could no longer express itself. My spirit would still have a body, but its faculties of expression would have been destroyed.

Now you can understand what I mean when we talk about the difference between me and my body.

Demons Desire Expression

Demons are evil spirits without bodies with which to express themselves in this world. They long to find expression but cannot do so until they are in possession of a body.

Now you can understand why the evil spirit which was cast out of the man had no rest and could not be satisfied. It was a spirit of Satan sent forth to destroy and to kill. When it could not find expression in a body, it was tormented until, with the aid of seven other spirits more wicked than itself, it was able to re-enter the man and once again find expression for its evil and destruction (see Matthew 12:43).

A demon is a personality – a spirit, just like you and me. As you yearn to do good, to speak kind words, to hear music, to see the flowers, to express yourself in conversation, and to respond to impulses with some expression, demon spirits yearn to express themselves.

But since they have no bodies of their own, they must wander through the land, seeking a body in which they can enter and find expression to carry out their mission of evil (see Matthew 12:43).

Humanity – Satan’s Tool for Destruction

Demons delight to use people to do their dirty work. Their greatest power to defile, to destroy, and to abuse people is through another human being.

God must also use human instruments anointed by the Holy Spirit to bless, to inspire, to encourage, and to lift those who need His divine help. The message of good news must be reported by human lips.

God uses human instruments to minister to the human family; likewise, Satan uses human instruments to destroy the human family.

Satan uses some man or woman to defile an innocent boy or girl, then sends that boy or girl out as his missionary into the public schools and colleges to defile the minds of others. The virtues of life are abused and destroyed by sinful living as young people are scarred and marked by Satan’s influence.

Who is Satan?

Satan is the god of this world (see 2 Corinthians 4:4). He is the prince of nations. He is the author of all our miseries and sorrows, of our diseases and pains, of death itself. He is the king and ruler of all demon spirits. He rules the dark hosts of hell.

His chief desire and design is to destroy human life, and therefore to bring sorrow to the heart of God, our Heavenly Father.

We can better understand who Satan is by the names given to him in the Bible: In Matthew 13:19 he is called the **wicked one**. In verse 39 he is called **the enemy** and **the devil**. Devil means “accuser”, “defamer”, or “slanderer.”

In Revelation 12:10 he is called the **accuser of believers**. In 1 Peter 5:8 he is called **the adversary** and is compared to **a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour**.

In Revelation 20:2 he is described by a group of names almost too hideous to contemplate: **the dragon, that old serpent which is the devil and Satan**.

In John 8:44 he is called by Jesus **a murderer, a liar, and the father of it** (lies). In Matthew 4:3 he is called **the tempter**. In Matthew 12:24, **the prince of devils**. In Ephesians 2:2, **the prince of the power of the air**. In John 14:30, **the prince of this world**. In 2 Corinthians 11:3, **the corrupter of minds**.

Demons’ Most Useful Agent

Since a human body has the broadest means of expression, having been the only creation made in the likeness of God, demons seek as their highest prize to enter human beings.

But when they cannot find this most prized possession, then a body of less expression will do. But one thing is certain, they cannot rest without being in possession of some body through which they can find expression.

Perhaps you now understand why, when Jesus went to cast out the legion of demons from the maniac, the demons begged, saying, **Send us into the swine**. (Mark 5:12) **And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand;) and were choked in the sea.** (Mark 5:13)

Different Types of Demon Spirits

Since demon spirits are actual personalities, they manifest their own personalities in the persons whom they possess.

There are various classes, or types, of demon spirits just like there are different types of people. The Bible record shows many different types of demon spirits at work, a few of which we shall discuss later.

The Problem of Fear

Christians need to know what the Bible clearly teaches about demons. People fear them because they do not understand their position and have never heard about their legal defeat by Christ our Lord.

Until Daisy and I understood about demons and their work, about Satan and his defeat, we feared to speak to or to teach about them. But now that we understand their work, we would not think of fearing them – knowing that, instead, they fear us.

Some say there are no such things as demons today, that the title is merely a figure of speech, but this is not true. The Bible is clear and definite in its teachings about demons, as it is about angels. Both are actual and real today. Both should be understood.

I will give you a few accounts of how demons have challenged us in our own ministry, exactly as they did in Bible days, which is proof of their existence and of their work today.

The Manifestations of Demons

Demons Talk

In the Bible, we have the record of demons talking. They talk through a person's faculties which they have possessed, in the same way that your spirit (the real you) talks through your own tongue and vocal cords.

For he had healed many; insomuch that they pressed upon Him for to touch Him, as many as had plagues. And unclean spirits, when they saw Him, fell down before Him, and cried, saying, Thou art the Son of God. (Mark 3:10-11)

Now when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto Him; and He laid His hands on every one of them, and healed them. And devils also came out of many, crying out, and saying, Thou art Christ the Son of God. And He rebuking them suffered them not to speak: for they knew that He was Christ. (Luke 4:40-41)

And they were astonished at His doctrine: for He taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes. And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? Art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God. And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. (Mark 1:22-25)

These and many other scriptures show us how demon spirits, which had possessed people, spoke and talked to those who had come to cast them out.

In a certain city, a man brought his wife to be healed and delivered from the power of the devil which had possessed her. We were told the woman could not be brought into the meeting and was, therefore, being kept in a side room of the building where we were conducting the crusade.

As we walked into the room I saw a very large, tall woman sitting in a chair with her face to the wall. She weighed at least 220 pounds and was very strong. As we entered the room, she turned around quickly and stared right into my eyes with a fearful, sullen look and said, as she began to rise from her chair, “Why, I know you. They told me this morning that I would be met by a true servant of the Most High God.”

The family was amazed because they had not breathed a word about taking her to a gospel crusade, or to a man who would pray for her, because she hated all religious gatherings.

The demons were fearful, and therefore tried to be religious. (Read the account in Acts 16 of the demon-possessed woman following Paul and Silas and crying out, “These men are the servants of the Most High God.”)

When the demons spoke to me like that, the Spirit of the Lord moved in me with indignation at the sullen acknowledgement of the demons, and I said, “Yes, you demons told the truth. You are met by a true servant of the Most High God, and I adjure you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of the woman now and leave her so that she can be sane and normal again. Come out of her now, I command you.”

The demons obeyed. The woman was set free and was soon embracing her happy husband, while tears of gratitude poured from her eyes.

Demons are Intelligent

Jesus met two demon-possessed men coming from among the tombs. When He was about to cast them out, they cried, **What have we to do with you, Jesus, Son of God? Are you come to torment us before the time?** (Matthew 8:29)

What did the demons mean by saying “Are you come to torment us before the time?” Of what were they speaking?

Demons know that hell was prepared for the devil and his angels. They know the day will come when the devil will be **cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night forever and ever** (Revelation 20:10). **Together with the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolators, and all liars** (Revelation 21:8). **And with whoever was not found written in the book of life** (Revelation 20:15).

Demons know that the day is coming when they shall be tormented, day and night forever and forever. They know that then, they will no longer be able to torment humanity, because **their time** will have come. Therefore, knowing this, they trembled before Jesus and cried out, “Are you come to torment us before the time?”

Demons fear. They tremble before God’s anointed servants today, because they know that they have been given power over them in Jesus’ name, and that they must obey us. That is why demon-possessed people often become violent when they are being brought to a gospel meeting. Though the possessed person may know nothing about where he or she is being taken, the demons are intelligent, and they know they are being taken into the presence of God’s Word, to face God’s servant who has power and authority over them.

Now you can understand why so many totally deaf people are healed while sitting or standing in our crusades as the Word of God is being preached. Even though the deaf person does not hear the sermon, the deaf spirit knows that its defeat is certain. Fearing to stand in the presence of the Word of God and of His anointed servant, the evil spirit leaves the body it possessed, and the deaf person can then hear. The same thing is true of any other kind of disease.

Some people were bringing a demon-possessed woman to one of our crusades to be prayed for. When they arrived, Daisy, my wife, happened to be standing in the crowded entrance, speaking to someone. The demon-possessed woman began acting very strange toward those who had brought her. The demons, of course, knew that someone with knowledge of Satan's defeat was very near.

This demon-possessed woman quickly looked all about her, then located Daisy. She stared at her, and her eyes became wild and fierce. She raised her hand and pointed to my wife with these words: "I know who you are, and I don't want to have a thing to do with you." Then she cursed aloud as she was led into the meeting.

Later that evening, Daisy and I took the lady into a room and prayed for her, and she was wonderfully delivered from the demons.

Demons Resist Surrender

The 8th chapter of Matthew, the 5th chapter of Mark and the 8th chapter of Luke set forth the story of Jesus casting out the legion of demons from the maniac. The context of these scriptures reveal the following:

- *First:* The demons actually professed to worship Christ, evidently seeking to prevent the Lord from being too stern with them. (Mark 5:6)
- *Second:* Jesus commanded them to come out of the man. (Luke 8:29; Mark 5:8)
- *Third:* The demons begged Him that He would not torment them, but when Jesus spoke to them, the demons became fearful. (Luke 8:28)
- *Fourth:* Christ demanded of them, **What is your name?** (Luke 8:30)
- *Fifth:* The demons responded, **My name is legion: for we are many.** (Mark 5:9)
- *Sixth:* When Jesus insisted that they depart, the demons, shocked at being expelled from their habitation in the man's body, **begged Him much that He would not send them away out of the country.** (Mark 5:10) Then the legion of demons, which had possessed the maniac, tried to bargain further. If they were to be forced out of their human possession, the next best place to settle would be the herd of swine which was feeding nearby. **All of the devils begged Him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them.** (Mark 5:12)
- *Seventh:* **Immediately Jesus gave them permission. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea (they were about two thousand), and were choked in the sea.** (Mark 5:13) This remarkable story shows how demons resent surrendering their place of possession, yet how they must yield to the authority of God's servants; and to us Christ has said: **I give you power and authority over all devils; and, in My name you shall cast out devils.** (Mark 16:17; Luke 9:1; 10:19)

The Case of Insanity

An insane lady, possessed of devils, was brought to us for prayer. I spoke kindly, saying, "Bow your head, please." This lady replied with angered eyes, "We don't bow our heads."

This surprised me, and I knew I was face to face with demons who were daring to challenge the authority Christ had given to me. I said in a command, "Yes, you will bow your head and be silent while I pray." The demons spoke again, defying me, "We don't pray, and we don't bow our heads."

The Holy Spirit, which has given us power for such occasions (Acts 1:8), moved within me, and I said boldly, “You hold your peace and obey me, because I speak in Jesus’ name, according to God’s Word.” The demons then, fearing, because they knew they had met one with power over them, proposed to bargain with these words, “We’ll hold our peace today, but we’ll talk tomorrow.”

Then I commanded, “In Jesus’ name, come out of her now.” The demons obeyed, her countenance was changed, and she was gloriously delivered. Demons resist, but they must obey.

Demons May Call for Reinforcements

Jesus taught a most revealing lesson about demons in the 12th chapter of Matthew: **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.** (Matt. 12:43-45)

We learn from this that it is possible for demons, which have been cast out, to call other demons for reinforcement and to re-enter the person out of whom they have been cast, when the person delivered fails to consecrate completely to Christ.

In the above case, the demon was cast out, but then the person’s heart had not been filled with good things. Therefore, the demon called on other spirits, more wicked than himself; they entered and settled there **and the last state of that person was worse than the first.**

Jesus said to the crippled man who had been healed, **Sin no more, lest a worse thing come to you.** (John 5:14)

Demons May Occupy Alone or United

We have shown that where one demon cannot gain possession of a person, he may call on others to help him. While one may fail, in united strength they might succeed in cases where wholehearted devotion to Christ does not exist.

But let the Christian believer be assured that though Satan may send legions of demons to attack you, they shall fall back in defeat because you have power and authority over all devils; and the Bible says: **When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him.** (Isaiah 59:19)

The daughter of a certain woman was possessed of a devil. The evil spirit left the girl when faith was exercised (see Matthew 15:21-28).

Mary Magdalene was possessed of seven devils, but they all came out when Jesus commanded them to (see Mark 16:9; Luke 8:2).

The maniac among the tombs was possessed of a legion of demons, but every one of them obeyed the command of the Lord and went out (see Mark 5:1-19).

Whether it is one demon, seven demons or a legion of spirits, they all must obey the command of the believer, given in Jesus’ name.

The Old Man with Strange Spirits

An old man was brought to us to be prayed for. His people thought he had arthritis, and that he was feeble-minded. When he walked up to me, I shall never forget how I felt. I knew that man was demon-possessed, but it was a strange personality.

Before I knew what I was saying, I placed my hand on his forehead and commanded, “You strange spirits, come out of this man and leave him.”

At first, the relatives were surprised that I implied that devils were possessing the old man. No sooner had I commanded the strange spirits to leave the man than a voice spoke back, “We won’t come out. We won’t come out.”

I became indignant at the devils who would dare to disobey me when they knew that they must do as I said. I commanded again, “Obey me and come out now, I order you in Jesus’ name.” Immediately the voice responded in fearful tones: “All right, we will come out. Yes, we will come out.”

Then the old man smiled. His eyes became clear. He raised one hand, looking straight at me, and he said softly, “Oh, praise the Lord! I’m healed. I know I’m healed.” He was completely changed in a second. His arthritis was gone, and the family wept for joy.

Demons Recognize and Obey Those Who Have Power Over Them

When Jesus was met by those who were demon-possessed, the demons would often cry out: **We know who you are. You are the Son of God.**

Demons have never changed. The lady I mentioned previously said to Daisy, “I know who you are, and I want nothing to do with you.” The old woman said to me, “I know you. They told me this morning that I would be met by a true servant of the Most High God.”

Instances such as these happened in Paul’s ministry: **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.** (Acts 19:13-16)

Demons know who have power over them. They knew Jesus, and they knew Paul; but as for those seven sons of Sceva who tried to cast them out just for the attention they would receive, the demons mocked them and completely overpowered them.

God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost (Acts 10:38). **It was the Holy Ghost who said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them** (Acts 13:2).

The two persons whom the devils acknowledged were both anointed with the Holy Ghost, the power of God. The devil knows such and obeys them. But this is a clear warning never to play with the devil.

Every believer has been given power and authority over all devils and should never fear nor hesitate to execute this authority. Jesus said, **These signs shall follow them that believe; In my name they shall cast out devils.** (Mark 16:17)

Mary Magdalene was possessed of *seven devils*; yet one man, anointed of God, cast out *all*

seven devils. On the contrary, there were *seven men*, none of them God's anointed servants, and *all seven men* could not cast out even *one* devil; but the *one* devil overcame *all seven men* so that they fled naked and wounded. What a comparison.

It proves that all of our natural strength and wisdom is helpless before the devil; yet, all the devils in hell are helpless before one believer who is anointed of God. It also proves that demons recognize and obey those who have power over them.

Demons are the Cause of Disease

This fact, shown clearly in the scriptures, will, when fully understood, serve as a great source of strength to your faith in God for divine healing.

A minister, who was present on a certain night when I preached on the relation of demons to disease, said, "Dr. Osborn, the message tonight helped me more than any I have ever heard to have faith in God for the healing of all diseases. Knowing that disease is Satan's attack on our bodies, rather than God's blessing, I am ready to resist Satan's work, rebuke him, and take dominion over him."

This minister's life was changed. My life and ministry were transformed the night when Daisy and I heard that minister in Portland, Oregon, preach about the work of demons in disease.

The Source of Disease

Here is what the evangelist had explained: Every disease has a life – a germ causes it to grow. That evil life in the germ did not come from God because it kills and destroys human life. It is from Satan. It is that evil life, or **spirit of infirmity**, that gives life to the disease, or growth, just as your spirit gives life to your body.

Just as your body, when the spirit leaves it, dies (James 2:26) and returns to the dust, so your disease, when the **spirit of infirmity** is cast out, dies and disappears.

We all matured from a tiny germ. The life of that germ came from God. The body, living by the germ or spirit of life which God caused to exist, developed until it became a complete human body.

So long as that life, or spirit, remains in the body, the body continues to live. But as soon as the spirit leaves the body, the body is dead; it decays and returns to the dust.

Many human sicknesses and diseases begin from a tiny germ, an evil satanic life, sent to live in and possess the human body and to destroy it. As long as that life, the **spirit of infirmity**, exists in the body, the growth or disease lives and continues its destructive work.

But as soon as the evil spirit, the evil life, or **spirit of infirmity**, has been cast out of the body in Jesus' name, that disease or growth is dead. It will decay and pass from the body. This is the process of healing.

The life of the disease or growth is rebuked and cast out, then the effects of the disease or growth disappear in a short time. When one is healed by a miracle, of course, the complete work is done instantly by the power of God.

For example, a cancer is a living thing. Its life is satanic. Doctors all agree that if one could remove the life from the cancer, the effects of that cancer would disappear from the body. But there are two lives warring against each other; the evil life of the cancer and the divine life from God which is in your body.

Any method of destroying the life of the cancer jeopardizes the life of the body in which the cancer lives. What is the answer? Only faith in the supernatural power and authority of God.

Jesus said, **In My name they shall cast out devils.** In the name of Jesus Christ, we as believers have the authority to expel the spirit, or life, of the cancer. It is satanic. When the life of the cancer, which is from Satan, has departed, the cancer is dead, and its effects disappear.

When we heard that evangelist explain all of this and saw the people instantly healed, then for the first time in my life, many scriptures began to have meaning in my mind. The ministry of healing became a living reality from that moment.

We concluded: Then sickness is of the devil, and we have power over the devil in Jesus' name. We will call the sick, rebuke the devils that have bound and possessed their bodies with disease, and cast out the evil **spirits of infirmity**. The disease will die, and the sick will recover.

I said to Daisy, "Let's announce a special healing meeting for Sunday night in our church." We did, and the sick were brought from near and far. We laid hands on them as Jesus commissioned us to do. We rebuked and cast out the spirits of the diseases in Jesus' name. We knew the work was done. The sick recovered, just as Jesus said they would.

People began telling everywhere: "The Osborns prayed for me, and I am healed." "I had a tumor, and now it is gone." "The cancer I had, disappeared a few hours after prayer." "The ulcers in my stomach are healed. They are gone."

Healing the Sick and Casting Out Devils

Now you can understand this scripture: **They brought to Him (Jesus) many that were possessed with devils** (notice, this was the only class of people specified who were brought to the Lord): **and He cast out the spirits with His word, and healed all that were sick** (see Matthew 8:16). This verse implies that the sicknesses which Jesus healed were caused by devils. He cast out the devils and healed the sick. Peter said the same thing when he wrote, **God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost who went about healing all that were oppressed of the devil** (see Acts 10:38).

The Woman Bowed Over

In Luke chapter 13, Jesus was **teaching in the synagogue, and there was a woman who was bowed together and could not straighten up**. The Bible says she had a **spirit of infirmity** (Luke 13:11). What kind of a spirit? Was it a blessing from God? Jesus said, **Satan has bound her** (Luke 13:16).

Had doctors been asked to diagnose that woman's case, not a specialist in the world would say, "A spirit of Satan has bound her." Doctors would call it arthritis, displaced vertebrae, or some other medical term. They would be correct as far as medical science is concerned, but the real source of the trouble was: **a spirit of infirmity from Satan had bound her**.

Cast out the spirit. Rebuke Satan's oppression, and she is healed. That is what Jesus did. Spinal afflictions are still caused by Satan.

The Blind and Dumb Man

Then was brought to Him one possessed with a devil, blind and dumb (Matthew 12:22). When the devil was cast out, the blind could see, and the dumb could speak. A blind spirit caused the blindness in that man. Blindness is still caused by Satan.

The Dumb Man

As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a dumb man possessed with a devil. And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake: and the multitudes marvelled, saying, It was never so seen in Israel (see Matthew 9:32-33). In this case, dumbness was caused by a dumb spirit. And today, the source of dumbness is still Satan.

The Deaf and Dumb Boy

When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him (see Mark 9:25). Then, and now, those deaf and dumb are held by a deaf and dumb spirit.

The Unclean Man

There was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he (the demon) cried out. Jesus rebuked him (the foul spirit), saying, Hold your peace, and come out of him [Mark 1:23, 25; Luke 4:35]. Here was an unruly man in the synagogue, and his condition was caused by a foul, unclean spirit. The cause of a rebellious, unclean character is still the devil.

The Fever

Peter's wife's mother was sick of a fever. And He (Jesus) stood over her and rebuked the fever; and it left her [Mark 1:30-31; Luke 4:39]. You cannot rebuke something that cannot understand your words. You can only rebuke a personality. Jesus recognized Satan at work in this body, causing the fever. He rebuked it, and it left. Fever is still of the devil; and when rebuked in Jesus' name, it will still leave.

Medical Terms and Bible Terms

Doctors may call it arthritis, but a binding spirit of the devil is the real cause. The scientific term may be undeveloped vocal cords and dead nerves in the ear, but the real trouble is a deaf and dumb spirit that should be cast out in Jesus' name. The specialist may say it is glaucoma or cataracts, but Jesus said it is a blind spirit.

The Case From New York

A woman, who was demon-possessed, was brought to one of our meetings. Satan was determined to take her life. Her throat would constrict so that she could not swallow. Strange voices would speak from her throat and say terrible things. She was resentful and tormented continually because the voices told her someone was following her and watching her.

When we prayed for her and cast out the devils, she reeled to and fro for a few moments like a drunk person; then, all at once she became normal. Her eyes, which had glared with hatred, became gentle and kind; her lips, which had been set over gritted teeth, formed a kind, relaxed smile.

Tears trickled down her cheeks as she said calmly, "Oh, I feel free. I feel so happy. I am healed. I am well. Oh, I feel like I have a new throat. Oh, thank God." She was well as soon as the devil left her, and her throat was healed.

The Blind Lady

A totally blind lady was brought to us for prayer. The doctors had said her optical nerves were dead. For about 15 years she had groped in total blindness with a seeing-eye dog. I rebuked the blind demon which had bound her. It left when I commanded it to go in Jesus' name, and the lady screamed with joy, "Oh, now I see! I am healed."

The Insane Girl

A beautiful girl was brought to us for prayer, whom the doctors said had lost her mind because of constant pressure and anxiety about her college studies. When the demon of insanity was cast out in Jesus' name, we believed it left her, though nothing instantly changed to indicate that she was healed. But in a few days, she was normal and was soon working in a factory.

A Miracle in Kingston, Jamaica

In Jamaica, a woman was hauled to our crusade in an old wheelbarrow by three women. She had suffered, the doctors said, a complete stroke of paralysis. She had lain lifeless for four days and nights without swallowing a drop of water or a bite of food. Her eyes were rolled back in her head, and her body appeared to be dead, except for the pulse beat of her heart.

I rebuked the demon that had paralyzed her and commanded it to turn her loose and to come out of her. Then I called with a loud voice, "Open your eyes and be made whole." She was instantly healed. In a few minutes she was on her feet. She walked home, sound and well.

Hundreds of people in Kingston, Jamaica, know about the miraculous healing of this woman, Veda McKenzie. The cause of her illness was a demon sent from Satan to kill and to destroy her, but God delivered her.

We could record hundreds of such cases which have occurred in our own ministry; but I believe we have related enough to prove, when coupled with the scriptural evidence given, that sickness is still of Satan, caused by **spirits of infirmity**. When these spirits are cast out in Jesus' name, the sick recover.

Food for Thought

- ❖ *If sickness is of God*, then doctors would be of the devil because they are trying to get rid of sickness.
- ❖ *If sickness is of God*, all hospitals would be houses of rebellion rather than houses of mercy, because in seeking to get rid of disease, they would be rebelling against God and His alleged sickness program.
- ❖ *If sickness is of God*, every nurse would be defying God with each effort to relieve suffering.
- ❖ *If sickness is of God*, we should be against hospitals, nurses, doctors, and medicine, because they are all seeking to relieve and restore those who are suffering with sickness.
- ❖ *But since sickness is of Satan*, then doctors, medicines, hospitals, and medical science must be from God.
- ❖ *Since sickness is of Satan*, every manner of relieving the suffering must be ordained by God.

- ❖ *Those who believe that God wants His children to suffer* should never call a doctor, nor recommend medical treatment to members of their churches; in doing so, they would be seeking to violate God's divine will in their lives.
- ❖ *Many who believe sickness is from God* are ready to recommend the doctor whom they feel is best qualified to relieve suffering through medical means, whether God wants His child to suffer or not.
- ❖ *Those who believe that sickness is a blessing* should never accept medical treatment to get rid of their disease, but should rather pray that all of their family and fellow church members would receive a similar blessing.
- ❖ *Those who believe sickness is from God* are often anxious for the doctor to operate and remove the blessing, whether God wants them to have it or not.
- ❖ *Those who believe that sickness is God's chastisement* for His disobedient children should never recommend hospitalization, but should rather tell the sick one to receive the divine punishment until God sees fit to stop the chastisement, at which time the sickness would disappear.
- ❖ But I notice that *those who believe sickness is a blessing from God* are generally the first to recommend going to the hospital for surgery or treatment in an attempt to get rid of the sickness, whether it was God's chastisement or not.
- ❖ *Those who believe that sickness is from God* should be against every means of relieving the suffering. It is not consistent to teach that disease is of God, then to recommend medical treatment to get rid of the disease.
- ❖ *If God wants us to suffer for His glory*, then we should rather suffer than to be well.
- ❖ *If it is God's will that we be sick*, then we should do nothing to interfere with God's divine will, and patiently bear the sickness until it has run its course.
- ❖ *But since sickness is of Satan*, then every means of relief must be a blessing – whether it be the **prayer of faith**, or the **gift of healing** for those who serve God faithfully and who believe and trust His divine promises.

LESSON 11

VICTORY OVER THE DEVIL

Who is the Devil?

The Prince of Demons

- ✘ Matthew 12:22-29
- ✘ The word prince means - superior in power, ruler, chief, or magistrate.

The Strongman

- ➡ Matthew 12:29

Satan Has a Kingdom

- ☞ Matthew 12:26
- ☞ Satan's kingdom is an organized, structural kingdom. (Ephesians 6:12)
- ☞ If it wasn't it wouldn't be in operation, could not stand, and certainly wouldn't be successful against mankind.

The Name Satan is Synonymous with the Words...

- ⇒ Evil
- ⇒ Death
- ⇒ Curse
- ⇒ Hell
- ⇒ Disease
- ⇒ Oppression
- ⇒ Torment
- ⇒ Sickness

Satan's kingdom is three-fold. His kingdom is not visible, and is not of flesh and blood, but it has a structure and a plan behind it.

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| ➡ John 10:10 | Satan's power is revealed in his plan against every man, family, and church. |
| ➡ Ephesians 2:1-3 | Declares Satan as the prince of the power of the air. |
| ➡ 2 Corinthians 4:4 | Paul the apostle declared him god of this world. |
| ➡ John 12:31 | Jesus calls him the prince of this world. |

No More Power

- Sin gave Satan access to a throne over man that God never intended him to have, and Satan ruled over man until Jesus came and released us.
- Rom 5:12-14; Col 1:13-14; 2:15; Luke 4:5-8; Gal 1:4; Gen 1:26-28; Eph 2:1-2; John 10:10; Matt 12:29; 28:18-20; Rom 5:12-21

Where does he exert power in your life?

Other Scriptural Identities of Satan

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| 📖 He is destroyed. | Hebrews 2:14 |
| 📖 He is powerless. | Matthew 28:18-20 |
| 📖 He is defeated. | 2 Corinthians 2:14 |
| 📖 He is doomed. | Revelation 20:1-3 |

Key Scripture

Faith Adjustment

Pray for Others

LESSON 12

WEAPONS OF OUR WARFARE

Read 2 Corinthians 10:3-6

⇒ We as believers, followers of Jesus Christ, soldiers of the cross & of the faith, fight on four major fronts:

- Against Satan Ephesians 6:12
- Against the flesh Galatians 5:17-21
- Against the mind Romans 7:23; Romans 8:5-7
- Against the world John 16:33

⇒ It doesn't matter the battle, its intensity, the length it's been going on ... you as a believer in union with God are equipped to win. (Judges 6:1-12; 1 Sam 17:16-37)

How Do I Develop in the Weapons of My Warfare?

- 📖 Study the Word 2 Timothy 2:15; 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- 📖 Meditate the Word 1 Timothy 4:15; Joshua 1:8

The Weapons of Our Warfare are Defensive and Offensive







- ➔ Defensive means the act of defending against attack, to protect, to keep, to stop from overcoming.
- ➔ Offensive means to attack, to assault, engage in attack, to go against in order to gain something desired.
- ➔ These weapons are the same as those used by God, the Holy Ghost, Jesus, and the angels against Satan. They are able to destroy Satan, free men, and keep you. (John 17:18)

It is Written... (Read Matthew 4:1-11)

- ⇒ This was Jesus' confrontation against Satan.
- ⇒ Here we see Jesus using the Word to defend Himself against an attack from Satan.
- ⇒ When Satan came, Jesus used the sword of the Spirit to defend Himself. (Eph. 6:17)
- ⇒ The Word in your mouth is as powerful as it was in Jesus'. (Mark 11:20-23)

Write the Word that is in your mouth:

Steadfastness

-  Read Psalm 71:7-15 “I will hope” = to stay, wait, be patient, trust, stay in faith, to bind together by twisting, to endure, be constant, continue, have fortitude
-  Read James 1:2-4 “Joy” = praise, so that patience may have her work
-  Read Psalm 42:4
-  Read Psalm 61:8 - Praise is a foundation of daily rendering of the duties of every believer. It is a weapon against the enemy.
-  Read Psalm 8:2 - “Ordained” = settled, appointed, established, laid as a foundation. “Strength” = boldness, might, power, assurance of victory
-  Read Matthew 21:16 - “Perfected” = prepared, restored, framed

Key Verse

Life Change

Pray for Others

LESSON 13

WEAPONS OF OUR WARFARE PRAISE

Warfare

- ☞ Our warfare is the fight of faith - battles, adversity, afflictions. It's a dog fight with Satan.
- ☞ Write out 2 Corinthians 10:3-6

Four Major Fronts

There are four major areas or fronts that face believers (the followers of Jesus Christ, soldiers of the cross, those in faith) in battle. Each is spiritual in nature and must be fought with the weapons of a spiritual nature.

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| 1. Satan and demonic hosts | Ephesians 6:12 |
| 2. The flesh | Galatians 5:17-21; Ephesians 2:1-3 |
| 3. The mind | Romans 7:23 |
| 4. The world | John 16:33 |

Important Fact to Remember

- ✓ It doesn't matter the type of battle or foe, the battle's intensity, or how long it's been going on; you as a believer, united with God, are empowered to win. It has been declared by God and His prophets.
- ✓ Read Numbers 23:8, 20

Four Ways to Develop Yourself in the Successful Use of Spiritual Weapons

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| 1. Study the Word | 2 Timothy 2:15; 3:16-17 |
| 2. Meditate on the Word | 1 Timothy 4:4 |
| 3. Declare the Word | Psalm 2:7 |
| 4. Use the Word | Hebrews 5:12-14 |

The Weapon of Praise

Read Romans 4:17-21

- ✂ Praise was used by Abraham (known as the friend of God, the father of faith) against unbelief.
- ✂ Unbelief is the foundation of rebellion, disobedience to God's will & Word. (Mark 6:1-6)
- ✂ Unbelief comes to root itself in and to root faith out.
- ✂ Unbelief allows Satan to rule and man to remain powerless. (Mark 9:14-29)

Praise Defined

- Praise is a language of faith in Him who is able - God.
- Praise is a declaration of what God can do. (Psalm 21:13)
- Praise is a declaration of what God is doing or is in the process of doing, despite what you see or hear. (2 Chronicles 20:15-19)
- Praise is born out of a revelation of the Word, of God, and His will toward you.
- Praise is a choice, as are all the weapons of our warfare.

Read 2 Chronicles 20:15-19

- ☞ They didn't see victory at first.
- ☞ But they had a revelation of what God could do and was going to do.

What is Praise?

- ☞ Praise means to worship or reverence with extended hands; to give thanks; to make confession by words, hymns, songs, or music; to show God's greatness; to celebrate Him.
- ☞ Revelation brings praise by song, music and/or dance. (Psalm 40:3; 149:3; 150:1-6)
- ☞ Praise is to give in marriage; to become one with; to position for exchange. (Psalm 22:3)
- ☞ 2 Chronicles 20:21-22 - God became the shield and the buckler.
- ☞ Read Psalm 8:2 - To still means to cease, desist, put down, take away. (Psalm 149:6-9 Matt 21:16)
- ☞ The voice of joy & praise (Psalm 42:4)
- ☞ The response to trial is to be praise that sets in motion a spiritual patience, which means to stay, wait, to endure, to trust, stay in faith, bind together by twisting, constancy, continuance, be fortified.
- ☞ Praise fights double-mindedness. You can't praise born out of revelation and still accept negative thoughts.

LESSON 14

WEAPONS OF OUR WARFARE RIGHT THINKING

Weapons of Our Warfare

- 📖 Read 2 Corinthians 10:3-6 & 2 Corinthians 4:7
- 📖 Read Ephesians 6:10 & 1 Corinthians 9:25-27
- 📖 Read Galatians 5:17-24 (Temperance, the ability to control oneself)
- 📖 Read 2 Corinthians 2:10-14 (Forgiveness destroys division.)

Authority

1. Authority in Heaven
2. Authority in earth over Satan
3. Authority in earth over the flesh & thoughts, thus over our actions (Eph. 2:1-3)

Satan's Weapons

- ☞ Satan's weapons many times are so disguised they seem normal or a part of life.
- ☞ His weapons can be accusations disguised as thoughts.

The Weapon of Fasting

- Read Joel 2:12-13
- Read Jonah 3:5
- Read 2 Chronicles 7:14

Write what you learned

The Weapon of Prayer

- ➔ Read Daniel 10:12-13 and Luke 22:40-46
- ➔ Read Luke 3:21-22 and Luke 18:1-8
- ➔ Read Acts 12:1-107 and 2 Chronicles 20:1-22
- ➔ Read John 11:33-44

Other Weapons

- † Know yourself in Christ. (Hebrews 10:22)
- † Prophecy is a weapon, as are all the gifts. (1 Timothy 1:18)

Write out 2 Corinthians 10:3-6

Four Fronts

1. _____ (Ephesians 6:12)
2. _____ (Galatians 5:17-21; Ephesians 2:1-3)
3. _____ (Romans 7:23)
4. _____ (John 16:33)

Our Weapons

- ➔ The believer has been equipped by God with weapons of divinity or of a spiritual nature and empowerment.
- ➔ These are the same weapons used by Jesus in His earthly ministry to set people free, heal, save, and defeat Satan.
- ➔ They are now ours. They are so designed and empowered by God that even before the believer goes to battle, God calls him victorious. (2 Corinthians 2:14)

Read Romans 8:35-39

- ⇒ Paul outlines the battles and the enemies of the believer, knowing that his weapons and enablings are from God.
- ⇒ Paul declares nothing can separate us from God's love covenant - provision, blessing, wisdom, strength, healing, soundness. The believer's destiny in all these has been openly declared to Heaven, earth, Satan, and believers.
- ⇒ The believer needs to simply use the weapons that he has been given.
- ⇒ We must mature and become skillful in using them; it's not in us to quit.
- ⇒ We study them, meditate on them, declare them, and use them.
- ⇒ Christians need never fear when Satan attacks or comes, no matter how or what form he uses, because the weapons that you possess are far superior to his. (Isaiah 54:17)

Right Thinking – a Most Valiant Weapon

Write out 1 Peter 4:1-2

- ➔ Arm yourself with the mind of Christ. It's available. It's needed. It works.
- ➔ The mind of Christ = the mind or thoughts of the Word, the revelations concerning you as a child of God.
- ➔ We are to arm ourselves or put on as armor.
- ➔ Thinking affects faith's size, growth, and activity, which affects God's activity for us. (Matthew 6:25-34; Ephesians 3:20)
- ➔ All that happens in the believer's life is subject to his or her faith. (Matthew 9:29)
- ➔ When faith is not active, then Satan rules.
- ➔ We are not to think like unbelievers. Our minds are to be transformed by the Word which gives us what to think on in order to know and by faith experience God's will.

Read Romans 4:17-22

- ➔ Vs. 18 - Abraham hoped, or he thought that it was possible, even when the world told him it wasn't.
- ➔ Abraham's miracle started with a promise that God used to renew his mind so faith could bring it to pass. (Hebrews 11:1)
- ➔ God renewed Abraham's mind so that faith would work. (Genesis 12:7; Genesis 13:15-16; Genesis 17; Genesis 21)
- ➔ Vs. 19-21 - He considered not because he was fully persuaded; therefore, he didn't stagger.
- ➔ How you think is a key to how faith works, what you see, and how steadfast you stand.
- ➔ Thinking wrong gives place to fear or intimidation that stops a three-fold empowerment of God. (2 Timothy 1:7)
- ➔ You need to control thoughts of failures and past mistakes, and start thinking about who you are because of Jesus' blood, how much He loves you, what He is doing for you, and how defeated Satan is. (Philippians 3:13-14)

Who are you?

Read Philippians 4:6-8

- ✗ Three things:
 - ◆ Handle life by and in faith.
 - ◆ Know God always works with those who do.
 - ◆ You must address your thought life in order to have a victorious life.

- ✗ Paul says think on these things - which means to consider, take account of, have a continued way of doing - so he informs us our minds are important, and what we think about determines certain happiness in our life.
- ✗ Paul states 6 things we are to continually think about and put our minds on - 6 being the number of man, leading to 7 the complete and perfect work of God.
- ✗ The results - “virtue” = to be pleasing to God; moral excellence; ethics (how you think is how you live and act); “perfection” = come to fullness of Christ in man; “courage” = the strength of mind or spirit to face danger or hardship (don’t turn back discouraged); “fortitude” = strength of mind to endure.
- ✗ “Praise” = a commendable thing; a story used in the sense of a story of God ending in praise to Him because of His work in and for you. If there are ever going to be stories or testimonies out of your life about God’s love, mercy, power, and grace, then you have to think along these guidelines.

Key Verse

Life Change

LESSON 15

WEAPONS OF OUR WARFARE THE NAME OF JESUS

Warfare

- ☛ Our warfare is the fight of faith - battles, adversity, afflictions.
- ☛ Read 2 Corinthians 10:3-6

Write down what this means to you:

Four Major Fronts

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|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Satan and demonic hosts | Ephesians 6:12 |
| 2. The flesh | Galatians 5:17-21; Ephesians 2:1-3 |
| 3. The mind | Romans 7:23 |
| 4. The world | John 16:33 |

Weapons of Our Warfare

- ➔ We have been equipped by God with weapons of a godly nature and power to defeat Satan & rescue man from sin & its effects.
- ➔ These are weapons used by Jesus in His earthly ministry & cause. They are now ours, His church. We simply need to use them. We do need to mature and become skillful in their use.

Four Ways to Develop Yourself in the Successful Use of Spiritual Weapons

1. _____ the Word (2 Timothy 2:15; 3:16-17)
2. _____ on the Word (1 Timothy 4:4)
3. _____ the Word (Psalm 2:7)
4. _____ the Word (Hebrews 5:12-14)

Write down how you exercise yourself in using the Word.

Don't be Afraid

- ☞ We never need to fear defeat or sudden attacks from Satan or the intensity of the battle.
- ☞ You have the weapons you need to defend and even reverse what Satan has done or is attempting to do.

Sowing

- ➔ Sowing is a weapon of warfare against needs that seek to hinder, stop, and even abort or destroy vision, purpose, goals, dreams, and participation in Kingdom activities and operations. (Luke 6:38; Psalm 41:1; Galatians 6:6-10)
- ➔ Love your neighbor as you love yourself.

The Name of Jesus

- ☑ The name of Jesus is given to the church, to every born again, blood-washed, blood-bought believer to use against Satan, his works, the effects of sin - for entrance into the throne of God.
- ☑ The name of Jesus was given to Him...
 - ♦ by inheritance Hebrews 1:4; Luke 1:31-33
 - ♦ because of humble obedience Philippians 2:8-10
 - ♦ by covenant Ephesians 1:20-23
 - ♦ by conferring Colossians 2:13-15
- ☑ The name of Jesus is used to confirm the gospel. It casts out Satan & heals the sick; allows receiving of the person of the Holy Ghost. (Mark 16:15-20)
- ☑ The early church understood its power to combat resistance to the gospel; respond to threats; break through religion, ignorance, and blindness; to give witness or confirm Christ's resurrection from the dead. (Acts 4:23-33)

Jesus in His Earthly Ministry

- ⊗ Jesus used the name of the Father, Jehovah, to keep his disciples and their homes. (John 17:12)
- ⊗ Jesus used the name to multiply food for His followers & disciples, 5000 men besides women and children.
- ⊗ Jesus used the name to keep the disciples and their families from sickness - Peter's mother-in-law. (Matthew 8:14).
- ⊗ Jesus used the name to destroy death. (John 11:38-44)
- ⊗ As Jesus had the name of Jehovah, the church now has His name. (John 16:23)

Where do you use the name of Jesus?

Power in Three Worlds

- † Read Philippians 2:8-10; Mark 16:15; Acts 19:13-20
- † Jesus gave us His name as a birthright, and it has power in three worlds.
- † Satan knows the church has this power.

Name the three worlds:

Power of Attorney

- Jesus has given us power of attorney to use His name, which means you as a believer can speak that name as if Jesus Himself is there.
- When you give someone the power of attorney, you give them the right to do what you would do if you were there.
- When you use the name of Jesus in prayer, the Father answers as if Jesus Himself was asking. That's the kind of power we have in His name. (John 16:23)


The Power in the Name


- ➔ Heaven and its power & resources open up and are poured out at His name. (Heb 4:16)
- ➔ Our needs are met when we use His name. (Philippians 4:19)
- ➔ Don't do anything without His name. (Colossians 3:17)
- ➔ The church can use His name against Satan. (Acts 16:16-18)
- ➔ We have His name to destroy sickness among the church. (Acts 9:33-35; James 5:14-16)
- ➔ Jesus responds to His name. (John 14:13-14)

LESSON 16

USING THE NAME OF JESUS

The Name of Jesus is Given to the Church to Reveal Jesus' Identity

 Read Acts 3:12-18 = Holy One, Justifier, Premier of Life, Living One

 Read Acts 3:19 = Forgiveness of sins

Jesus was Given a Name Above Every Name


- ♦ Through humble obedience Philippians 2:5-10
- ♦ Through birth-right Matthew 1:21-25
- ♦ Through resurrection Acts 3:13-16
- ♦ Through inheritance Hebrews 1:1-5

Jesus' Name Destroys Satan's Power over Man

- ✂ The name of Jesus brings healing. James 5:13-15
- ✂ The name of Jesus brings the dead back to life. Acts 9:36-43
- ✂ The name of Jesus casts out devils. Acts 16:16-18
- ✂ Read Mark 16:17-18 and write what it means to you:

The Name of Jesus is the Door unto the Father

 Read John 16:23 - Ask the Father in the name of Jesus

 Read James 1:5-8 and Hebrews 4:16

To deliver us from the enemy's bondages (both physical and spiritual)

- ♦ Read John 5:14-16
- ♦ Read Acts 3:16; 8:5-8; 9:32-34

To deliver us from worrying

- ♦ Read Ephesians 5:20
- ♦ Read Psalm 7:17

The Name of Jesus is For Believers

- ✂ Read Mark 16:16-17; John 16:23
- ✂ Believers must live holy and obedient lives to use the Name.

Write out John 9:31

Write out John 8:32-35

- The church (the believers, the born-again ones) have the power and authority of the name of Jesus. (Mark 16:15-20)
- The name, when used by any believer, can and is enough to get the same results as the person of Jesus Christ. (Matthew 10:1-10; Luke 10:1; Luke 10:17-19)

We Receive the Name of Jesus by Desire, Inheritance, and Birthright

- ✂ Read Romans 8:14-17; John 16:23; Acts 19:13-20
- ✂ When we pray (if we are confident, steadfast, and obedient to the Word), as the Father moved with willingness, eagerness, and quickness on Jesus' behalf, He will do the same for us. (John 16:23)
- ✂ Whosoever shall know the name of Jesus and put their trust in His name, the Lord shall not forsake that one who seeks Him.
- ✂ Read Psalm 9:10; Read John 17:9-10

LESSON 17

FAITH IN THE NAME OF JESUS

Heirs of the Name

- ☞ Read Mark 16:15-20; Matthew 28:18-20
- ☞ Romans 8:14-17

Faith in the Name of Jesus

- ✂ Faith in the name is essential to the believer's life - to be successful over demons, Satan, sickness, disease, and need; and even to be successful in our fellowship with our Father.
- ✂ Phil 4:4-8; John 10:10; 20:30-31; Acts 9:2, 14 - The name is called the way.

List 3 ways you express faith in the name of Jesus:

Steadfast in the Name

- 📖 Read Hebrews 4:16; Hebrews 10:35-39; James 5:13-15
- 📖 This steadfastness comes from a firmness of faith in the name in prayer.

Victory in the Name

- ➔ We are to do everything in His name. (Colossians 3:17)
- ➔ His name assures us victory in life. (John 14:13-14; John 14:26)
- ➔ The name of Jesus is a banner over those who live in it.

Glorifying the Name

- ✂ We should have a reputation that glorifies His name. (1 Tim 6:1-6; Matt 5:14-16, 38-48)
- ✂ Do you speak evil of people? Do you criticize or talk about other believers?
- ✂ Our motives should glorify Jesus as we bear His name. (Matt 5:14-16, 38-48; Titus 2:9-10)

Living the Name

- 📖 Read 2 Samuel 12:10-15; Acts 8:4-13
- 📖 Do your children see you reigning in your home under the name?

Identified by the Name

- ☞ The name of Jesus identifies the believer with Jesus. (John 16:23)
- ☞ The believer is identified with His sonship, favor, power, & glory (John 17:22; Heb 4:16), and with His victory over Satan, sin, & disease. (Luke 9:1)

Faith in the Name of Jesus

- The name above every name is given to use. (Philippians 2:8-11)
- We are not to just assent with our minds to the power in that name or our right to use it; we must release it and mix faith with it. (James 1:22)
- Sometimes, familiarity with something causes us to lose our faith, respect, and honor for it. Don't let that happen with the name of Jesus.
- Ask in faith believing, and don't be moved.
- Ask specifically, and don't waver.
- Command and stand, and resist the temptation to back up.
- Be consistent and resilient.

Key Verse

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LESSON 18

JOINT HEIR OF THE NAME OF JESUS

Read Matthew 28:18-20

- ✓ All power in Heaven and earth is invested in Jesus' person.
- ✓ The name and the person are the same. (Acts 4:7-10)
- ✓ Read Philippians 2:9-11

Read Mark 16:15-20

- ➔ Every believer has the right to use the name of Jesus.
- ➔ We are joint heirs of all that Jesus has received. (Rom 8:14-17; Eph 1:15-23; Eph 2:6)
- ➔ The victory won by Jesus over demons is given to the believer through the right to use the name of Jesus. (Colossians 2:15; Luke 10:19)
- ➔ The right to use that name by every believer is given at the new birth.

What the Name of Jesus Does for Every Believer

- ⊗ The name of Jesus makes every believer a master over sickness, disease, and demons of every rank. (Matthew 10:8)
- ⊗ The name of Jesus makes us, the church, miracle workers.
- ⊗ The devil, religion, sinners, and the anti-Christ spirit now increasing in the land hate the name of Jesus. (Acts 4:13-17)

Read Acts 3:2-9, 11-16 - What does this mean: "...Why marvel ye at this?"

- ♦ Miracles are common to the believer because of faith in the name of Jesus.
- ♦ Verse 16 - Faith comes by hearing - study of the name of Jesus.

Using the Name of Jesus

- 📖 Meditate on the name, sing of the name, use the name. (Psalm 91:9-16)
- 📖 Fast to deal with unbelief and having faith in the name. (Mark 9:23-29)
- 📖 Read Psalm 9:10; Psalm 20:7
- 📖 Read Psalm 20:1 - To defend is to make safe, inaccessible, to set on high, to be strong
- 📖 Read Acts 12:1-17 They prayed in the name of Jesus to deliver Peter out of jail.
- 📖 The name of Jesus reveals Jesus, His love, power, and goodness to those who are lost.
- 📖 Read Acts 4:21

Worshiping in the Name

- Ephesians 5:17-20
- Psalm 113:1-3
- Psalm 7:17
- Psalm 9:2
- Psalm 34:3
- Psalm 69:30-36
- Psalm 63:4
- Wait, bind, look, expect, tarry, be patient. (Heb.10:35-38; Psalm 52:8-9)

Key Verse

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Pray for Others

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LESSON 19

POWER OVER SICKNESS

WHERE DOES SICKNESS COME FROM?

What Does the Bible Say About Sickness?

📖 Acts 10:38	The Bible calls sickness oppression, the work of Satan.
📖 Luke 13:16	The Bible calls sickness bondage.
📖 Mark 9:22	The Bible calls sickness destruction.
📖 Matthew 15:22	The Bible calls sickness torment and vexation.
📖 Job 42:10	The Bible calls sickness captivity.

The Right Opinion

- ✍️ There are many opinions concerning where sickness comes from, but only one is right. The right one comes from God and His Word.
- ✍️ God's Word is the only place of truth concerning sickness and disease, and their author - Satan.
- ✍️ When God says sickness is from Satan, it is true. We are never to question God's Word, but we are to accept it and believe it.
- ✍️ Wrong opinions cause people to believe wrong, and they destroy faith for healing. Wrong opinions cause people to doubt God and to think He is against them, and that He doesn't love them.

The Truth About God

- ⊃ I'm here to declare the truth about God and His power to heal you.
- ⊃ I am here to declare that God is not against you, but is here to heal you.
- ⊃ I am here to declare that God loves you and sent His Son to die for your sins, and to destroy the devil's work of sickness over you. (1 John 3:8)

Read Acts 10:38

“How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.”

- ✗ God anointed Jesus with power and the Holy Ghost to destroy sickness, the oppression of the devil. Sickness is the work of Satan. It is an act of hate, not of love.
- ✗ 1 Peter 5:8 - *“Be sober; be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:”*
- ✗ Satan is going about seeking whom he may devour, but God is here to stop the devil.

What Jesus Came to Do

- ➔ Jesus is here to destroy sickness. He's here to declare His love for you, to set the captive free.
- ➔ Mark 9:17 - *“And one of the multitude answered and said, Master, I have brought unto thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit.”*
- ➔ This man did not believe God had given his son this sickness. He knew it was Satan.
- ➔ Many don't know this and never come to God for healing. They allow Satan to deceive them into thinking God put sickness on them to teach them something, or they believe the lie that sickness is a blessing when it is a curse from Satan.

The Truth Will Set You Free

- ➔ Now you are seeing the truth, and the truth is setting you free. You are discovering that Satan is the author of your sickness, but God is your healer.
- ➔ God doesn't make you sick or put disease on you. God is here to heal you and deliver you, to give you the joy and peace that sickness has stolen.
- ➔ When the man brought his son to Jesus, Jesus rebuked the foul spirit of deafness and dumbness, and the boy was healed.
- ➔ Jesus is not a respecter of persons. He saves all, and He heals all.

Curses and Blessings

- ✗ Sickness is a curse, not a blessing.
- ✗ Blessings come from God.
- ✗ Healing is a blessing that brings peace and joy back to your life and home.

What Jesus Brings

- ☉ Jesus' love is reaching out to you this moment to heal you, wherever you are.
- ☉ He is not a respecter of persons. His love is for all, and His healing is for all.
- ☉ He is here right now to do for you the same as He did for that man and his son. Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever. (Hebrews 13:8)

Reveal the power of Hebrews 13:8...

Who can you tell about it?

Read Luke 13:10-17

- ✦ Jesus says in verse 16 that Satan had her bound. It was not God's work or His will that she be bound. God wasn't punishing her; it was Satan attacking her. Sickness is always the attack of Satan. It never comes from God.
- ✦ This woman wasn't able to be free. She no doubt sought the doctors' help. She asked friends if they knew anything they could do, but none could help her. She was helpless.
- ✦ When Satan has you bound with cancer, arthritis, heart problems, blindness, deafness, crippled arms or legs, back problems - man can't help. Man is helpless against Satan, but Satan is helpless against God.
- ✦ God is here right now to undo what Satan has done, and Satan can't stop Him. Just as Jesus healed this woman, He's here to heal you, to free you, to deliver you. He's here to destroy sickness over you. He's not a respecter of persons. He's here! Right now! Healing the blind, the crippled, the deaf, tumors, cancers ... He's destroying Satan's work!

Read Matthew 12:22

- ✘ Blindness is a spirit from Satan. It is not from God. When Jesus cast out the devil the blind saw and the dumb spoke. God hadn't put it on him, but He sent Jesus to free him from it. God was willing to heal him, just as He's willing to heal you now.
- ✘ God is not the cause of your sickness, but He's here to be your healer of it.

Testimonies

- ☺ A woman in our church came up in a healing line one Sunday. She was paralyzed from the waist down from a chemical accident. After she went through the line, she began to walk under her own power, then she began to shout and dance. God restored her legs completely. Where there had been tiny, shriveled muscles, God put normal sized new muscles. God healed the paralyzed woman!
- ☺ In Illigan City, Philippines, a young woman came for prayer with a goiter so large, she had not been able to speak for 5 years. God healed her, the goiter shrank away, and she was able to talk for the first time in 5 years! Another young woman was on the stage that could not see beyond arm's length, but after Jesus destroyed the spirit, she cried because she could see!
- ☺ In Cagayan de Oro, a girl was blind in one eye, and she was crossed-eyed. She was instantly healed!
- ☺ In Ecuador, a woman brought her son to the crusade. He had never spoken before, but that night Jesus touched him, and he stood before thousands of people and spoke "Mom Mom" for the very first time!
- ☺ In Columbia, a young lady came to a crusade, and she brought her neighbor's daughter who had been born blind. The girl was 7 years old. Jesus opened her blind eyes, and she saw! It wasn't Jesus' will that she be sick and ruled by Satan, and He's not willing for you to be either.
- ☺ In Brazil, a young man came with one leg 3" shorter than the other. I prayed, and God

grew his leg out as long as the other. The young man and the crowd shouted for joy for the miracle!

- ☺ He's here right now, healing. Jesus never turned away, and He won't turn you away now. He's here to deliver you.

Read Luke 4:38-39

- ☞ Peter's mother-in-law was taken with a fever. Jesus came and rebuked it, and immediately she arose and ministered to them.
- ☞ People who are healed follow and minister to Jesus. The sick can't. Disease keeps you from working for God and His kingdom, your family, and country. God wants you to work
- ☞ Jesus said He came to do the will of the Father. If He rebuked the fever, then the fever wasn't God's will. And it is not God's will for you to be sick. God is with you to heal you now.
- ☞ Read Matthew 15:22-28 A woman came to Jesus and said, "My daughter is grievously vexed by a devil." She asked Jesus to heal her daughter. Jesus said, "Be it unto you as thou wilt", and her daughter was healed from that very moment. Jesus is here to heal your children, to bring peace to your homes, to give you joy back for sadness.

Read Matthew 4:23

- ⌘ They brought to Jesus all the sick and those taken with disease, the tormented and possessed with devils, the lunatics and insane, and those that had palsy, and Jesus cast out the devils and healed all the sick.
- ⌘ If sickness came from God, Jesus would not have healed any, but He healed all. If they had believed that Jesus made them sick or put sickness on them, they never would have come.
- ⌘ They were like you are right now - filled with faith because you know Jesus doesn't make people sick, but He heals them.
- ⌘ In Columbus, Ohio a 16 year old girl born deaf was completely healed instantly. In the Philippines, they carried a man crippled for 10 years and God raised him up to walk again.
- ⌘ God is not against you. He is here to heal you. God's not mad or disappointed in you. He loves you, and He's here to heal you.

Hebrews 13:8 - *Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.*

God's not allowing Satan to torment you. He's here to destroy the works of the devil, and Satan's work is sickness and disease.

LESSON 20

POWER OVER SICKNESS

HEALING IS FOR TODAY

The Woman with the Issue of Blood - Mark 5:24-34

- ➔ Jesus said, “Daughter thy faith has made thee whole; go in peace and be whole of thy plague.”
- ➔ Where did she get faith to be made whole? By hearing the Word of God. She heard about Jesus, and somewhere she heard about the healing power of Jesus. (Romans 10:17)
- ➔ Then she said something, “If I but touch but His clothes, I shall be whole.” It was a faith statement. She believed what she said would come to pass. She also acted on what she heard - she went to find Jesus. (Mark 11:23-24)
- ➔ When she touched Jesus she knew she had the answer. (Mark 5:29)
- ➔ Jesus knew when He was touched by faith. (Mark 5:30)
- ➔ She came and fell down (worship) before Him and told Him all the truth. (Mark 5:33)
- ➔ Jesus said, “Daughter thy faith has made thee whole.” How did Jesus know she had faith? He asked her a question, and by the words of her mouth Jesus knew where her faith level was. (Mark 5:34)

Healing Through Obedience - 2 Kings 5:1-15

- Verse 3 The little maid testified about the healing power of the God of Israel.
- Verse 9 Naaman acted on what he heard.
- Verse 10 Elisha sent a messenger to him saying to follow these instructions.
- Verse 11 Naaman had a preconceived idea about how he wanted God to heal him. God does not need us to tell Him the way to heal us; He knows the best way to do it.
- Verse 13 Once again Naaman had to be convinced to do what God said to do.
- Verse 14 Doing it God’s way always brings the results that God said it would.
- Verse 14 Always acknowledge and praise God for what He has done for you. Acting on the word of God will always set you free. The little maid acted, Naaman acted, the king acted, Elisha acted, servants acted. Results followed.

Where have you acted with results following?

Healing Through Prayer - 2 Kings 20:1-6

- Verse 1 The Lord sent a prophet and told Hezekiah to set his house in order for he was about to die.
- Verse 2-3 Hezekiah had nowhere to go, so he turned his face to the wall and prayed to the Lord.
- Verse 5 “I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold I will heal thee.” God hears our prayers, sees our tears, and answers our prayers when we come with an honest heart filled with the Word. Read chapters 18 and 19 to see how Hezekiah walked before the Lord.

Healing by Calling the Elders - James 5:14-16

- Verse 14 “Is any sick among you?” Have you acknowledged that you need Jesus to heal you? Call for the elders. It is your responsibility to call for the elders. Elders, it is your responsibility to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. Elders must always be ready to pray.
- Verse 15 “The prayer of faith shall save the sick.” An elder’s job is to pray in faith. The Lord shall raise him up, and if (it doesn’t mean he did commit sins) but if he did, they shall be forgiven him.
- Verse 16 “Confess your faults one to another.” Find someone to pray and confess your faults to, so you can help each other to overcome, and so that you may be healed. The effectual (capable of producing an intended effect) fervent (passionate) prayer of a righteous man (in right standing with God) availeth much.


God’s Word is Medicine - Proverbs 4:20-24

- ➔ Verse 20 = My son, understand who you are in Christ; you are not just a regular person.
- ♦ Attend to = Listen to, give heed to. To what? God’s Word
 - ♦ Incline = To bend in a particular direction
 - ♦ Incline thine ear = To what God is saying
- ➔ Verse 21 = Keep God’s Word before your eyes. Keep studying, meditating, reading, hearing God’s Word on healing at all times. Let God’s Word fill you.
- ➔ Verse 22 = For they are life (God’s words) to those that find them. So, if you don’t find them, it will not go well for you. Health to all their flesh - all means the entire amount.





LESSON 21

DEAL WITH THE CAUSE... NOT JUST THE SYMPTOMS




Let's Begin!

-  Read Mark 4:35-39; 11:13-14, 20-23
-  Read 2 Corinthians 2:11

Be Transformed - Romans 12:2

-  The devil has caused many to be conformed instead of transformed.
-  They deal with things the way the world does. They deal with symptoms instead of causes.
-  Symptoms are the evidence of the existence of something.
-  When we deal with symptoms instead of causes, we deal with problems with the door to the devil wide open.

Find the Root - Galatians 5:17-24

-  Because we don't deal with the root of being overweight - overeating, lack of exercise or diet - we lack self-control or temperance. It is a lack of the fruit of the spirit, so the flesh rules and brings open doors to the devil.
 - ◆ Lack of temperance = bondages of Satan
 - ◆ The lack of temperance brings debt to the world - overspending, credit card debt, separation from financial involvement in the Kingdom. Your "wanter" or "got to have it" is not ruled by your spirit, but by your flesh.
-  We take medicines that produce other symptoms, and we get on an unending cycle.
 - ◆ Medicines and doctors aren't bad, but there are causes that they can't deal with.
-  Symptoms of boredom, anger, or depression from the world
 - ◆ The biblical way to deal with it is activity or work for God.
 - ◆ Change your thinking. It brings peace, joy, and a song to the redeemed.
 - ◆ Anger - trying to stop the symptoms when the cause is fruitlessness.

Dealing with Symptoms Instead of Causes Destroys Faith

- ✂ Instead of dealing with fear and its side effects, look at the cause.
- ✂ Faithlessness & lovelessness need to be dealt with.

Do you have an area that needs work?

Symptoms of Offense

- Separation, ill thought, turning against, murmuring = symptoms of offense.
- The cause of offense is lovelessness. (Matthew 24:9)
- We deal with the symptoms with medication, yet we don't close the door to the cause. (1 Peter 5:8; Proverbs 3:5-8)
- Spiritual weapons - truth = revelation, spoken word, declaration, praise.

How to Deal with Causes Instead of Symptoms

- ➔ Get spiritually minded (Romans 8:5; 12:2)
- ➔ Join with the Word
- ➔ Realize that it's Satan, and use the weapons of your warfare. (Ephesians 6:12-18)

Key Verse

Life Change

LESSON 22

THE POWER OF THANKSGIVING

Read Colossians 2:6-7

- “Abounding” means abounding or overflowing in faith; having a life filled with faith; our lives filled with faith in every situation, every circumstance, all that comes our way, all we put our hands to; having our lives controlled by, molded by, supplied, and changed by faith through the expression of thanksgiving.
- “Thanksgiving” means to reverence; to humble oneself under; to put above; to worship; to praise; confession; to wait on; to yield oneself to; to throw or cast upon or away; to draw strength. Thanksgiving is instrumental for the fullness of a faith life.
- “Rooted and built up” means increased overflow in roots; building and solidness; serenity; unmovable by thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving – Not Just a Holiday!

- ↪ Read Psalm 149:6-9; Psalm 8:2; Matthew 21:15-17 - The foolish things confound the wise.
- ↪ We are thankful because of our experience. (2 Chronicles 20; 2 Corinthians 9:10-12; Exodus 14:31-15:1; Psalm 8:4)
- ↪ We are thankful because of a revelation of God’s love for us, our position with Him, and His position for us, or what He stands ready to do.

Read Luke 17:12-19

- Vs. 16 - Thanksgiving is worship.
- Thanksgiving allows the fullness of God’s power to work in us. (Phil.2:13-16)

Remember to be Thankful

- ⌘ Sometimes when we are going through life, through our day, we can forget to be thankful. And when we do our tongues, our talk, conversation, and attitudes can cause us to get separated from the fruit of the spirit as well as the walk of the Spirit. (Ephesians 4:29-31; 5:3-4)
- ⌘ When we leave thanksgiving out of our talk, thoughts, and attitudes, we are not able to stay filled with the Spirit, the Holy Ghost. It shuts Him out and we get filled with other things.
- ⌘ When we are tempted, we must do what we are instructed by God to do - pray and then begin to offer up thanksgiving. (Ephesians 5:17-20; Romans 4:20)
- ⌘ Thanksgiving keeps us from certain things that seek to defile us or open doors to us. (1 Corinthians 14:10; 2 Timothy 2:16; Ephesians 5:4)
- ⌘ As we abide in the peace that it brings, thanksgiving destroys fear, stabilizes the urge to be double-minded, encourages us, keeps our focus on God and not our need. It keeps our minds from receiving thoughts of failure, keeps our emotions from ruling us and pushing us to give in to feelings of, “I am forsaken” or “I am alone”.

Thanksgiving is a Weapon

- Thanksgiving is a weapon against Satan & demons. (Ps 149:6-9; Ps 8:2; Matt 21:16)
- Thanksgiving is a weapon against unbelief, fear, and doubt. (Acts 16:25; John 11:41)
- Thanksgiving is a weapon to defend us until victory is manifested. (2 Corinthians 2:14)
- When we do things for Jesus, we do them in His power, His anointing & His authority. But then we also are persecuted & rejected, face needs, devils & man. To win & complete what we started, to stay faithful until it ends, we are to be thankful. (Colossians 3:17)

The Fruit of Thanksgiving

- When we give thanks or are thankful, we speak to ourselves in psalms & hymns. We don't waver. (Ephesians 5:18-20)
- Fellowship and fullness (Psalm 143:5-6; Psalm 107:8-9, 15-22; Psalm 95:6-7)
- When we have a thanksgiving way about us; we are supplied by the Holy Ghost with spiritual songs and inspired melodies, which bring God's accompanying presence. (Psalm 22:3)
- Thanksgiving is how our lips overflow out of our heart, and it is a choice. (Hebrews 13:15)
- Thanksgiving is a part of our position as priests. (Psalm 69:30-32; 1 Peter 2:5)

The Ten Lepers - Luke 17:12-19

- ☑ Life is not always easy, nor does it always seem fair.
- ☑ These men had leprosy. It made their lives hard. Satan attacked them. Some of them were probably good kids, good spouses and parents, but life fell apart. Only one man was made completely whole. Thanksgiving was the key.
- ☑ Find a promise about a broken part of your life, accept it as yours, and start thanking God. You'll be made whole also.
- ☑ The counsel and wisdom of the Almighty to the church, His children, is rewarded. It doesn't make sense to the world or the unlearned, but to us who believe it does. Thanksgiving allows God's power to work in us, to mold us. (1 Thessalonians 5:18)
- ☑ It allows His power to work for us, and then it gives testimony through us. (Philippians 4:4; Philippians 2:13-16)

Which are you – a thankful “one” or an unthankful “nine”?

What Thanksgiving Does

- 📖 Thanksgiving allows God to fully work out His purpose in our lives. It allows the fullness of the purpose to be fulfilled. (Acts 10:38)
- 📖 Thanksgiving allows God's will to be fully manifested in us.
- 📖 Satan and people will try to destroy your faith & vision, but if you will stay thankful, God will stay faithful. (1 Thessalonians 5:24; Romans 4:17-20; Philippians 1:6)
- 📖 It seems so little, but thankfulness is simply faith in action. It is steadfastness in unstable times. (James 1:2-8)
- 📖 Thanksgiving releases the increase in the land and receives the blessing from God. (Psalm 67:5-7; Matthew 15:32-39)
- 📖 Thanksgiving produces an abiding place of peace as we stand in faith. (Phil. 4:6-7; Colossians 3:15)

Thanksgiving Is...

- ↪ A declaration of things that are not as though they were. (Philippians 4:4-8)
- ↪ Believing, yet not seeing; a declaration of faith. (Psalm 92:1-4; 1 Peter 1:6-9; 1 Peter 4:12-13; James 1:2; 1 Chronicles 16:4-12; Psalm 5:8-12; John 11:41)
- ↪ Born out of a revelation of what God's will is for us. We get that revelation from the promises in the Word of God.
- ↪ The habitation of God. (Psalm 22:3)
- ↪ A sanctifier that will clean and protect your family and home from fear, discouragement, unbelief, and all their effects by having a personal life of praise, thanksgiving, and worship. If you can do it personally, you can do it for your house.

Developing a Thankful Lifestyle

- ✂ Luke 17:11-19; Ephesians 5:4; 1 Thessalonians 5:18; Acts 16:25
- ✂ Start your day with a grateful attitude.
- ✂ Incorporate praise and thanksgiving into your daily activity.
- ✂ When you are tempted to complain or fear, get double-minded, receive thoughts of failure, or give in to feelings of loneliness or being forsaken - stop and make the effort to offer thanksgiving to God instead. (Philippians 2:14-15; Psalm 67:5-7)
- ✂ Learn to say thank you to people.
- ✂ Teach your children to be grateful and appreciative to people. (Hebrews 13:15)
- ✂ Incorporate thanksgiving into your personal prayer time. (Philippians 4:6; 2 Corinthians 2:14; John 11:41; Matthew 14:15-21)
- ✂ Be content where you are. God will respond. (Exodus 14-16)

Describe incorporating the above:

LESSON 23

LIVING BY THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving

- To reverence; to humble oneself under; to put above; to worship; to praise; confession; to wait on; to draw strength; to yield oneself; to throw or cast upon or away.
- Read Colossians 2:6-7
 - ◆ Abounding means overflowing in faith; having a life filled with, provided for, molded by, and filled with God's Spirit, power, and will; changed by faith
- Read Luke 17:12-19
 - ◆ Made whole means the fullness of God's purpose & power was released through thanksgiving.
- Read 1 Thessalonians 5:18
 - ◆ Continue to give thanks under all circumstances, even changing ones.
 - ◆ This is the counsel and wisdom of God to the church & individuals.
- Thanksgiving allows God's power not only to touch us, but to complete us. (Phil 2:13-18)
- Thanksgiving allows God to fully work out His purpose in our lives even though Satan, man, lack of ability, lack of strength or provision seek to hinder us.

Read 2 Chronicles 20:17-22

- Vs. 17 - God told them they would not need to fight, but to stand still.
- They believed, then God did.
- Thanksgiving is an act of believing leading to prosperity in every area.
- Thanksgiving stabilizes us in stormy times, and as we are thankful, God is faithful. (1 Thessalonians 5:24; Philippians 1:6)

Read Psalm 92:1-4

- ➔ Good thing = wise thing, the best thing, the most prosperous way to respond is praise.
- ➔ As we praise, we give thanks. We declare & show forth His love and kindness to us, that He has pre-thought about us, and made a way of escape before we ever got here.
- ➔ Thanksgiving declares to us (because we hear ourselves), to others, and to the devil, that God is faithful and unchangeable; He is firm to us, and His Word, His provision, and what He said He will make good.

Read Philippians 4:11-13

- Thanksgiving causes us to be content when everything says we shouldn't be.
- It means to raise up a barrier, to avail against, to weight an anchor in uncertainties.

What does thanksgiving do for you?

Thanksgiving Sanctifies and Provides Deliverance

- Thanksgiving will ward off and sanctify you from fear, discouragement, and unbelief. (2 Chronicles 20:17-18; Romans 4:20)
- You can sanctify, clean, and protect your home from these things and their effects through a life of praise, celebration, and thanksgiving.
- Thanksgiving is like speaking things that are not as though they are.

Harden Not Your Heart - Hebrews 3:6-15

- ⌘ Unbelief, departing, hardness of heart (Romans 4:20)
- ⌘ How do we hold fast? By thanksgiving - declaring something about God's longsuffering & faithfulness to us and to others. It's a language of faith.
- ⌘ How do we not harden, which expresses itself in murmuring, complaining, and speaking against? By thanksgiving. You may not know it all, see it all, or have it all, but stand still and see the salvation of the Lord.
- ⌘ Believe His promises, so shall ye prosper. (2 Chronicles 20:17-22)
- ⌘ Thanksgiving gives the Holy Spirit control of the tongue. (James 3:1-12)

Benefits of Thanksgiving

- Tribulations come from the enemy. They have his nature & purpose - to kill, steal & destroy. The way to have spiritual forces released in order to be perfect and entire, wanting nothing, or to be fulfilled in all is through rejoicing, celebrating, and thanksgiving. (James 1:2-4; 1 Peter 4:12-13)
- Thanksgiving keeps the mind from becoming double or divided. It encourages us, and keeps our focus on God, not on the problem
- Thanksgiving protects our minds from receiving thoughts of failure.

Read Acts 16:25

- ↻ Satan had a plan, but Paul & Silas were men of faith.
- ↻ They knew how to humble themselves to allow grace to flow.
- ↻ They knew how to cast it over on Him who cared for them.
- ↻ They knew how to yield themselves to the Holy Ghost, the Spirit of faith.
- ↻ They knew something about spiritual warfare.
- ↻ They knew when they had done all to stand, to stand therefore & lift up the shield of faith to protect their minds through thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving in Action

- ☑ Psalm 149:4-9
- ☑ Psalm 8:2 - Strength = might, spiritual in nature, not natural. Ordained = appointed.
- ☑ God gets busy when we don't cave in, but dig in and praise

How has thanksgiving been a benefit to you?

Created to Praise

- ➔ All creation praises. (Psalm 148:1-14)
- ➔ Our lives & mouths were created to praise the Lord. (James 3:9)
- ➔ Psalm 108:1-6; Psalm 57:7-11

The Fight of Faith

- 1 Timothy 6:12; 1 Peter 1:6-9
- From the time you face your need with faith until you see the answer, there will be a fight.
- The way to keep the issues of life is to keep your mind in agreement with the Word through thanksgiving. - Jehovah Shalom – (Phil. 4:4-8; Rom 4:20; Ps 57:7-11)

Ministering to the Lord - Acts 13:2

- Ministering to the Lord is spending time waiting, worshiping, praising, making confessions, giving thanks. (1 Chronicles 16:9-13)
- It becomes the foundation of God visiting us with vision, direction, refreshing, filling.
- Psalm 113:3; Psalm 22:3; Isaiah 61:3 (exchange); Isaiah 40:28-30

When Do We Praise God?

- 📖 Psalm 35:27; Psalm 34:1
- 📖 1 Thessalonians 5:18; Psalm 113:3; Psalm 146:1-3

When do you praise Him?

Where Do We Praise Him?

- ⌘ In the congregation (Psalm 22:22-25)
- ⌘ In our homes (Psalm 149:5 AMP)
- ⌘ In our daily approach & fellowship (Psalm 100:2-4)
- ⌘ In other people's homes. Some say unbelievers will be turned off, but here it says they had favor and people were added to the church. (Acts 2:46-47)

Where do you praise Him?

Why Do We Praise Him?

- ↻ The first song recorded in scripture was one of praise & thanksgiving after the enemies were destroyed. Our enemies are destroyed too. (Exodus 15:2; 2 Corinthians 2:14)
- ↻ We bless Him for what He has given us by faith in Jesus, not by outward evidence. (Deuteronomy 8:10; 1 Peter 2:9)
- ↻ We praise Him for His mighty deeds and salvation. (Psalm 150:2)
- ↻ We praise Him for daily provision. (Psalm 68:19)
- ↻ We praise Him for redemption. (Psalm 57:9-10)

How Do We Praise Him?

- ⌘ The foundation of thanksgiving, praise & worship is Spirit and truth. (John 4:23)
- ⌘ When we think about thanksgiving, praise & worship, it includes the whole of man.
 - ◆ Spirit = revelation & faith
 - ◆ Soul = will, emotions & feelings
 - ◆ Body = expression & sound
- ⌘ 1 Chronicles 16:9 - Mouth = sing = with knowledge, understanding & Spirit.
- ⌘ Expressions of praise
 - ◆ Sing Psalm 95:1; Psalm 81:1
 - ◆ Clap hands & shout Psalm 47:1
 - ◆ Lift up hands Psalm 134:2
 - ◆ Stand Psalm 134:1
 - ◆ Bow down & kneel Psalm 95:6
 - ◆ Dance Psalm 149:3; Acts 3:6-8
 - ◆ Instruments Psalm 150:1-6

LESSON 24

ANGELS ON OUR SIDE

Teaching on Angels

Reasons That Angels are not Taught on More

- Ignorance about the scriptures concerning them
- Unbelief in the supernatural realm where angels exist
- Fear or superstition concerning angels
- Fear of the nature of man to worship, seek manifestation of, and pray to angels

How to Address These Things

- All these can be dealt with when we rightly divide the Word concerning angels.
- We must not rely on or trust in opinions or experiences of people.
- The only sure, reliable, infallible place of revelation concerning angels is the Word of God.
- Every vision, encounter, and angelic experience must be judged by and tested by the Word itself. (Heb 4:12-13; Ps 119:105; Isaiah 8:19-20; John 3:19-21)

Two Categories of Angels

- ↻ Good or elect; God's angels (Heb. 12:22; 1:14; Luke 2:13; Rev. 5:14; 1 Tim 5:21)
- ↻ Evil or fallen; devil's angels (Rev 12:1-4, 9; Jude 1:6-9; Matt 8:28-34)
 - ◆ These angels rebelled with Satan against God. They are still rebelling against God and His people.

The Angel of the Lord

- 📖 Jesus Christ in the Old Testament, or appearance of God
 - ◆ Genesis 16:7-10
 - ◆ Genesis 21:17
- 📖 The pre-incarnate Jesus
 - ◆ Represented & possessing a body form
 - ◆ Genesis 22:11-18; 48:16; Exodus 3:2-6

Angels are Used as Harvesters & Gatherers of the Elect

- ↻ They accompany Jesus in His return to the earth to judge nations and people. (Matthew 13:24-30; 13:39-43; 16:25-28; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9)
- ↻ They bind Satan for years in the bottomless pit. (Revelation 20:1-4)

There are Different Classes of Angels - Colossians 1:16; 2:10

- ✂ Archangel (Daniel 10:13 & 21; 1 Thessalonians 4:16; Jude 1:9)
- ✂ Michael (Revelation 12:7-9)
- ✂ Gabriel (Luke 1:19-26)
- ✂ Lucifer (Ephesians 2:1-2; Daniel 10:13 & 21; Isaiah 14:12-14)
- ✂ Seraphim (Isaiah 6:1-7; Exodus 3)
- ✂ Cherubim (Numbers 7:89; Genesis 3:24; Exodus 25:17-22; Hebrews 9:1-5)

God's Angels are Holy

1. Mark 8:38
2. 2 Corinthians 6:14 ; 7:1
3. Hebrews 12:10
4. Revelation 14:10

Angels Ascend & Descend from Heaven & Earth

- ⇒ John 1:51; 5:1-4; Genesis 28:12-17; Daniel 10
- ⇒ Angels are involved in the healing of the saints. (John 5:1-9)
- ⇒ They give direction to believers & preachers.
- ⇒ The angels & the Holy Ghost work together. (Acts 8:26-29)
- ⇒ They bring answers to prayer. (Daniel 10:10-14; 9:21-23; Acts 10:1-3)
- ⇒ They give revelation. (Daniel 8:19; 9:21-23)
- ⇒ They impart God's will which is filled with faith. (Acts 5:17-21; 27:21-23)
- ⇒ They impart the gifts of the Spirit. (Acts 10:1-6; 1 Corinthians 12:7-11)

Angels = Messengers & Servants

- ↻ Dispatched ones, invisible agents of God
- ↻ They are to worship Him, serve Him, and assist those who do the same.
- ↻ Hebrews 1:13-14; Revelation 4:10-11; Colossians 1:16
- ↻ They are organized or arranged by Him. (Colossians 1:16-17)
 - ♦ This organization of angels is copied by Satan. (Eph 6:12) These fallen, evil, unclean, rebellious angels are subject to Jesus and the church. (Mark 16:17; Mark 9:14-27)
 - ♦ Fallen angels hinder the work of God between Heaven & earth. (Romans 8:38; Matthew 16:21-23)
- ↻ Angels are assigned things to do. (Daniel 10:10; 12:1)
- ↻ Only faith in motion allows heavenly hosts to prevail - unbelief & fear can stop them. (Luke 1:5-20)
- ↻ An invisible agent or attendant, a helping servant from God to the believer. (Hebrews 1:13-14; John 1:51; Psalm 91:11-12 ; 34:7; 2 Kings 6:15-17)
- ↻ Angels are not only active in our present day service to God, but in the believer's death. (Acts 1:10; Luke 16:19-22; 2 Kings 2:10-11)

- ✠ Angels aren't active in a sinner's life, except through the covenant and faith of another believer. (Acts 16:31)
- ✠ Angels strengthened Jesus, and they do us. (Mk 1:13; Luke 22:43; Matt 4:11; Luke 4:10)
- ✠ They not only bring strength but messages from God to us. (Acts 8:25-27; 10:1-4; 5:17-19; Daniel 9:20-22; Luke 1:19; 26-35)
- ✠ They can use dreams & visions to appear & speak. (Matthew 1:18-35; Acts 10:1-3)
- ✠ They announced the birth of Jesus, but also worshiped God. (Luke 2:10-14)
- ✠ They rejoice over the sinner who repents. (Luke 15:10)
- ✠ Angels are involved in the deliverances of the believer. (Acts 12; Genesis 19)
- ✠ Angels shut the lions' mouths. (Daniel 6:22)
- ✠ Angels bring provision. (1 Kings 19:5-7; 2 Samuel 24:10-17)
- ✠ Angels bring blessing and execute judgment on God's behalf. (Acts 12:20-23)
- ✠ Angels will be with Jesus when He comes to the church, when He comes the second time, known as the reapers. (1 Thess 4:13-18; Matt 13:24-41; 13:47-50; 16:27; 25:31-34; 2 Thess. 1:7-9)
- ✠ Angels protect. (See Jesus' temptation and Psalm 91)

Angel ~ An Agent, Messenger, a Dispatched One

- These words are used by God of men and angels. (Revelation 2:1 - 3:22)
- Some do not believe in angels. (Acts 23:6-9; Matthew 22:23; 29-33)
- Great men of faith in both the Old & New Testament believed in angels. (Acts 27:23 - Paul; Acts 12:11 - Peter)
- The eternal Godhead rules over both parties of angels. (Matthew 28:19-20 - God the Father, Son & Holy Spirit; Colossians 1:16; 2:10; Ephesians 1:21)
- There is government & order. (Ephesians 6:12)
- Man is not to worship angels of any kind; therefore, we are not to seek their manifestation to us. We are to seek Jesus. (Colossians 2:18-19)
- We see angels through the gift of discerning of spirits. (Acts 12:6-15; Heb 13:2; I Cor 12:4-11) They can only be seen as God decides for us to see them.
- Angels are always with us. (Psalms 34:7; 91:11; 2 Kings 6:14-17; 2 Kings 1:3)

LESSON 25

ANGELS ON ASSIGNMENT

Angels Defined

Both in Greek & Hebrew = messenger, dispatched one, an agent

- 📖 Revelation 2:1
- 📖 2 Corinthians 11:12-15

Types of Angels

- ➔ Elect, righteous, holy or dedicated to worshiping God and attending to His people.
 - ♦ Matthew 25:31; Colossians 1:16
 - ♦ They make up 2/3 of the angels
- ➔ The fallen, unholy, evil angels, also known as the doomed. These are those who worship & serve Satan, and trouble, affect, hinder, and engage in battle against God's people.
 - ♦ Revelation 12:1-4; Ephesians 6:10-12
 - ♦ They are the 1/3 of angels that fell by following Satan.

Dealing with Angels

- ✓ Man is never to worship or serve angels of any kind.
- ✓ We are not to seek their manifestation to us or direction from them. (Colossians 2:18-19)

Angels are invisible to the human senses yet are active around us.

- ➔ Psalm 91:11-12; 34:7
- ➔ Matthew 4:6 (Satan knew their involvement, protection & victory.)
- ➔ We see angels at God's discretion through the gifts of the Spirit. (1 Corinthians 12:4-11)
- ➔ They also can appear in the flesh at God's discretion. (Hebrews 13:2; Genesis 19:1-8)

Angels are created beings.

- 📖 It's not said when they were created
- 📖 Psalms 148:2-5; 33:6; Colossians 1:16; Revelation 4:11

Angels are eternal spirit beings and are not subject to natural limitations.

- ✂ Psalm 104:4; Revelation 20
- ✂ 1 Corinthians 6:1-4; Luke 20:34-36; Acts 12:5-15

Angels are innumerable by man's intelligence & understanding, but not by God's.

⇒ Psalm 147:4-5; Psalm 148:3

⇒ Genesis 15:5; 22:17

Characteristics

- ➔ They don't occupy space as we know it.
- ➔ They are called a company of beings. (Hebrews 12:22)
- ➔ They are not a race or ethnic group.
- ➔ They are not involved in marriage.
- ➔ Angels are freewill beings or creations. (Isaiah 14:12-14; Jude 1:6-9; 2 Peter 2:4)
- ➔ They are sexless, though they are spoken of in the masculine gender.
- ➔ They are not spirit, soul & body like man. They are spirit only. (1 Thessalonians 5:23)
- ➔ They are individual because some chose to sin, and others didn't.
- ➔ They are personalities having characteristics of intelligence & wills. (Matthew 18:10; Acts 12:11; Psalm 103:20-22)
- ➔ Angels are invisible created beings who are an active part of the work of the Kingdom of God. They help the saints carry out and fulfill God's will. (Hebrews 1:14)
- ➔ The Word of God is the only true source and guide to angels and their activity. Any revelation or activity concerning angels must line up with the Word and its guidelines. (Galatians 1:6-9)

In the last days, there certainly will be increased angelic activity, but there will be increased activity from evil angels as well.

📖 Ephesians 6:12

📖 2 Corinthians 11:13-15

📖 Hebrews 13:2

Angels can make physical appearances as people; enter into false worship, intruding into spiritual areas where man is forbidden to go.

- ✓ Colossians 2:18-19; Deuteronomy 18:9-17; 1 Samuel 28; 1 Timothy 4:1-2
- ✓ As cults increase, which are born out of deception & doctrines of devils, as the occult and Satan worship increase, and as men become more sinful, evil, and disobedient, there will be increased angelic activity as the saints increase in obedience to God, seeking God. (Genesis 3; Luke 22:39-45)
- ✓ As the saints increase in destroying Satan's strongholds over mankind, we will see the will of God in its fullness. (Daniel 10:10-14; 19-21)

Angels have different names in Scripture that bring out different aspects of their ministry and nature.

- Watchers Daniel 4:13-15; 23; Genesis 18:18-22; 1 Corinthians 4:9
- Sons of God Job 1:6; 2:1; 38:7
- Sons of the Mighty Psalm 89:6
- Morning stars Job 38:7; Isaiah 14:12-14; Revelation 1:19-20
- Host of Heaven Psalm 33:6
- Ministering spirits Hebrews 1:13-14
- Dominions & powers Colossians 1:16; Eph 6:12
- Princes Daniel 10:13-21; 12:1; John 12:31; Ephesians 2:2
- Flaming fire Psalm 104:4 - used both of believers & angels; Exodus 3:2
- Reflections of God, representatives of His power & glory.

They are created by the Word of God, the breath of His mouth. They are not begotten by the Word of God as Christians are.

- ✂ Psalm 33:6
- ✂ 1 Peter 1:23

Led by Angels

- ↯ Their work is sometimes seen, but many times not. (Gen 16:7-11; 24:2-7; Luke 2:8-15)
- ↯ They are of the spirit realm. (John 3:8)
- ↯ They can only be seen at the Spirit's willingness. (1 Corinthians 12:4-11)
- ↯ Only through the discerning of spirits can an angel be seen or heard. (Hebrews 13:2; Acts 12:6-15)
- ↯ They appear in dreams & visions to deliver words of wisdom, gifts of faith, working of miracles. (Acts 10; Genesis 31:11; Matthew 1:18-20)

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