

Deliverance

In 1975, an Elder in our church approached Carrie and me to ask if we would be willing to pray about joining him and his wife in their deliverance ministry. They explained that the demand for deliverance had become great and was significantly taxing their lives. After prayer, we did sense that this was God's will for us. They spent time teaching us, and we came alongside them for a number of deliverances. Then, the Lord began to bring people to us, and the Elder and his wife were able to send people to us. We have been evicting demons from people ever since then.

The world has greatly sensationalized the subject of demons and their ways. This has caused millions to greatly fear them. Very large numbers of people are currently being tormented by demons, and have no understanding that this torment can be ended by having the demons cast out. Demons are real. They have not "gone away", in our modern times. A study of the Gospels will reveal that casting out demons was about one fourth of the ministry of our Lord, Jesus, as he ministered to people. He instructed his disciples to cast out demons, as a normal part of their lives. It is very unfortunate that the church of Jesus Christ, in our modern times, has chosen to avoid this important ministry.

I have written a 15 page booklet entitled, "Preparation for Your Deliverance Appointment", which briefly covers most of the information that people seem to want. If you would like a copy, contact me at dkrobin7@gmail.com. I would also recommend that you read Don Basham's book, "Deliver Us From Evil". In my opinion, it is the best primer on the subject of demons and deliverance. It is very readable, as it is largely a narrative about how the Lord taught him about the reality of the devil and his demons, and then led him into a deliverance ministry. Copies are available through Amazon.com.

The articles, Demons 1 and Demons 2, will give you a pretty good understanding of what is involved in the demon realm, and how they can be cast out of a person. May the Lord give you strength, boldness and courage, as you read these articles.

Demons 1 - Dealing with Demons in People

The demons described in the New Testament do not die. They are allowed to continue to serve their father, the devil, until they are all cast into the lake of fire, at the end. Their objective, in their service of the devil, is to steal, kill and destroy (John 10:10). They hate those made in the image of God--all of mankind. There is not one shred of decency, mercy, or anything good, to be found in one of these evil spirits. They bring torment to humans in horrible ways (Mark 9:17-27) and subtle ways (John 13:21-

30; Matthew 27:3-5). An example is that a spirit of fear can cause a person to quietly live in fear every day of his life, being robbed of the joy and peace that could be his if the demon were cast out.

As the Holy Spirit has been moving powerfully in the 20th century, and unto this day, He has been teaching God's people how to deal with the demons that have afflicted His people. Just as Jesus called the demon in the boy who was a mute by its name, "you deaf and dumb spirit", we have learned that they have names that describe the primary way in which they afflict people. Examples are: the spirit of divination that was in the slave girl who was bringing her master much profit by fortune-telling (divination, Acts 16:16), a spirit of fear, a spirit of rebellion, or a spirit of anger. In these days when God is dealing with demons in such a powerful way, He is giving discernment to His workers to enable them to know the names of the demons they are about to cast out.

Demons are normally not as flamboyant as the one in the boy described in Mark 9. They have subtle ways. Demons actually want people to think that what is happening in them is really just them. This is a way to avoid being detected and cast out. A spirit of anger will cause a person to think that he just has a "bad temper". He will try to reason it through, by saying to himself, "My dad has a bad temper. I guess I got it from him". He believes there is nothing to be done, except for him to try to control it better with his will power than he has in the past. Of course, he will fail in this. Then, he begins to believe he just isn't as good a Christian as his wife (who has told him how bad his anger is). Eventually, he despairs of ever being a strong Christian, and may slip back into fellowship with his non-Christian buddies ("they're more like me, anyway"). One demon of anger can bring on just such a tragic outcome. Usually, men will have numerous demons that need to be cast out. Those who work in the ministry of deliverance (casting out demons) have identified in the neighborhood of 200 kinds of demons that torment people. Lists have been made that are quite helpful in doing the ministry.

In 1975, my wife and I were trained in deliverance by a Presbyterian elder and his wife, who had already been in this ministry for about 12 years. We have been actively involved in ministering deliverance ever since. We have encountered about 100 kinds of demons. When we first began, we had to deal with our own question, "how could a Christian have something as evil as a demon living inside him?" We came to the realization that even without a demon, all Christians have evil inside them.....their flesh, which is evil and causes them to sin regularly. Prior to being born again, our fallen nature (which is our flesh) caused us to be enemies of God (Romans 5:10). Even after being born again, we still have a remnant of that fallen nature, or flesh, which still causes us to sin. Thank God, we now have the Holy Spirit living inside us, Who is at work sanctifying us, and causing that remnant of flesh to diminish.

We understand that we are made up of body, soul and spirit. The soul has three parts: mind, will and emotions. Our personality is expressed by our soul. Our soul uses our body to express itself (our soul could not say, "I love you" without the body's mouth). Demons come into our souls (into our mind, our emotions, and sometimes our will, such as a demon of stubbornness). Sometimes, a demon comes into our bodies, such as a migraine demon....yes, a migraine demon. They do not come into our human spirits. That is where the Holy Spirit comes to live, when we are born again.

Most demons come inside people while they are vulnerable little children. Most children have inadequate spiritual covering, inadequate prayer covering, inadequate teaching, and they are quite open prey for demons. Demons come in primarily through occasions which involve rejection, trauma, fear, or being in the proximity of the sin of the adults around them. A typical occasion is when a three year old gets separated from his mother in a huge department store. He becomes desperate, and fearful, even hysterical. This is a typical entryway for a demon of fear. This spirit comes in to stay, unless it is cast out of the person at some later date. This particular kind of spirit will often begin the torment of the child right away, and continue for his whole life. Other spirits may lay low until a “prime time”, such as a spirit of adultery.

Spirits like adultery, death, suicide, and insanity come into children through a curse on the family line, as the result of the sins of his ancestors (Deut 28:15, see God’s word on blessings and curses, Deut 28:1-68). The child is simply a victim of his ancestors’ sinful behavior. The Lord has said that He will “visit the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate me” (Ex 20:5). The iniquity continues through the power of the curse, as demons empower sinful behavior in these people. In each generation, some will enter into the same sinful behavior, which will perpetuate the curse another generation. So, on and on it goes. Curses like this must be broken, in order to stop the cycle. This is done in a deliverance appointment. For greater understanding in this area, see a powerful little book by Derek Prince, entitled “Blessing or Curse”.

Demons are living beings which do not have bodies. They are real, and have the equivalent of a human mind, will and emotions. They are NOT just a word to describe someone’s emotional problems. They truly are servants of the devil, and there are millions of them around the world, probably billions of them. Just as the devil used to be a magnificent angel named Lucifer, who sinned and was cast down, millions of angels also rebelled, and were cast down (Revelation 12:9). Those involved in the ministry of deliverance generally believe, through observation, that most people have demons.

Most involved in the ministry will not attempt to cast a demon out of a non-Christian. The primary reason is because of the teaching of Jesus in Matthew 12:43-45. He speaks of a demon going out of a man, wandering in “waterless” places, and then returning to the man. He finds the house unoccupied (this is understood to mean that the Holy Spirit is not there), and so he brings seven other spirits with him and re-occupies the house, and the man is worse off than before. It would be a terrible thing to put a person in this vulnerable position, where he could end up with more demons than before we started. A non-Christian ordinarily would seek deliverance only to ease his torment, not because he wants to be free of this evil in order to serve the Lord better. Another reason to avoid ministering deliverance to a non-Christian is because ordinarily he will not be willing to repent of his sins of unforgiveness, resentment and bitterness, and other sins. Repentance is necessary for thorough deliverance. Some would say, “Well, why not cast the demon out, and then lead the person to Christ?” We have no way of being sure the person will receive Christ, even after the demon is gone.

Typically, an evil threesome is found in most people: the spirit of rejection, the spirit of self-rejection, and the spirit of the fear of rejection. These demons come into us as small children through the rejection kind of hurts that all children living in this world are subjected to. The spirit of rejection causes

us to feel and believe that we are flawed, substandard, and a reject. We may fill our minds with the truth of the Word, and know that we are truly children of the King, but in our hearts we are still made to feel these negative feelings by the rejection demons. We eventually come to believe these lies from the demon of rejection, down in our hearts, and we begin to agree with the spirit. Then, we are empowered by the spirit of self-rejection in our negative self-talk, "You stupid idiot, now look what you've done. You always do things like that". Then, we begin to fear that people will see what we are really like, so flawed, and fear that they will reject us. The spirit of the fear of rejection empowers these feelings. So, you can see that a primary way that demons torment us is through our emotions, or feelings. We try to fight that off with our rational thought patterns, but the feelings generally win the battle, because they are empowered and manipulated by demons.

There are many other kinds of demons that afflict us, each with its own array of evil tactics, which bring torment, which steal from us, kill us emotionally (and sometimes, actually cause us to die through demon-driven behavior), and destroy at least certain portions of our lives. The primary way they want to torment us is by preventing us from living out "The Great Commandment", as Jesus taught it. He was asked what is the first and great commandment (Mt 22:36-40). He explained that it is love. He said we are to love God, love our neighbor and ourselves. The demons want us to do none of these. They want us to live our entire lives without experiencing real love. Many of us actually have been taught that we are not to love ourselves; that it is somehow immoral.

In order to love, we must adopt a posture of some measure of openness and vulnerability in our relationship with the other person. There are millions of a kind of spirit called the spirit of the fear of vulnerability. There are plenty to go around. Most people have this one. It has two cousins that will usually come in with it: the fear of emotions, and the fear of intimacy. These seek to prevent any Christian marriage from becoming all it is designed by God to become. These three demons want to convince us that building a wall around ourselves for protection is just the smart thing to do. The demon of control is often there to help them to convince us that this is the only way we can control our own personal safety. In time, they can have us pretty thoroughly walled off from any meaningful source of love in our lives. This sounds like a terrible, evil plot for our torment and destruction. It is. This is why Jesus commissioned His disciples to cast these demons out of people (Mt 10:1,8; Lk 9:1; 10:17-20).

Demons 2 - Casting Demons out of People

People come to an awareness that they have demons in many ways. Some receive that revelation from the Lord. Some have their friends tell them. Some become aware of persistent troubling behavior patterns or emotions that they have always overlooked, and they now want to be relieved of them. They try exerting their will power, but find this doesn't work. They try prayer, and work hard to stay in the Spirit so they can get victory over them. When this hasn't worked, they become discouraged and may place blame in various places. Some seek advice from Christians that the Lord used in ministry.

When asked how one can know if the troubling behavior or emotions in his life are caused by a demon, I always say that if persistent prayer and hard work over a meaningful length of time fail to bring any real victory, we have to begin to suspect that one or more demons are there. The demons will prevent any complete victory, as long as they are there. If you suspect that the culprit is a demon, it is good to know that a pretty thorough deliverance can be achieved in just three hours. So, why struggle for months or years to see if you can gain victory on your own?

Deliverance is always best if done by a team of two people, with one the acknowledged leader. The two partners can alternate the leadership if they want, so that the other one is the leader next time. If the partners are both men, they must insist that a female that wants deliverance must bring her own female chaperone who has three qualities: she has some understanding of deliverance, she will be an intercessor, and she will not try to enter into the job of casting out the demons (however, she may share occasional bits of discernment about the demons).

The deliverance candidate must read some recommended material, such as Don Basham's book, "Deliver Us From Evil", in order to have a proper grasp of what deliverance really is about. The world around us has produced some pretty bizarre ideas on this subject. If you are interested, you may order the little 15 page booklet entitled, "Preparation for Your Deliverance Appointment" for just \$4.00. Just go to "Book For Sale"

Every deliverance appointment should begin with a special kind of "covering prayer". The prayer should go something like this: "Father, we're gathered to do Your work, on behalf of _____. We meet in Jesus' name, and ask that You manifest Your powerful presence here in our midst. Fill this room with Your presence, and the anointing of Your Holy Spirit. Come in Your might and glory, so that no demon can stand against Your glorious authority. We thank You for granting us Your delegated authority, so that we can serve You in casting these demons out of _____. We ask that You rise up in each of us by Your Holy Spirit, and bring the giftings that are needed for this work. Bring the gifts of discerning of spirits, words of knowledge and wisdom, and every kind of revelation that we will need in order to know what these demons are doing during this time together. Station angels inside and outside this room, to ward off any darts that the enemy may want to send in his attempt to hinder this work. And, we ask for the covering of the blood of Jesus. Cover each of us, and our families, and all that You have given us. Now, we thank You for the great victory You are going to bring. Grant me Your delegated authority even now, as I speak to these demons, in Your name. I ask this in Jesus' Name".

Now, we speak directly to the demons in the person, while looking at the person (who will usually have his eyes closed), as follows: "In the name of Jesus, I speak to all you demons in _____, with the delegated authority given me by Jesus Christ, the Lord of this universe. I tell you that you may not harm _____, and you may not manifest in any way to hinder this work of Jesus. You have been in _____ long enough, and you are coming out today. When you are commanded to leave, you will leave in a peaceable way, and you will leave this property, to stay. To defy our commands would be to defy the very name and authority of Jesus Christ Himself, and you will wish you had not done that. Prepare to come out, in Jesus' Name."

The deliverance appointment is generally divided into three parts: the interview (about an hour to an hour and 15 minutes), the "legal work" (about 15 minutes), and the eviction of the demons (about an hour and a half). During the interview, the person receiving the ministry tells about his life. We begin by asking about the condition of his parents' marriage during the time he was being carried in his mother's womb. Sometimes, the spirit of rejection will enter the child even in his mother's womb, if he is not wanted. If this is true, the spirits of self-rejection and fear of rejection will usually gain entrance by the time he enters grade school. Many families have a curse of rejection on them, because of the sins of their forefathers (ancestors). This has to be broken before the spirit of rejection can be expelled (cast out). During the interview process, when we identify a spirit, we write its name on our list of demons to be cast out. With the demon identified, we ask if the candidate knows if the problem that this spirit causes has been in the life of any of his ancestors. This helps in knowing whether there is a curse on the family line that needs to be broken. If we think so, we write the word "curse" next to the name of the demon, so that we will remember to break that curse when we do the "legal work".

We continue the interview, asking the candidate to relate to us any and all incidents from his childhood in which he experienced trauma, fear, rejection, pain, strong anger, etc, as the Lord leads. The Holy Spirit must be strongly guiding the deliverance team members during the interview process. The incidents related by the candidate may have provided an opening for a spirit to enter. We continue to ask about the events in his life, all the way to adulthood. We ask about whether there were incidents that may have let in sexual demons. If so, we write down their names on the list, such as, lust, fornication, etc. We also ask about whether there was any involvement in occult activities. This is a significant door for the entry of demons. Whenever we ask for help or information from a supernatural source other than God, we have stepped in to the devil's territory, and left ourselves open to attack.

During the legal work, we lead the person in a prayer to the Lord something like this, "Father, I confess that I am your child, and not a child of Satan. You have saved me and justified me. I am yours, and will always be yours. I thank you for giving your Son, Jesus, to suffer and die on the cross for me, to pay my penalty. Thank you for His shed blood, and for the forgiveness that it brought into my life. Now, I want to be sure that I have no remaining unforgiveness in my life. Please show me anyone that I need

to forgive, and I will forgive them". At this point, the person is instructed to listen to the Lord showing him the people he needs to forgive. He is to say, out loud, so that we can hear him and be his witnesses, the simple words, "Father, I forgive _____", for each person. We intercede for him, silently, while he is doing this. When he is finished, he is to signal us to that effect.

Then, we lead him in saying, "Thank you, Father, for enabling me to forgive these people. Now, I want to make sure I am forgiven of all my sins. Please show me any sins I need to confess to you". He can do this silently. We intercede for him, silently. He is to signal when he is finished.

Then, we lead him as follows, "Thank you, Father, for your forgiveness. I thank you for giving your Son, Jesus, to be my Lord and Savior. I also thank you for that portion of your Word, in Joel 2:32, that says, 'All who call upon the name of the Lord shall be delivered'. I call upon you Lord Jesus. Thank you for being my Lord and Savior. Now, I call upon you as my Deliverer. Please grant me your delegated authority to break curses, and please set me free from these demons, I pray in your mighty name, Lord Jesus".

Now, we break the curses by having the person say, "Father, I renounce all the sins of all my ancestors that led to these curses coming upon my family line: the curse of rejection, the curse of control, addiction, lust, etc. Now, with the anointing of your Holy Spirit upon me, in the power of your might, I break all these curse OFF my family line, off of me, off of my children. They are broken. They are finished. I am free. Hallelujah!!!"

At this point, we usually invite a recess for bathroom or water, etc.

Now, it is time to cast out the demons. When ministering to a female, we have a female chaperone present who is known and trusted by the candidate. She is to sit right next to our candidate, with her chair about 7 or 8 inches away, and turned facing the candidate's right side. We pray for the Lord to fill the chaperone with His Holy Spirit and with anointing for the work at hand. This is so she can be used by the Lord as she lays her hands on the candidate when it becomes necessary. The male deliverance team will lay hands on her head, shoulders and upper back as a part of the impartation of God's anointing for the purpose of driving out the demons. Sometimes, it is necessary to lay hands on the woman's abdomen, or upper chest, and this is for the female chaperone to do, with the candidate's permission.

The two deliverance team partners consult and review the list of demons. We ask the Lord if there are any more to put on the list. We ask Him to show us which of the demons on the list is likely to be “the doorkeepers”. This is the demon, or group of demons, that have the ability to affect this person’s emotions in such a way, and in such intensity, that he will just “shut down”, when we begin to command the demons to leave. If this happens, he becomes ambivalent about wanting deliverance, or changes his mind. No deliverance will occur under these conditions, because the demons know that they can stay as long as the person is double-minded, or unwilling. Typically, the demons that have this ability are: the spirit of control, fear of loss of control, fear of vulnerability, and fear of manipulation. Once the deliverance team believes they know which are the doorkeepers, they are the first ones to be cast out. Special legal work is usually necessary for these demons, such as, “Father, I confess that I believed the lies of the spirit of control, when I was a child, when he told me I needed him to help me stay in control, so I would be safe. I trusted in him rather than you. I am sorry I did that. That was sin, and I repent of that sin. I renounce that decision to trust in that demon. I renounce the work of the devil since that time, including all the torment I have felt when I couldn’t control things. Please forgive me for this. I receive your forgiveness, with thanksgiving in my heart. I forgive myself. Now, I promise that I will never trust in that demon again. I will trust in you. You are my God, my Almighty God, and you know how to take care of me in the very best way. I trust in your care. Now, please drive this spirit of control out of me, in Jesus’ Name.”

Then, we say to the person, now we will have you talk to the demon. We have the person say, “You spirit of control, I renounce you in Jesus’ Name. I remind you that the curse by which you came has been broken. It is finished, and you are finished. I hate you, and what you have done to me. I don’t trust in you. You are a liar. I have placed my trust in God. He is in control, and He takes care of me, from now on. Now, I command you to come out of me, in Jesus’ Name.” Sometimes the demon will try to prevent the person from saying these words, and he will stammer, or seem to be unable to speak. Here, we speak to the demon, “Spirit of control, I command you to stand down. You let go of his speaking apparatus. Your legal grounds for being here are destroyed. You WILL come out. LOOSE HIM!!” Then, we encourage the person to say the words that he was unable to say, one at a time, if necessary. Once they are said, the demon has lost his right to be there.

Then, we say to the person, “OK, we’ll take it from here. You just sit there and want him out. When he gets up into your throat, we’ll encourage you to cough him out. He will come out of your mouth.”

Then, we (the deliverance team) speak to the demon as follows, “you spirit of control, you have been renounced in Jesus’ name, you have been declared hated, in Jesus’ name, the curse has been broken, you have been commanded to come out, in Jesus’ name. You must go. Now, we cut you off from your father, Satan. You have no power from him, no instruction or help from him. We cut you

loose from inside _____. You will come out, in Jesus' name. COME OUT OF HIM, NOW, IN JESUS' NAME!!" We ask Jesus to come and bring more anointing, as we lay hands on the person's head, shoulders or back. If the demon tries to choke the person, we simply place our hand on his throat and command the demon to loose his throat. After a few minutes of commanding the demon to leave, repeatedly, he will go out with a cough, or a belch, or a scream (95% of the time, it is with a cough). He will come out with the expulsion of air, in some form.

Why doesn't the demon come out as simply as when Jesus did it? Because the demon knows that we are not perfect, like Jesus is, and that we are not God. He observes that we have flaws in us, and that we are not the Son of God. He wants to see if he can defy us and stay. He has encountered during the thousands of years of his existence some who would do deliverance that lack real faith that Jesus will deliver the person, or they may lack confidence in their ability to operate in the delegated authority of Jesus. Or, the demon may try to manifest in some way that will scare us, and get us to stop this deliverance. When we are steadfast in our insistence that he leave, and we let him know that we are not going to stop until he is gone, he will give up and go. Sometimes, we actually tell him that we are not going to stop until he goes.

The process described above for casting out a demon is then applied to each of the demons on the list. With great joy, we put a check mark beside the name of each one as he is cast out, so we can keep track of which ones are gone. There are times when the anointing of the Lord is strong, and we find that we can cast out several at a time (perhaps three, four or even five). This helps to get the work done more quickly.

Often, when in the process of casting a demon out, in addition to the steps mentioned above, we will have the candidate quote scripture and/or declare his heartfelt intention to trust God or obey Him. An example would be, in the case of a spirit of fear, "You spirit of fear, God has not given me a spirit of fear, but of power and love and a sound mind. I will not walk in fear any more. I trust that my God will protect me."

When we have cast out all the demons that have been revealed, we gather around the candidate, lay hands on him, and pray something like this, "Lord Jesus, we thank you for the great victory you have won for _____. We praise you and thank you. Now, we ask that you seal this wonderful work by your Holy Spirit. We ask that you fill _____ with your Holy Spirit. Fill all the places where the demons used to be. We don't want any empty spaces. We ask that you heal the sore places where those demons were attached to the inside of _____. We ask that you fill him with your love, joy and

peace. In Your wonderful name, Lord Jesus.” We may add other things, depending upon who it is, and what we know about his personal situation.

Then, we give him his list of demons, and ask him to keep it in his bible for a year. We let him know that a few of these demons may actually try to get back in. We explain that the Holy Spirit will not let them back in, unless he gets back into gross sin in that area where the demon had operated. We explain that if a demon tries to get back in, it will be like he is tapping on the windowpane, and the person will know it is a demon doing this. He is to ask the Lord what demon this is. Often, he will sense the Lord revealing the demon’s identity. If he doesn’t seem to be getting it, he can simply pull out his “demon list”, and review it, and he will be able to identify the demon. Then, he is to speak directly to the demon, “You spirit of fear, you are not coming back in. You are finished in my life. My Lord Jesus cast you out, and you are staying out. I will not fear. I trust my God to take care of me. I rebuke you, and command you to leave me, in Jesus’ Name.” We explain that the demon may try to do this a few more times, but when he gets the message that you are serious, he will give up and report back to his demonic captain, or to the devil for reassignment.

We also encourage him to spend time during his morning quiet time working his way through the list, a few demons at a time, asking the Lord to show him what life is going to be like without this demon and that demon. This usually proves to be a great encouragement.

Matthew 10:1,8; Luke 9:1; 10:17-20

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I. Preparation for Deliverance

A. Scripture

Approximately one third of Jesus' earthly ministry involved casting demons out of people (deliverance). Scriptural treatment of the subject is extensive, and it was considered by Jesus' disciples to be a normal part of ministry (Mt 10:1, 8; Lk 9:1; 10:17-20; Mt 12:28; Jn 14:12; I Jn 3:8).

When referring to someone who has a demon living inside them, some modern bible translations have followed the form of the King James Version in using the phrase "demon-possessed", or "possessed by a demon". This is unfortunate. In the original New Testament (which was written in Greek) there is no Greek word that would mean "possessed" used in connection with demons or evil spirits. In the original Greek text of the New Testament, two verbs and one preposition were used to describe a person afflicted by one or more demons:

"daimonizomai", which means "to be demonized", or "to be tormented by one or more demons" (Mt 15:22). "Daimon" is demon.

"ecko", which means "to have" a demon (Mt 11:18; Jn 7:20),

and "en", which is used to mean "with" a demon (Mk 1:23; 5:2).

In no case does the New Testament indicate that the demon owns or possesses the person. A helpful way to look at this is to view “ecko” as equivalent to a person “having” appendicitis, and “daimonizomai” as equivalent to a person with multiple tumors. Both are afflicted. Neither the appendicitis nor the tumors “own” the person, but both must be removed for his/her health and continued growth.

B. Examine the reason for wanting to receive the ministry of deliverance.

The desire to receive the ministry of deliverance can be influenced by a number of ideas which are not entirely in line with God’s plan for setting His people free. Ordinarily, people who are troubled, even tormented, by the demons that live inside them are looking for relief from this torment, anguish, fear, anxiety and many other disquieting conditions. Their thoughts can follow the line of “I’ll try anything, if it will make me feel better”, or “I’m not sure if my problem is demons, but if it is then I surely do want them to come out”, or “If I can just get some relief from these thoughts and feelings (sometimes, voices), then I can get my life back on track the way I want it, and I’ll be fine.” These people are not yet adequately prepared for the ministry of deliverance.

In addition to a strong and sincere desire to live a life fully yielded to God, the most important requirement for a successful deliverance appointment is for the candidate to come to the place where they believe that they have demons living inside of them, and they want them out.

Many Christians are reluctant to speak of a demon living inside a person, because they find the thought repugnant. When this idea is suggested, some have said, “Oh, I would hate to think so”. Some seem to prefer the idea of a person being “oppressed”, which would suggest that the demon is outside of the person, harassing that person in some way. However, as we read the New Testament, we find that demons needed to be “cast out” of people, not shooed away from them. Jesus said, “Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!” (Mk 5:8). This terminology is typical, in describing deliverance (Mt 9:33; 17:18; Mk 1:25; Lk 11:14; Acts 16:18).

Demons are living beings without physical bodies, which live inside people, on a mission to afflict and torment them, largely by manipulating their thoughts and emotions, sometimes subtly, sometimes severely. They want to create anxiety, fear, anger, a desire to do violence, self-rejection, and a whole

list of unhealthy and ungodly thoughts and feelings, which generally lead to behavior that is not wholesome or godly. They have plans to “steal, kill, and destroy”, like their master (John 10:10).

When a child has an experience which creates strong fear in him/her, this provides an opening for the demon of fear to enter (this is not to say that every child who has a fearful experience will have a demon of fear). If a demon does enter, it may begin to afflict the child with fear immediately, or it may remain dormant until later. Large numbers of adults have demons of fear (such as, fear of rejection, fear of failure, fear of vulnerability, even fear of emotions), and have found ways to rationalize and accept those fears as “part of life”. However, some will ask the Lord if their fear is caused by a demon, and after revelation from Him they will then be able to accept that one or more demons are there, which need to be cast out. Then, they are ready for the ministry of deliverance.

C. Can a Christian have a demon?

Some Christians struggle with the question of whether a Christian can have a demon, especially Pentecostal Christians, since their denominations have taken a doctrinal position which says this is not possible.

The Bible has plenty to say about casting out demons, but the accounts do not clearly indicate whether those from whom demons are cast are believers (see Luke 13:10-16). Therefore, we will try from our search of other parts of Scripture to draw some conclusions.

One part of the consideration is the tripartite makeup of humans: spirit, soul and body (1 Thessalonians 5:23; Heb 4:12). As stated before, the intention of demons is to manipulate and torment the person’s mind, will and emotions (the soul), as well as afflicting the body (as in Mark 9:25).

As explained earlier, demons are on the lookout for children who undergo some form of trauma, thus providing an opening for their entrance. This is usually found in the lives of children who live in dysfunctional families, and/or have little or no prayer covering. The Scripture records several instances where Jesus ministered to children who had been invaded by demons (Mt 17:14-18; Mk 7:25-30; 9:16-27; Lk 9:38-42). Once the demon is in the soul, or even in the body, it will stay there until cast out.

Ordinarily, the child who has not yet become a believer, and received the indwelling Holy Spirit, has no acquaintance with the ministry of deliverance. Once he has received Jesus as Lord and Savior, been born again (John 3:3) and received the Holy Spirit (Galatians 4:6; Romans 8:9), he is able to understand spiritual things (I Corinthians 2:12-14), and is more likely to sense that the Holy Spirit is showing him that the affliction and torment is from a demon that dwells in his soul. As the Holy Spirit begins to bring revelation to the new Christian about the house-cleaning he needs, then, he may begin to look for the ministry of deliverance, in the fellowship of believers.

Some have said that it seems impossible to them that the Holy Spirit would allow a demon to stay in the same “temple” that He occupies, since the demon is evil, or dark (II Corinthians 6:14). We understand that the “temple” (I Corinthians 3:16) includes the body, soul and spirit of the person, and that the Holy Spirit lives in the spirit of the person, while any demon that is present lives in the soul and/or the body of the person. This idea of the Holy Spirit not being willing to be in a person who also has a demon, brings up another point. Since this position assumes that the Holy Spirit is so intolerant of the presence of evil, one wonders how is He able to dwell in any believer, since all believers struggle with evil in them (see Romans 7:24-25), and have been given instruction for how to confess their evil sin (I John 1:9) when it occurs.

James, writing to Christians (see James 1:2), writes about how our tongues seem to have the ability to bless God and curse our fellow man (3:9), thus indicating that both good and evil can live in the same person (3:10), though this should not be the case. We are reprimanded for this. Here is another instance where we can see that the Holy Spirit is willing to live inside a vessel that also contains evil. Of course, He is not content with this condition, and he is at work convicting the Christian of the evil in his life, and showing him, to the extent he is willing to listen, what he must do to be set free.

Those who become Christians would do well to find for their fellowship a spiritual atmosphere where Christians are encouraged to examine themselves in order to see what “works of the devil” (I John 3:8) they have suffered. As they enlist the help of the Holy Spirit, and those in the fellowship who have spiritual maturity, then the way can be made for them to be set free from such things.

One additional observation is that it may be imprudent to cast a demon out of a non-Christian, even if the non-Christian were to seek this ministry. Jesus taught us, in Matthew 12:43-45, that when an evil spirit (demon) goes out of a man, it comes back to its former “home”, seeking to re-enter. If it finds that “home” unoccupied, it will move back in, taking seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and the last state of the man will be worse than before. The home is supposed to be occupied by the Holy Spirit, with Him ruling as King in that place. If the Holy Spirit is reigning as King in a man, then the man will be

submitted to God, he will resist the demon, and the demon will flee (James 4:7). This teaching regarding the return of the evil spirit was part of Jesus' explanation of the condemnation which will come to those who refused to repent and receive the goodness of God when it was offered (see Matthew 12:38-42). Some might think that we can cast the demon out of a non-Christian, and then just lead him to Christ, so that the Holy Spirit can come into him and protect him from the returning evil spirit. However, we can have no assurance that he will repent of being his own god, and surrender to Jesus as Savior and Lord of his life.

D. "Deliver Us from Evil", by Don Basham

Prior to the deliverance appointment, the candidate needs to read Don Basham's book. This is a very good introductory work on the demon realm, and will give the candidate an understanding of what is involved in deliverance. This book really should be a part of every serious Christian's library. It is available in many Christian bookstores (they will be glad to order it), or it can be purchased online at Amazon.com (it will be delivered within 5 days). Near the end of the book there is a reference to self deliverance, however I strongly discourage this. Demons have been known to bring harm to those who attempt this, and without a partner there to exercise proper authority over the demon, the person with the demon is vulnerable to harm.

E. Prayer

The candidate should pray before reading Don Basham's book, for the Lord to reveal what He wants the candidate to see, understand, and experience. He should pray for God to prepare him emotionally for the deliverance appointment, as well as spiritually. He should pray for revelation about which demons will need to be cast out, and he should pray for the deliverance team. He should ask for revelation about his ancestors' involvement in occult activities, or secret organizations like Freemasonry. These two issues are very important.

II. The Deliverance Appointment

A. Chaperone required for a female candidate

In the early years I would minister deliverance with my wife, Carrie. In recent years, I have been able to train men and women in the ministry of deliverance. When the candidate is a female, I will use a female deliverance partner. Scripture will not allow two men (or one man) to minister to a woman in an office without another woman present. We are to "avoid the appearance of evil" (1 Thessalonians 5:22). If I don't have a trained female deliverance partner, and a woman other than my wife is there to assist

me, she must have a good knowledge of deliverance, be willing to be an intercessor, and be willing to do only that ministry she is specifically invited to do.

B. The opening prayer

Upon arrival at the appointment, candidates often have some fears about possible embarrassment or dangers that may occur in a deliverance appointment. They may fear personal attack by demons during the appointment, or attacks upon their family. However, the deliverance team will begin by praying a covering prayer of protection for the candidate, the team and all their families. In addition, we pray for God's anointing, for the giftings of the Holy Spirit (especially the gift of discerning of spirits), for the delegated power and authority needed for deliverance, and for the supernatural leading of the Holy Spirit throughout the whole session. The deliverance team seeks to be led by the Holy Spirit in all parts of the appointment.

C. The Interview

The interview is the first of the three action phases of the deliverance appointment. During the interview, the deliverance team seeks to discover the identity of all the demons that are present in the candidate. We expect God's supernatural gift of discerning of spirits (I Corinthians 12:10) to enable the team to discern the identity of nearly every demon. A list is made of the names of the demons. They are "checked off" after they are cast out. Others may be discerned during the "casting out" phase of the appointment.

We ask the candidate to describe his life from the time he was in his mother's womb to the present, primarily focusing on events and conditions that may have caused trauma, fear, or any other

kind of wounding to the candidate's emotions. This may take two hours or more. We very much want to know what the emotional climate was like in the home when he was born, and in the first couple of years of his life. During the interview, we will ask questions for clarification, and also inquire into areas that the candidate might not have thought important enough to include. We want to discover where the candidate may have been victimized, causing an opening for the entrance of demons, or where he may have been involved in activities that violate God's will, which may have provided an opening. We will ask about involvement in occult activities. We also explain that it is likely that a number of curses may rest upon that individual, which have come down to him as the result of the sins of his ancestors. These will need to be broken during the "legal work" phase. For more information on the subject of curses, read Blessings and Curses by Derek Prince.

D. Legal Work

Legal work is the second phase of the deliverance appointment. Satan and his demons are legalists. They doggedly hold on to any ground for staying in the candidate that may have been given to them through curses, ungodly activities, ungodly vows, unforgiveness, or bitter root judgments made during his earlier life. Accepting lies or erroneous beliefs about who we are in God's Kingdom can also be a legal "hook". Demons know that these legal grounds give them the power to resist expulsion during the deliverance appointment. Therefore, we want to be careful to cover all the legal points.

We begin by leading the candidate in declarations concerning who he is in Christ, such as, "Father, I am Your child, and not a child of Satan. I have been redeemed by the precious blood of Your Son, Jesus, my Savior and Lord." Declarations like these put the demons on notice that they are dealing with disciples of Jesus who know who they are in Christ, know their authority in Christ to deal with demons, and that they (the demons) will not have an easy time of it when the actual deliverance begins. When the candidate is entirely surrendered to Jesus as Lord, has revealed all that we need to know, has repented of all known sins, and forgiven everyone, the demons must come out when commanded to do so.

Unforgiveness is a major legal ground for demons. If they know that we are holding unforgiveness against anyone, they have a right to hold on, and they will do just that, like a bulldog. As a part of the declarations that the candidate is led to make, he is asked to pray that God will reveal the identity of anyone against whom the candidate is holding unforgiveness. The candidate is then asked to declare, out loud, that he forgives these people, one by one, using each person's first name. Further, the candidate is prompted to ask God to reveal any sins in the candidate's life that need to be confessed to God, repented of, with seeking of forgiveness. This part can be done silently.

Because of the vast amount of sin in all of our long family heritages, there are curses on our family lines that have permitted the entrance of demons, and the resulting torment that they create in the life of candidates. The candidate is led in "legal" statements that break and nullify these curses, and destroy that part of the legal ground that the demon has used to remain in the candidate.

In addition, "legal" statements are made to renounce and nullify any ungodly inner vows that were made earlier in the candidate's life, that have left him in spiritual bondage. An example would be, "I will never allow my feelings to get hurt like this again". This declares into the heavenlies that this person has decided to become the lord and protector of his emotions. This action establishes the emotional mechanism that causes the person to function as though he is the god of his emotions, and he lives primarily through his mind, with feelings shut down, and this allows the entrance of the spirit of "fear of emotions". He does not like to feel emotions. Many people have this evil spirit living inside, and they explain their condition with, "I'm just not an emotional person". God's will is that each of His children put their emotions into the care of the Holy Spirit. He knows what is best for us. The spirit of the fear of emotions has the right to remain in the person as long as the inner vow is in effect.

Bitter root judgments also need to be confessed and removed. When a person judges someone with bitterness, such as, "I will never be an evil person like my mother", this is a bitter root judgment. It

is a tragic step to take. Judging is a right that only God has. He is the One who will judge (Acts 17:30,31). For usurping God's place as judge, this person will often reap a consequence that is frequently described by the person's own lips, "I can't believe that I have BECOME my mother." Multiple spiritual and emotional mechanisms are put in place with this bitter root judgment. This candidate needs to be led in a confession of this sin, repentance, renouncing the judgment, asking forgiveness of God for this sin, receiving God's forgiveness, and making a declaration to God that he will never judge his mother again. If he sees her in sin again, he will simply pray for her.

Other legal steps may be needed in order to release the candidate from demonic legal grounds that hold him in bondage. These are revealed by the Holy Spirit during the session.

E. Casting out the demons

The third, and final, phase of the active part of the deliverance appointment involves casting the demons out, in the name of Jesus, by the power of the Holy Spirit. The following information should help to prepare you for the process:

1. What are demons?

It is important to recognize that demons (evil or unclean spirits) are real spirit beings that have a mind, a will, and sometimes exhibit what we might call emotions, but have no physical body. They are not to be confused with our sins, thoughts, or bad habits. Our "western" worldview may make it difficult for some deliverance candidates to accept fully the reality of demons as real spirit beings. Jesus gave His disciples full authority to cast out demons (Matthew 10:1, 8; Mark 3:15; Luke 9:1), and we have that same authority in His Name (Luke 10:17-19; Acts 5:16; John 14:12; Matthew 28:19,20).

2. What you may feel during the process.

Candidates sometimes come to their appointment with fear that they will experience some of the sensational things that they have heard about or have seen in a movie. It is true that people who attempt deliverance without training, or without properly exercising our Lord's delegated authority over the demons can experience some unfortunate things, such as the seven sons of a Jewish priest named Sceva (Acts 19:13-16). However, since the Lord has given us authority, in His Name, over demons we exercise this authority, and dramatic manifestations of unclean spirits almost never occur in our deliverance appointments.

With this authority, we forbid such displays. As you have already seen in the section entitled "Legal Work", the demonic strongholds are broken by the power of the Holy Spirit, using God's truth. This process serves to pave the way for a powerful work of deliverance by removing hindrances to the deliverance. In God's established order, He has allowed demons access to a person as a result of sin, generational curses, trauma, ungodly inner vows, and bitter root judgments. He also allows a measure of torment: physical, mental, and emotional, from these unclean spirits. This causes us to want deliverance from them. Demons often "overplay their hand", thus allowing Christians to recognize their existence, and the need for deliverance. You may already recognize feelings that have strong influence in your life, and which are not really appropriate for your life. You may have heard voices.

3. Common tactics the enemy will use

Satan's demons seek to discourage us throughout their time of residence in us, but especially as a deliverance appointment approaches. They will seek to discourage the candidate from going to the appointment. One of the common tactics they offer is to make you believe that the tormenting feelings

they have been creating in you are just “you”, and that you had better reconcile yourself to their existence in your life, because they are just a part of your “God-given” personality makeup. For example, a spirit of fear wants you to remain in fear all of your life by causing you to believe that you are just a “very cautious”, or “very careful” person, rather than someone who simply needs deliverance from a spirit of fear. Likewise, a spirit of control or a spirit of perfectionism may tell you that you are a “Type A Personality” or “neat freak”, when actually it is an abominable demon seeking to bring harm to your life.

Another device the enemy will use, as your appointment time approaches, is to threaten you concerning what will happen during the appointment. Common lies and threats include: a) you will be humiliated, b) nothing will happen, c) the deliverance team will think and talk badly about you, d) the deliverance will be painful and/or violent, e) Christians can’t have demons, f) you will vomit, g) the demons will just come back after they are cast out (they might even quote Matthew 12:43-45). This will not happen to a willing Christian candidate, because after the deliverance, the Holy Spirit will be called upon to fill you up, so that there are no empty places left, h) you will lose your identity, personality or the protection that the demon has promised you, i) your family or property will be harmed, j) the deliverance team does not know what they are doing. All of these are tactics of the adversary. We trust in the Lord’s Word, “all who call upon the Name of the Lord shall be delivered” (Joel 2:32 NASB).

Lastly, demons do have access to our thoughts and emotions and seek to manipulate both whenever possible. It is vital to realize this as you prepare for deliverance, and to align your thoughts and feelings as much as possible with the Word of God (Philippians 4:8,9). It helps to read the Bible, or other Christian books, and to listen to worship music. It is common for a candidate to feel nervous or a bit nauseated on the day, or right before the day, of the deliverance appointment. The demons know what is about to happen, and are agitated because they will soon be facing warfare. Here is where you just trust the Lord to give you grace for this temporary warfare. It will soon be over.

4. The eviction of the demons

In Ephesians 2:2, Satan is called “the prince of the power of the air”. In the Greek, spirit is “pneuma” (pronounced “nooma”), and air is “pneuma”. A demon might be thought of as an “air creature”, except that it has no molecules, like air does. Air is the medium by which demons normally leave a person, during deliverance. Typically, they come out of a person’s mouth with the expulsion of air, in some form. Usually, coughing is seen, but sometimes the demon will come out through yawning, burping, screaming, moaning, or even the emission of air bubbles. Since the most common way they come out is through coughing, the deliverance team may encourage the candidate to give a couple of hearty coughs, at what seems like the right time in the process. This is done for two purposes: to show the demons that you are determined that they come out, and to simply get the air moving.

Typically, we cast out several demons at once, after the candidate has renounced the demons and done a few other spiritual warfare types of things. After they are gone, we check them off the list we have assembled (as you leave, you take the list and put in your bible for future reference). The team will lay hands on the candidate in order to impart the power and anointing of the Holy Spirit into the candidate. At the same time, they are exercising the delegated authority given by the Lord, as they command the demons to leave.

Typically, this part of the appointment will take an hour or more, as we evict the demons. Sometimes, an individual demon will put up a struggle, but we will ultimately get it out. This is where we wish we had Jesus, Himself, right there in the appointment, to exercise His pure and ultimately powerful and majestic authority. We are but His vessels, exercising delegated authority, which surely does prove to be enough when we exercise it diligently.

III. Deliverance is not a cure-all

Humans are plagued with many problems. If we lived in an Eden-like environment, where people were still without sin, our lives could be perfectly happy. However, Scripture tells us, in I John 5:19, that “the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.” The devil has been at work for a long time creating his own works that “steal, kill and destroy” our lives (John 10:10). He and his demons hate us and desire our destruction.

The good news is that I John 3:8 tells us that “the Son of God appeared for this purpose, that He might destroy the works of the devil.” Jesus said, in John 14:12, “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go to the Father.” So, God’s people, empowered by God’s Holy Spirit, are commissioned to tear down these works of the devil through the ministry of deliverance, and other ministries that help people.

We live in a fallen environment with sinful people who frequently hurt us. We also have a sin nature, and we hurt others. Our lack of wholeness is a real issue that we need to tend to, with the help of our Lord and His servants.

When demons are cast out, the wounds remain. They do not heal in the same way that our physical bodies heal. They stay open and painful until Jesus heals them, through the ministry of inner healing. If we neglect this important phase of our search for wholeness, we will be unable to rise to our full potential as God’s servants. One example is that wounds which created the fear of vulnerability will keep us from loving others the way He wants us to, since real love requires vulnerability.

When a person struggles with extreme selfishness, he may have a demon of selfishness. Until that demon is cast out, he has no real hope of making significant progress in his effort to come out of selfishness. Once the demon is gone, he can make progress, since he is then fighting only against his flesh. We must not buy into the teaching that all of our problems are simply an “attack of the devil”. We are “fleshly” people, and even if all the demons are cast out, and all our wounds are healed, we still have our flesh to contend with. Deliverance from demons does not create sanctification. It sets us free from the torment and manipulation of the demons so that we can work cooperatively with the Holy Spirit toward our sanctification, and spiritual maturity.

Sanctification comes about when we surrender to the Holy Spirit, give Him complete control, and let Him fully develop the fruit of the Holy Spirit in us, and clean up our fleshly behavior, including the sin patterns and habits of our past. Part of this process is the removal of many erroneous beliefs that have come from the world and the enemy, and have been installed on the “hard drive” in our minds, as though they are truth. One example of this is: “look out for ol’ number one”. All of us have accepted these erroneous beliefs into our system during our growing up years in school, in the workplace, and even in our home of origin. These beliefs are not God’s truth, and He says to us, “do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds” (Rom 12:2). These beliefs work against our efforts to live the way God wants us to live, and can even hurt us and our relationships with those we love. We should be eager to have the Holy Spirit show us these erroneous beliefs, so we can eject them out of our system and replace them with God’s truth.

IV. After the deliverance appointment

After the deliverance appointment, you have gained freedom from the demons that harassed you. The demons are on the outside of you. They

no longer live on the inside of you, where they had such power to torment you. They are not happy that they have been evicted, and some of them may try to convince you to let them back in. They want to steal your new freedom from you and put you back into bondage. You do not have to let them back in.

You have the Holy Spirit living inside you, Who gives you the power to resist them, absolutely (I Jn 4:4; James 4:7).

A few of those which have been cast out may come “tapping on your window”, causing you to feel a portion of that old uncomfortable feeling that used to lead you to act in ungodly ways. When you feel that feeling, STOP right there, and consider what is going on. Try to discern what the feeling is, and which demon is causing you to feel that way. You will probably be able to do this readily. If there is some struggle figuring it out, pull your list of demons out of your Bible (you should carry it there for a year after your deliverance appointment), and locate the demon on the list. Then, speak directly to the demon, out loud:

“You spirit of fear, I see you and what you’re doing, and I rebuke you in Jesus’ name. I WILL NOT LET YOU BACK IN. You are finished here. My Lord and Savior and Deliverer, Jesus Christ, has cast you out, and you are staying out. I stand with Jesus, and I resist you. Now leave me alone. I command you to get away from me, in Jesus Name.”

The spirit will leave. It may make a few more attempts over a period of time, but your persistent rebuking, and your strong stand against it, will show it that you are no longer a willing habitation for it. It will get the message and will eventually leave you alone.

Remember, you still have the flesh to deal with. In the case of fear, you will have to make some changes in your belief system. You will have to decide that God IS capable of taking care of you. He offers to take care of your cares, because He cares for you (I Peter 5:7) Scripture is very important, e.g. “perfect love casts out fear” (I Jn 4:18). Are you letting God’s perfect love fill you, instead of fear? Speak into fearful situations, “God has not given me a spirit of fear, but of power and love and a sound mind” (II Timothy 1:7).

A very good thing to do after the appointment is to take your demon list to the Lord in a serious quiet time. Go through the list of demons, one by one, and thank Him for casting these out of you. Ask Him what life will be like without this demon, and that one. Very importantly, ask Him what steps you should take to strengthen yourself to keep each demon away from you. Seek the help of brothers and/or sisters in being discipled, and growing strong in the Lord. Lastly, I want you to feel free to come back to me with any questions you may have regarding your walk in the new freedom you have found.

Seminar on Deliverance

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We are gathered as Christians to learn about deliverance, and to learn something about how to minister deliverance. We know that this ministry is made possible by our Lord Jesus, empowering and leading us by the Holy Spirit. Apart from Him, no deliverance can take place.

What we can know about deliverance and about the demon realm is available in God's Word, and in the testimony of men and women who have faithfully served God in setting His people free from bondage through the ministry of deliverance over a meaningful period of time. We believe that God's Word is literally "God-breathed" (II Timothy 3:16)...that is, divinely inspired by God and trustworthy in all that it teaches. I use the New American Standard Bible. I prefer it because it is known among scholars to be truest to the original Hebrew and Greek.

WHAT IS DELIVERANCE?

The American Heritage Dictionary says it is: the act of delivering a person from bondage or danger.

Exodus 3:7-8 “And the Lord said, ‘I have surely seen the affliction of My people who are in Egypt, and have given heed to their cry because of their taskmasters, for I am aware of their sufferings. So, I have come down to deliver them from the power of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey...”

Joel 2:32 “...It will come about that whoever calls on the Name of the Lord will be delivered.”

WHY IS THERE A NEED FOR DELIVERANCE?

I John 5:19 “...the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.”

Adam and Eve were given dominion over all living things on the earth (Genesis 1:28). However, when they sinned, they broke covenant with God and died spiritually. They also forfeited their dominion to the devil and his demons, so that “the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.”

I John 3:8 “...The Son of God appeared for this purpose, that He might destroy the works of the devil.”
This is marvelous news!

The Lord uses Christians, and even some non-Christians, to bring down the evil works of the devil. He used the President of the United States to initiate the collapse of the Soviet Union through his speech on June 12, 1987, at the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin, Germany. “Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall”

Revelation 12:7-11 (v. 9) "And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him" (see also Isaiah 14:12-15).

He is called "star of the morning" or "day star" in Isaiah 14:12. Some versions of this verse use the term "light bearer," which is Lucifer, in Latin. The King James Version uses "Lucifer" in Isaiah 14:12, though most modern versions do not. Bible scholars believe that Ezekiel 28:12-19 also describes this angel of beauty and light, and his fall from grace because rebellion, pride and unrighteousness were found in him.

His angels became wholly devoted to him and his evil, and are now demons...billions of them. There is not a speck of good in a demon...100% evil. God said we are to hate what is evil (Romans 12:9). If we are to be involved in deliverance, we cannot be ambivalent about demons. They are vicious and hate all humans, including us. We need to ask God to develop in us a "holy hatred" of demons, so we will never be double-minded about this.

Jude 6 "And angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day."

Matthew 25:41 "Then He will also say to those on His left, 'Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels'" (see also Revelation 20:10).

WHERE DO THE DEVIL AND HIS DEMONS LIVE, AND DO THEIR EVIL DEEDS?

There is some conjecture on this matter, but we do have II Corinthians 12:2 which tells us that Paul was granted a visit to the third heaven. It seems very likely that the third heaven is the Heaven we have always heard about, where God is on His throne and where we believers will spend eternity. This leaves us wondering about the first and second heavens. It seems that most students of the Bible believe that

our earth's atmosphere is the first heaven, and the second heaven is that unseen realm (see II Corinthians 4:18) where certain spirits live.

The second heaven is where archangels like Michael live. The devil and the demons that hold leadership positions in the devil's army also live there. The devil is not omnipresent, like God is. He can only be in one place at a time. He undoubtedly has some kind of organizational structure in his evil system, like an army, with principalities and/or powers (the captains and commanders) living in the second heaven. His other demons were cast down to the earth, are on assignment to invade, manipulate, and torment humans here on earth. As we observe our world, we can readily see evidence of their presence.

Some of the works of the devil include murder, adultery, witchcraft, slavery, prostitution, Satanism, greed, abuse of power and authority, rebellion in all its forms, and all that you see and don't see that harms people.

WHAT IS GOD'S PLAN FOR THE PEOPLE ON EARTH WHO ARE SUFFERING BECAUSE OF THE DEVIL'S PLANS AND THE WORK OF HIS DEMONS?

Isaiah prophesied God's plan for mankind about 700 years before Jesus ministered here on earth. What a glorious privilege to announce the ministry of Jesus, Who was to come.

Read Isaiah 61:1-3.

Part of what Jesus would do was to begin the deliverance ministry for the Kingdom of God. He was going to initiate the proclamation of liberty for captives and He was going to bring freedom to prisoners. The people were bound in captivity by various demons...but Jesus is our deliverer!!!! His plan is to take every individual that will trust in Him, make them disciples, and develop them into

Oaks of Righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He might be glorified.

Praise God!

We read in Luke 4:18 Jesus' proclamation of his ministry in a synagogue, as He began His ministry. His proclamation was a shorter version of Isaiah 61:1-3.

WHAT IS OUR PLACE IN GOD'S PLAN TO DEFEAT THE ENEMY?

John 14:12 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go to the Father."

Jesus said "he who believes in Me" because it is His will that every Christian, every disciple of His, shall do these things. This is not restricted to Apostles from the first century. This is for all Christians to do, until He returns.

Jesus demonstrated the ministry He wants done on this earth. Each time we lead someone to Christ we destroy a work of the devil (I John 3:8). Each time we lift a person out of despair, or build a person up, we destroy a work of the devil. He has much for us to do, including setting people free from demons. This destroys a work of the devil.

Matthew 10:1 "...He gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every kind of disease and every kind of sickness.

Matthew 10:8 (He gave a command to His disciples...) Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons; freely you received, freely give."

Mark 6:7 "He summoned the twelve and began to send them out in pairs; and He was giving them authority over the unclean spirits."

Luke 9:1 "He called the twelve together, and gave them power and authority over all the demons, and to heal diseases."

Luke 10:17-20 "And the seventy returned with joy, saying, 'Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your Name.' And He said to them, 'I was watching Satan fall from heaven like lightning. Behold, I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall injure you. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are recorded in heaven.'"

Matthew 28:18-20 "...Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe (to do) all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Jesus will be with us in the Person of the Holy Spirit, Who lives inside of us. We have Almighty God dwelling inside of us. "Nothing will be impossible with God" (see Luke 1:37). All the disciples of Jesus throughout all time are to be taught to cast out demons, etc., just like the first disciples.

Jesus has great confidence in His disciples who trust Him to lead and empower them by His Holy Spirit. He really does want us to carry out His ministry here on earth, while he "captains" this from Heaven. He knows that our enemy, the devil, will try to prevent us by any means he can, including causing us to fear what others will think of us if we are involved in deliverance ministry.

Proverbs 29:25 "The fear of man brings a snare, but he who trusts in the Lord shall be safe."

The fear of man is actually the name of one of the devil's demons, and it will cause a person to fear "what will they think of me; what will they say about me; what will they do to me?" This sneaky and powerful demon has secretly institutionalized fear of man in America, and other places. In the secular realm, it is called Political Correctness. It has paralyzed millions and millions of Americans...even church leaders.

However, if we do what the Lord wants us to do, and we turn over to Him what others might think, He will take care of us in His own special way.

Because I have found this demon in so many people, I believe this demon is assigned to every person...to try to get in. The tragic thing is that “the fear of man” is being taught to children in millions of our homes...“what will the neighbors think?”

WHAT ARE DEMONS?

Since demons are fallen angels, they are spirit beings. They have no corporeal body, yet they have the equivalent of a human soul: they have a mind, which can think, act, decide and plan; they have a will which is strongly determined to steal, kill and destroy in your life (see John 10:10); and they have some semblance of emotions, primarily hate and anger. They want to remain undiscovered, so they can stay inside you for your entire life. They don't want to be detected and be cast out. They do not leave unless they are cast out. They operate by manipulating your thinking and your emotions, and they want you to think that the problems they are creating in you are “just you.” Some demons have an assignment to bring harm to your body, such as a spirit of affliction or a spirit of infirmity. We have discovered a spirit of migraine, and cast it out of several people. They stopped having migraines.

How can I tell if I have a demon?

Some people ask, “How do you know if the problem you are having is caused by a demon? One of the easiest ways to tell is if you are having emotions that are much stronger than the situation which prompted them would ordinarily warrant.

For example:

1. You are at the edge of the Grand Canyon. There is no rail, but you are 20 feet from the edge. You feel great fear of falling into the canyon to your death, even though there is no real danger that you will fall. That is fear “over the top.” Here is a manifestation of the spirit of the fear of heights.

2. Someone says something insulting to you, and you find yourself having great anger, so much so that you are having thoughts of hurting him. Here is a manifestation of the spirit of anger, and possibly the spirit of violence.

Couldn't it just be a person's flesh?" The answer is "Yes...it could be your flesh." However, if you are having a flesh problem and you want to rid yourself of it, you can pray and ask God for help. You can exercise strong will power. You can avoid all the temptations that have caused you to slip into that behavior in the past. You can try really hard to get rid of that problem, and if it is just the flesh, you should have a noticeable measure of success in a reasonable amount of time. If you do all this and still have the problem, you have to begin to suspect that a demon is the problem.

If you are not afraid of what people might think, and you're willing to consider whether it is a demon, some prayer time will probably reveal whether it is a demon. If so, then we can get that thing out in an afternoon, instead of you laboring for a year or more to try to defeat your flesh with your will power. Have you been impressed with your will power?

HOW COULD A CHRISTIAN HAVE A DEMON?

Unfortunately, the world's various forms of media have created spectacularly scary ideas about demons and deliverance. We've had "The Exorcist" and other movies. Recently, there have been numerous movies released about vampires. The devil is having a big time with our media. Because of the scary publicity, most Americans would hate to even think about a person having a demon. In addition, some Christians have come to II Corinthians 6:14 in their Bibles, which asks the question "...for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness?" This leads us to ask how something that is evil, like a demon, could co-exist with the Holy Spirit inside us, the temple of God. This is a reasonable question.

Getting really practical, it does seem highly unlikely that the Holy Spirit is going to find any non-believers or even any Christians to live in who has zero evil in him. We all have some evil in us, because we are never made perfect until we are in Heaven. The Lord has very graciously given us in His Word (1 John 1:9) a way to provide for dealing with our sins. The Holy Spirit is very kind and gracious to dwell in us while He works on cleaning out the evil in us.

Demons have come into people to manipulate our minds, our wills and our emotions. Our soul is their main target. However, when we accept Christ and the Holy Spirit comes to live inside us, He begins His work of cleaning us up. Part of what He does is to help us develop discernment, which will alert us to the presence of demons inside us. If we have demons in us, ultimately He will show us that we need deliverance. If we are surrendered to Him, we will ask Him to lead us to a competent deliverance ministry. He is delighted to empower the deliverance that we seek out and find. He wants to bring us freedom and victory.

Because of what Jesus' taught in Matthew 12:43-45, I have decided not to minister deliverance to any non-Christians. I don't want to be the cause of that non-Christian finding himself in a worse state than before I ministered to him.

Read Matthew 12:43-45.

Our Lord's teaching says that if the house is unoccupied, the demon that was cast out will bring seven other spirits with him when he comes to reclaim his place there. When Jesus used the word "unoccupied," He was referring to the fact that there was no Holy Spirit present in that person. Every Christian has the Holy Spirit living in him (Romans 8:9), whereas a non-Christian does not have the Holy Spirit living in him. So, if a person is a non-Christian, and therefore does not have the Holy Spirit living inside of him to protect him from demons, his "house" is unoccupied. If he has a demon cast out of him, he will be at risk of having that same demon come back into him, plus seven more demons "more wicked" than the one that was cast out. This is why I don't minister deliverance to non-Christians.

Some have said, "Well, why don't you cast the demons out and then lead the person to Christ?" It is not possible for us to know whether a person will accept Christ after his demons are cast out. We may well leave him in a worse condition than before he started. I had one session, during my deliverance training, where we were going to try to cast the demons out of a non-Christian, and then lead the person to Christ. A 20 year old young woman had numerous demons in her and was living in a sinful relationship with a man. She just wanted relief from the torment she was experiencing. When we

asked her to renounce the sins that opened the door for the demons to come in, she refused. She wanted to continue to live the life she had made for herself, but just wanted some relief. We decided not even to try to cast those demons out. Because of her refusal to repent, I'm convinced that they would have had legal grounds to refuse to come out.

HOW DO DEMONS COME INTO A PERSON?

1 Peter 5:8 First, let's understand that demons are a good bit like a lion following a herd of antelope in Africa. He is going to kill some of them in order to feed himself and family. He will watch to see who lags behind as the herd moves, either because of an injury or weakness. He will pick off the young and the weak. A demon's favorite target is our children. Many millions of our children have very poor prayer covering, with parents who have no idea what to do about demons. So, a great many of our children have demons in them before they are ten years old. Some of them come in as a result of curses and some of them come in because of exposure to harmful or sinful things.

SINFUL ACTS OR HABITS

When we cooperate with the devil's plan for us to sin...any sin...we are opening ourselves up to the possibility of a demon entering us. This does not always happen, but when we add that sin as a regular part of our way of life, we are very likely to have it enter us because we are inviting it in. This would be the case when we begin to lie as a normal practice. We are very likely to have the spirit of lying enter us. After that, the spirit presses us into lying that we may not have even planned. Then, it becomes very difficult to resist lying.

Sometimes, one instance of a sinful act will open the door and the spirit comes in. A ten year old boy shoplifts an item from a store, and the spirit of stealing comes in. Later, as a man, he is arrested for embezzling from his company. When asked why he did it, he says, "I knew it was wrong, but I just couldn't stop myself."

GENERATIONAL CURSES

When the man mentioned above unknowingly invited the spirit of stealing into himself because of his stealing, he also opened the door for a curse of stealing to come upon himself and his children. God has said (Exodus 20:5) "...I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me." When the curse is upon the family line, the devil has the legal right to put the demon in babies that are born to that family line. When I am doing deliverance with a person who has sinful activity in her ancestors (and therefore the curse upon the family line), we simply break the curse off her family line and off of her, and then we are free to cast out the demon. This applies to any curse and any demon. The curses of rejection and rebellion are extremely common, among many others. An added feature of having a curse and its demon is that the demon will usually cause the parent to model the sinful behavior for the child.

About ten years ago, while serving as one of the pastors of a church, I met a wonderful sister in the Lord named Jane. She was in her fifties. She invited Carrie and me over for lunch after church, and when we got to her home, we greeted her husband and also found her mother was there. I discerned fear in both Jane and her mother. After lunch, her mother left and walked across the street to her own home. Jane then told us that her mother had such fear she couldn't sleep alone in her own home, so she slept each night in Jane's home. I began to pray for the right opportunity to minister to Jane.

A year later, during a worship service, the Lord gave a word to our congregation that He wanted to minister to those who struggled with fear. We immediately opened up the front of the meeting for people to come forward to receive ministry from the pastors and elders. Over a third of the congregation came forward. I made a bee-line for Jane. She smiled and indicated that she was expecting me to do that. I asked her if she was ready to get rid of her fear. She said, "Yes." I said, "You know the fear is driven by a spirit of fear, don't you?" "Yes." I began to minister to her and commanded the spirit of fear to leave her. Although she was fully cooperating, the demon wouldn't come out. Then, I remembered her mother's fear, and told Jane. I explained that because of her mother's fear, and probably her grandmother's fear, we could discern that there was a curse of fear on her family line and upon her, and that was giving the demon the right to stay. I led her in breaking off the curse of fear, and immediately the spirit of fear came out with a few very strong coughs. She was set free. Two years later, her husband told me that she was remarkably free of fear now.

For more information, I recommend *Blessing or Curse: You Can Choose*, by Derek Prince, available for around \$10.00 at Amazon.com.

ENTERING THE TERRITORY OF THE ENEMY

When we go into a physical area where we know the enemy has established a stronghold, we are knowingly exposing ourselves to attack by the enemy, and possible invasion by one or more demons. If we believe the Lord is sending us into such a place, we can pray for the Lord's protection and also do spiritual warfare to defend ourselves, and then we can safely carry out such a mission. However, if a man goes into a bar where strippers are dancing, he is in the devil's territory and is subjecting himself to all manner of sexual demons. If he is on a mission trip in South America and learns about a remote village where a witch doctor is the chief, he should not go in there and expose himself to the demons unless he believes the Lord is sending him in.

I was counseling a 50 year old woman whose father had died when she was just an infant. When she was 11 years old, her mother drove with her from California to New York. They stopped in Salt Lake City, Utah, for the night. They had the evening free, and her mother said, "I've always loved hearing the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, and I see there is a performance tonight. We're going." This 11 year old girl was taken into the headquarters of one of the devil's cults without any spiritual protection, and the demon of Mormonism entered her. Thirty nine years later, she was sitting with me during some ministry, and the spirit of Mormonism began to speak through her mouth in a male voice, trying to frighten me. I took authority over it and cast it out.

FEAR OR TRAUMA

The world in which we live is a hostile environment. It can be scary for adults as well as children. One of the ways in which a spirit of fear can enter a young child is when his mother takes him into a large department store. She gets distracted by the very attentive lady at the cosmetics counter, lets go of his hand and doesn't notice when her child wanders away. He is intrigued by a large stuffed animal sixty feet away. When he gets there, he spots something else sixty more feet away. Soon, he is in a totally different part of the store than his mother. Suddenly, he feels a need for her and can't find her. The fear builds, and he begins to cry. A store clerk asks him why he is crying. He says he can't find his mommy, and after getting his first name, the store clerk calls over the speaker system for the mother to

come to the toy department to get her son. By now the mother is filled with fear, and when she arrives at her son, her face is strongly manifesting fear. When he sees that fear in her face, this confirms to him that fear is the right thing to feel for that moment, and as he surrenders to the fear, the spirit of fear enters the boy right then. Often, in such a case, if the mother arrives with love and a calm spirit to comfort her son, his fear leaves right away, and the spirit doesn't get to enter him.

When a 12 year old girl is dragged from a store parking lot into the woods and raped, she is likely to have several demons enter her. First, the spirit of fear. Second, the fear of violation, which leaves her afraid to go lots of places. Third, the fear of men (not the same as the fear of man). Fourth, the fear of sexual activity. Fifth, shame. Sixth, unworthiness. Seventh, fear of vulnerability. Eighth, trauma. Others may have entered her, as well.

God's word says (II Timothy 1:7) "God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and love and a sound mind." But now, she is gripped with fear which is fueled by the demons living inside her. She is headed into a life of extreme guardedness, unless she receives the ministry of deliverance. She will also need healing of the wounds to her soul.

About 15 years ago, I ministered to a young man in his early thirties. He had grown up in the mountains of Tennessee, under a mean angry demonized father. His father would frequently beat him, and he would also slap him on the back of the head when he was even a bit irritated with him. All his father would have to do is raise his hand to scratch his own ear, and his son would duck, out of fear that he was about to be slapped on the back of his head. He was brought to seething anger inside because of his father's treatment of him, but could not express it for fear of another beating. The spirits of anger and rage came into him as a boy. When he was in his thirties, his fiancé almost didn't marry him because of her fear of his anger.

INVOLVEMENT WITH THE OCCULT

When the family is on a vacation at the beach, and the arcade has so many rides and fun games, it may also have a fortune teller booth. When the family member has some real questions about her life and

she believes she needs some answers, she might be drawn to the fortune teller. Remember this important truth: whenever you seek information or help from a supernatural source other than the true Lord Jesus, you are asking demons for that help. There are only two supernatural sources: God, and the devil and his demons. In this case, you are asking the spirit of divination for help, and he is more than willing to “help” you, by guiding you into the devil’s kingdom of destruction.

Read Deuteronomy 18: 9-12.

Involvement with the occult will bring down curses on you and your descendants. Some other occult practices that amount to seeking information or help from a supernatural source other than the Lord Jesus are: Ouija board, palm reading, 8 ball, astrology/horoscope, water witching, and tarot cards. Of course any involvement with witchcraft, voodoo, Santeria, Freemasonry, Ku Klux Klan, Jehovah’s Witness, Christian Science, Unity, Mormonism, Baha’ism will lead you into trouble. Jubilee Ministries has lots of resources to inform you on false religions and deceptive cults. You can reach them at:

www.jubileeresourcesusa.org.

Occasionally, you may meet someone who is clearly traumatized and wants help. This person may have serious trouble remembering their childhood. You may need to learn about their childhood from someone else. You may find that this person was raised in a satanic cult, or an offshoot from it. In these situations, the cult tortures children in order to fracture their personalities into many parts, resulting in multiple personalities. This torture is called Satanic Ritual Abuse (SRA), and is actually more prevalent than most people know. Multiple personality disorder has been renamed by the medical community. It is now called Dissociative Identity Disorder. Some special training is needed in order to minister to this condition. You can learn some about it on Google.com. Dissociative Identity Disorder exists in much milder forms, as well. There are large numbers of people with this disorder. Secular methods are totally ineffective in ministering to DID. The Holy Spirit knows how to do this.

NEGATIVE INFLUENCES WHILE IN THE WOMB

The human fetus (eight weeks to birth) is very sensitive to his environment. He can sense when his mother is fearful or stressed. At some point during gestation the fetus can hear voices outside the mother's body. This hearing is a function of his soul, and his human spirit is also very sensitive to sounds. The primary messages that come to the fetus that are wounding and/or open the door for the entrance of demons are:

stress, anxiety, fear, fear of violence, rejection (e.g. when the father yells that he doesn't want this child, or when the mother harbors anger over being pregnant), worthlessness, death and murder (when the abortionist tries to murder the child).

Rejection is probably the most prevalent demon in humans. Babies need love, and when there is no love coming to them, it feels like rejection and the spirit of rejection can come in. Carrie and I were serving in a church in North Carolina and knew a young mother named Terry, who had two children. We had known her for about a year when she came for deliverance. While interviewing her, we discerned the spirit of rejection. This spirit is usually accompanied by the spirit of the fear of rejection and also the spirit of self rejection. We cast all three demons out of her, plus several others. That was on a Thursday. On Sunday, she came running up to us after church, brimming with joy. She said she went to the mall on Friday evening with her family. Ordinarily, she did not ever enjoy going to the mall, because the spirit of rejection would manipulate her thinking and her emotions so that she would see hatred toward her on every face she encountered. She had come to believe that almost everyone hated her. This time at the mall, those hateful faces were not there. People smiled at her, and some even showed some affection for her. She was really stunned and blessed. Her years of torment were over.

SHOCKING EXPERIENCES

A man is driving his car in the mountains toward a bridge which crosses over a train track 200 feet below and his tire blows out causing him to lose control of the car. The car rolls and he is thrown out of the car. He lands on the side of the bridge and finds himself hanging by one hand from the very edge of the bridge. This might be alright for a stunt driver, but he is filled with terror as he glances down at the tracks below. For several minutes he has no relief from this fear of falling 200 feet to his death. This is just long enough for the spirit of the fear of heights and the spirit of the fear of falling to enter him. Now, he will feel strong fright when he sees a movie about someone being on a ledge, even without

being in any actual personal danger of falling, such as when he sees a movie like King Kong when Naomi Watts did her gymnastics in front of King Kong on the edge of his precipice overlooking the chasm.

About 10 years ago, 20 year old college student, Robin, was present at the end of our worship service when ministry to the people was happening. She saw a demon manifesting in a woman who had come forward for ministry, and she jumped up and ran out of the building. The friend who had brought her to the service chased her down in the parking lot and brought her back to meet me. We sat and talked for awhile. I asked her if she had some personal previous bad experiences with demons, and she said she could not remember anything like that. However, she recalled the time when she was 8 years old and her Roman Catholic mother had insisted that she watch a 30 minute TV program on an educational channel showing a Roman Catholic exorcism of a teenage girl. The film was terribly frightening. They had the girl in chains and she was thrashing around, which made the sound of chains rattling. She was moaning loudly, and was wild eyed. The spirit of the fear of demons came into Robin when she was 8 years old, and she was very much afraid. When I told her we could get that thing out of her, she was immediately ready to make an appointment to get it out. We met a few days later and I cast out that demon and numerous others.

During a deliverance appointment, a man told me of the time when he was 3 years old, and he was visiting a cattle ranch. He had wandered off from the adults and was walking down what seemed to be a kind of road between two tall white fences. He did not know that cattle were usually herded down this "path" into holding pens from the trucks that brought them to the ranch. Suddenly, he felt the ground tremble beneath him and he saw lots of bulls with great big horns racing toward him. He was terrified, and frozen with fear. Just in the nick of time his Dad came running up to him and scooped him up, and they both went over the fence out of harms way. His life was spared by his Dad's rescue. However, for several months, he had lots of nightmares about threatening bulls, and remained very much afraid of bulls on into his adult life. He had a spirit of the fear of bulls. We cast it out, and he had no such fear after that.

ARE PEOPLE REALLY POSSESSED?

In January 1604, King James I of England convened the Hampton Court Conference, which was composed of 47 scholars. All of them were members of the Church of England. They were commissioned to create an accurate and usable English version of the Bible. The work was completed in

1611, and the finished work was known as the King James Bible. These men were all scholars and were quite unfamiliar with the ministry of deliverance. The primary place where deliverance was being done was in the ceremony of exorcism done by the Roman Catholic Church. So, when these well meaning scholars read of the man in the country of the Gerasenes (Mark 5:1f) who lived in the tombs and was wild, and cut himself with stones, and broke his chains, they had the impression that he was so totally controlled by demons that they controlled everything he did. They thought the demons owned or “possessed” him.

So, they used the term “demon-possessed.” Nowhere in the New Testament does the Greek text indicate that the demons owned or possessed anyone.

Instead, that text begins (Mark 5:2) by describing him as a man “with” an unclean spirit. One of his demons spoke through his mouth, and then Jesus cast out all the demons and they went into the swine. In verse 15, we read that the people saw that the man who had been “demonized” (in the Greek text) was sitting down, in his right mind. In my NASB Bible, he is described as the man who had been “demon-possessed.” However, the Greek word that is used there is “daimonidzomai,” which means to be demonized (to have multiple demons). In other New Testament references, the person with a demon is either “demonized” or “has” a demon, using the Greek word “ecko” (to have). A practical way to look at this, I think, is to see a person with a demon like a person who has an infected appendix. His appendix doesn’t own him, but it will create a lot of trouble for him if it isn’t taken out of him. A person with lots of demons is someone who is demonized (“daimonidzomai”). He needs to get them out, or they will bring lots of torment to him.

WHAT DO DEMONS DO TO PEOPLE?

Remembering that demons want to steal, kill and destroy, bringing harm to people in as many ways as possible, let’s look at some of the ways that they bring such torment to people:

DEMONS ENTICE PEOPLE

Because of the vast works of the devil in the world, there are a multitude of kinds of temptations available to people, and demons work hard to get us to fall prey to those temptations.

“Go ahead and take it. Nobody will see you. Nobody will know.”

“He thinks he is such a big shot, telling all those things he has done. I bet he hasn’t done half of those things. I think I’ll just make up a few, and even the score.” These thoughts just seem like our own thinking, but they are cleverly engineered by demons.

DEMONS HARASS PEOPLE

Demons can ruin your day, by causing you to miss the turn you were supposed to make while driving to an appointment, and then causing you to speed trying to make up for the lost time, which causes you to get stopped by a policeman for speeding. When the policeman comes to your window, you are tempted to act in un-Christ-like ways. By the time you get to your appointment, you are certainly not in prime condition.

Demons can talk into your mind, and can cause you to hear a voice. You look around and nobody is there. This continues until you tire of being “tricked” into looking around. But you are face to face with the fact that you are hearing voices. Only a small portion of people with demons actually hear voices.

DEMONS TORTURE PEOPLE

Demons can create emotional and physical situations in our lives that will be truly torturous for us. A primary tactic is when the spirits of anxiety and stress increase their activity, and we live in stressful anxiety nearly 24 hours a day. We blame it on our schedule, and we can sort of see how that makes sense, but this is torture. We can then be attacked by the spirit of worry that lives in us, and we worry that it will get worse, which sends us into panic attacks where we are essentially immobilized.

These stressful conditions can have effects on our physical body, and we can develop irritable bowel syndrome, or ulcers, or skin conditions. In addition, stress weakens our immune system, and we become susceptible to colds, and other diseases..

The spirit of worry can work with the spirit of the fear of man to cause us to worry that we upset our manager, and that he is looking for a way to use that remark to do us damage in the future. This is torture.

DEMONS DRIVE PEOPLE

The pressures of our world affect just about everyone. Those with certain demons are affected much more than those who don't have the demons. The spirit of perfectionism will cause us to be stressed as we try to "get it perfectly." The spirit of accusation will cause us to accuse others to cover our own shortcomings, and just to make us feel better about ourselves by comparison. When we become obsessive and compulsive, we are being driven by the spirit of obsession.

DEMONS ENSLAVE INTO ADDICTIONS

We are familiar with common addictions like smoking and alcohol or drugs, but there are other kinds as well. Addiction is easily understood when we see that when we experience an emotional state that is uncomfortable or painful we want to alter that state so that we are feeling comfortable again. In order

to get back to comfortable, we will engage in some kind of activity to get us there. Some people will use something that causes a “rush,” like bungee-jumping, to distract from the uncomfortable feelings, but this is only a short term relief. Most addictive behaviors bring only short term relief. The spirit of addiction wants us to become severely addictive, so that we fail in many areas of our lives.

DEMONS DECEIVE PEOPLE

There are demons of deception and also demons of self-deception. They often are found together in people. When the spirit of deception leads a person to build a plan to deceive another person, the spirit of self-deception will deceive the deceiver into thinking this is the right thing to do, the honorable thing (see II Timothy 3:13). A man can deceive a woman into thinking that he loves her, and when she responds in a loving way he can be self-deceived into believing that he actually loves her. Then, some time later, the demon of self-deception can step back and let him see that he doesn't really love her, and point out all the things that he doesn't appreciate about her. This moves the relationship to a place of great pain and trauma.

DEMONS ATTACK THE PHYSICAL BODY

Demons can manipulate physical things, even though they have no physical bodies. They can open doors during the night, so that the family finds them standing open in the morning, leaving the family spooked all day. They can move a plate off the kitchen counter in the night resulting in a crash that wakes the family up. Everyone is spooked, just as the demon planned. Some people in Germany call these spirits “poltergeists” (friendly ghosts).

In this same way, demons can push someone down the stairs, can create a distracting pain in someone's eye while driving, causing the person to crash his car. These are activities that happen rarely, since the demon would likely “blow his cover,” allowing himself to be discovered and then be cast out. Don Basham, in his book, *Deliver Us From Evil*, tells of a time when he tried to minister deliverance to a woman in the empty sanctuary of a church all by himself, and the demon gripped his throat in an

attempt to strangle him. He cried out for Jesus, and was released. As a result of this testimony and his admonition to always have a partner in deliverance, I have always done this. Jesus sent out two disciples together for ministry (Luke 10:1).

Once, when I was in seminary, a young man came to me and asked me to minister deliverance to him. We met in his room with two other brothers, and I proceeded, after proper covering prayers. As I began to deal with the first demon, the young man suddenly got this terrified expression on his face...terrified of me, although it seemed like he was looking right through me. He started scooting his wooden chair backwards across the wooden floor, to get away from me. Puzzled, I asked the Lord what was going on. He told me that the demon had taken over the young man's optical nerves, and was causing him to see something in the room that was not real...something really scary. Immediately, I commanded the demon to loose the optical nerves and stand down, and it did just that. Suddenly, he could see reality and see me, but he insisted on looking around the room to make sure that monster was not there. He said it looked like Jabba the Hut, from the Star Wars movie, and it was going to eat him in the next 30 seconds. We went on from there, and had a successful deliverance appointment.

We have accounts in the New Testament of demons causing harm to the body. In Mark 9:14-27, we have the account of a man bringing his son to Jesus, because he was mute. As we read the account, it appears that he also had what we would call epilepsy. Jesus cast out the deaf and dumb spirit, and he was set free.

In Matthew 12:22, we have the account of a man who had a spirit that made him blind and dumb, and Jesus released him from that spirit so that he spoke and saw.

In Luke 13:10-16, we encounter a woman who, for 18 years, had a sickness caused by a spirit and she was bent double, and could not straighten up at all. Jesus ministered to her and she was healed. Was it just a healing? No. Jesus said, in verse 16 that Satan had her bound for 18 years.

Last January, I was in a healing conference and ministry was taking place. I began to minister to a 49 year old woman who had curvature of the spine. As I ministered, I was led to cast out the spirit of affliction. In a very short time, her back was healed. There was healing and deliverance taking place in the same time of ministry. I believe this combination is considered normal by the Lord.

The spirit of death comes to families through a curse, usually. This curse would likely come into being when a person commits the sin of taking an oath where death is considered an appropriate thing. This demon is one of those that remains dormant in the person, looking for the right time to try and kill its host. It is almost always in families where the men have taken their oaths to become Freemasons. Many premature deaths have been recorded in such families.

The spirit of death can take a person's life in many ways, from a heart attack to choking to death on a piece of steak. It has devious ways to attack a person. Car wrecks, undertow at the beach, and, yes, an attack of a disease that is unto death. The spirit of death can cause the person in whom it dwells to start a fight with an armed man, so that he ends up being shot to death.

CANDIDATES FOR DELIVERANCE

Any person is potentially a candidate for deliverance. All humans are subjected to this hostile environment that we call "the world." The potential for a demon getting into us is very high. I can't say I've ever met a person that I was sure didn't have a single demon. Most of those I have ministered to have from 30 to 80 demons. I don't normally talk about numbers of demons when first discussing the ministry that is needed to alleviate a person's troubles.

Since it seems clear to me that deliverance is not a cure-all, and that additional ministry is needed for almost all humans, I don't represent it as a cure-all. People usually want something short and quick to solve their problems, and deliverance seems like it might be that quick answer. The Aspirin people say you can have the product at work in you in 30 seconds. Most of us are going to need a lot more than 30 seconds to get our stuff dealt with.

Typically, I begin to work with a person by working on the subject of giving over all control of their lives to God. This is needed because all humans have committed the sin of taking control of their lives into their own hands when they were young children. The consequence (see Galatians 6:8) is a continuing need to be in control. Since we simply can't be in control, we have stress over that struggle, which steals away the peace of Jesus which He wants us to have (see John 14:27). When we give up all control to Jesus, through the ministry that He has shown me He wants me to use, we can live in His peace all the rest of our days.

The other area that all humans need is healing of the deep wounds to their souls. This ministry enables them to let down their hyper vigilance in guarding their wounded souls. God calls us to really love people, but we can't do that very well if we have the spirit of the fear of vulnerability, since love requires vulnerability. God wants us to have the fruit of joy in our lives, but we can't have fullness of joy if we are filled with emotional pain and have the spirit of anger. We are supposed to have the fruit of peace in our lives, but we can't have that in its mature form if we have the spirits of stress, anxiety and worry. Just to pick one of these: let's be clear...the spirit of stress is a demon whose primary mission is to create stress in the person in whom he lives. His name "spirit of stress" describes his primary function as he serves the devil in the plan to steal, kill and destroy (John 10:10).

All of these areas need deliverance to get them straightened out. So, if a person wants to grow to maturity in Christ, he should begin to contemplate having the ministry of deliverance so the way can be made clear for all the developing and growing he is going to experience. He does, after all, want to become an "Oak of Righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified" (Isaiah 61:3).

Most Christian counselors want to address the issues that the new client presents, and this is good and proper. However, it is good to keep in mind that what might be behind his struggles may in fact be one or more demons. Most people live all their lives with demons, not realizing it, and therefore they never can experience the fullness of life that our Lord Jesus wants for us.

A simple little testimony comes from a senior college student that I worked with right before I officiated at her wedding. She had grown up in Africa with missionary parents. They lived out in the bush, and had no electricity. So, in the evenings they played board games by the light of an oil lamp. She became very good at Monopoly. She was a fierce Monopoly player. Ultimately, she would beat anyone who played her. By the time she was sent back to the US to attend college, nobody in her family would play monopoly with her any more.

She was so fiercely competitive that she would get aggressive with them emotionally. She could not bear to lose. She would get angry and sometimes cry. This competitiveness continued in her life in college. As her fiance talked with her about it, she decided to bring it up with me. I said it might be a spirit of competitiveness, a demon. She was amazed that I said that. She had thought that something was wrong with her and that she would have to live with it the rest of her life. It didn't take long to cast it out of her. A few months after the wedding, she reported to me that she was enjoying playing Monopoly with her husband and friends, and she didn't really care who won...really...honestly.

READY? If a person says they want to have their demons cast out we must try to assess whether this person is really ready to be rid of all the things in his life that made it possible for the demons to be there. Is he ready to repent? I have had a few occasions when, during the deliverance appointment, it became evident that the candidate was not ready to repent.

Let's say this person has been lying all his life in order to gain advantage over others, and now he finds himself lying even when he didn't plan to lie, because of the spirit of lying, and it is getting him in trouble. Now, he wants the demon gone, so that he won't get in trouble. However, he wants to reserve for himself the right to determine when he will lie again. He wants the privilege of lying when it can bring him advantage or achieve some other goal. He must decide whether he is willing to repent, and quit lying. The demon will know whether he is repentant about his lying and if he really wants to make a change and stop lying.

If he is making provision for the flesh (Romans 13:14), he is reserving for himself the right to make the final decision on whether he will lie again (that is rebellion against God). He is setting aside for himself that privilege, so that he can lie when it seems advantageous for him. The spirit of lying that lives in him will know this and will surely have a legal right to remain in him. I believe the Lord will knowingly allow the spirit to stay. The Lord says that He opposes the proud, but will give grace to the humble (James 4:6). The one who reserves for himself the right to sin is among the proud. The Lord revealed to me that the "proud" are those who say, "I can do it myself," which is saying "I don't need the Lord's gracious help."

Let's now say that we have a person who is ready to repent of his sins, and yield to the Lord to the uttermost. This is good. If a person wants to do this, but says he doesn't know how to surrender fully, there is a prayer in the back of this syllabus that will get him to that place...the Prayer to be Baptized with the Holy Spirit.

I usually explain to the candidate that a full deliverance appointment will take 4 ½ to 5 hours, and I usually start at 1:00PM. Before the appointment, I will want him to read Don Basham's book, Deliver Us From Evil, and also read my booklet, Preparation for your Deliverance Appointment. I want him to read Basham's book because it is the best introductory book on demons and the demon realm that I have found, and it is an easy read. This will sweep away any idea that demons are just our bad habits. I want him to read my Preparation booklet because I want him to know what he will experience in the deliverance appointment. People usually don't like surprises. You have been given a copy of the Preparation booklet, along with this syllabus.

PRAYER is very important for the candidate. He should be asking the Lord to search his heart and show him things that need to be dealt with: traumatic events that impacted him, sins that would have opened him up to demons, and attitudes that the Lord doesn't like. He should also ask the Lord to bring to mind the names of demons that need to be cast out. If he gets some names, he should write them down and bring the list to the appointment. He should eat a light lunch beforehand.

GENDER OF THE DELIVERANCE CANDIDATE

The gender of the person to receive deliverance ministry is important. If the person is a man, then it is fine for my deliverance partner to be a man. However, if it is a woman, then I'll need a woman deliverance partner. This is a time of substantial vulnerability in the person receiving ministry, and if it is a woman she needs to know that a woman is there for her. Also, there is the matter of the woman deliverance partner serving as a chaperone. In I Thessalonians 5:22 we learn that we are to abstain from any appearance of evil. This means, in a very practical sense that a man is not to be alone with a woman who is not his wife, especially in a ministry situation. Clearly, the Lord wants to protect the witness and reputation of the man, and the woman candidate, as worldly and immature people tend to assume the worst when a man is seen with a woman not his wife.

THE DELIVERANCE APPOINTMENT

The appointment is comprised of four parts:

The Interview (about 2 to 2 ½ hours), during which I examine his life from before birth to about mid-teens, and write down the names of all the demons that we discern are there. Lots of questions are asked.

The Legal Work (about ½ hour), during which I lead the person in important affirmations, dealing with forgiveness of others, dealing with unconfessed sins, dealing with bitter root judgements, ungodly soul ties, and ungodly oaths, and also breaking all curses off his family line and him.

Casting out the Demons (about 2 hours), during which the demons are evicted, expelled, or cast out.

Instruction for maintaining his deliverance, during which some detailed instruction is given on how to stand against any demons that may try to come back into him.

THE OPENING PRAYER

After we have become comfortable in our places and warmed up to each other some, it is time to pray over this very important event. This is what I think is important to pray:

1. Lord, we come to You because You are our deliverer. You are the Lord and Master of this universe, and You rule over all of it in Your majestic power and yet with your loving plan of healing and redemption. For this we are thankful. We are thankful that our names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life, and that You have put Your Holy Spirit in each one of us to empower and to guide us, all to Your glory and for the blessing of all Your people. We ask that you fill each of us with the anointing power of your Holy Spirit, so that Your work can get accomplished here today.

2. We acknowledge that you have given us authority over evil spirits and that You have called us to cast them out of people who are seeking Your deliverance. We thank you for this privilege, and for this authority, which we intend to exercise this day on behalf of _____.

3. We ask that You bring angels to stand in this room and around the house to ward off any darts of the enemy. We ask that You push far away from here any principalities and powers and other cosmic beings, so they may not interfere or cause any harm. We ask that you hedge us about with the protection of the precious shed blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and that you protect all members of our families and all material things that you have given to us.

4. We ask that You rise up within each of us by Your Holy Spirit and bring forth all the gifts that are needed for this deliverance. We especially ask for the the gifts of word of knowledge, word of wisdom, working of miracles, discerning of spirits, and all forms of revelation that we may need today.

5. We ask that You bring a great victory today, as you guide each of us to do those things that are necessary to get all these demons out of _____. We ask that you manifest Your glorious power and majesty in this place and drive every demon out of this house, off this property and on to where You want them to go today.

6. We thank you now, in advance for this great blessing, in Your glorious Name, Lord Jesus.

THE INTERVIEW

We begin by asking about the emotional climate in the home while his mother was carrying him in her womb. We also ask if there were already siblings in the home. We have observed that just about every home is dysfunctional, to some extent. It is simply a matter of how dysfunctional, and in which ways dysfunctional. There usually are stressors in the home during a pregnancy. It can be because finances are tight, the in-laws think we should wait longer before having another child, or because the husband wanted to wait, and he is feeling the stress of "another kid." If there is stress in the mother, caused for any reason, the baby feels this and he becomes stressed. He is wide open for the spirit of stress to enter. Usually, this is when the spirits of stress, anxiety and worry come in. When I ask if the wife's mother exhibited these things, I usually learn that she did, and this shows the likelihood of the presence of the curses of stress, anxiety and worry. The curses open the way for the demons to enter. These three demons are found in a very large percentage of people.

One woman I ministered to was pregnant when her husband shot her with his pistol. She recovered fully, and had her baby. However, because of this violent incident, the spirits of violence, murder, fear of violation, rejection, fear of rejection, self rejection, and possibly more, all entered this baby, and also the mother if she did not already have them.

We ask how the pregnancy went, medically, looking for circumstances that could have caused various kinds of fear to enter. If the woman had become very sick and the doctors expressed real concern that she might lose her baby, she is filled with fear, and the spirits of the fear of loss, fear of death could have come in. We ask how the delivery went. If no complications, good. Again, if there were some complications, we consider what kind of effects this may have had on the woman and the baby.

All through the pregnancy, the delivery, and the event of coming home there are times when the three rejection spirits might come in. Almost everyone has these three spirits. When junior arrives home, the two year old sibling who used to be the apple of his parents' eye is now supplanted by this stranger. He may be so jealous that he tries to harm the baby.

We ask about the first year of his life. Any incidents? Fall out of bed and break his arm? Scared by the neighbor's dog? Beginning in the first year, there may have been an incident when some baby sitter, nursery worker, or family friend molested this child. A spirit of molestation can enter. Studies show that most pedophiles were molested when they were children, and nobody has thought to cast out the spirit of molestation and break off the curse of molestation. I've had a mother break into tears as she

confessed that she has had feelings of being tempted to molest her own small child. She feels such shame, but then understands when we talk about her early childhood molestation. We break off the curse of molestation from her family line, from her, and from her children, and then cast out that spirit of molestation, the spirit of shame and the spirit of guilt.

We ask about the next years, leading up to his first day of school. Any unusual events in your life or the life of your family? Did your family move? If so, how was that for you? We are looking for things that would have been damaging to him, and that might have let one or more spirits in.

Then, how was your first day of school? Here we are looking for the truth, if he was fearful of going to school. If so, why? The spirits of rejection and fear of rejection may be at work, but there also may be feelings of inferiority and/or insecurity. If there was a scary time of being separated from his mother, he may have the spirit of the fear of abandonment. If he lived in a family where the demons of accusation were at work through his parents, this child may have been made to feel inferior and insecure..."I just can't do anything right." The spirits of insecurity and inferiority love to live in a person and bring torment. He's afraid to step out and do things, for fear of being criticized. And to make matters worse, he sees others who are not fearful and he wishes he could do like they do. More torment.

We continue on in segments of time in school, 1st through 5th grade, 6th through 8th grade. High school...how was high school for you? Here we may find out that he got involved in drugs, illicit sex, stealing, etc. and we can talk about how the demons that come in really don't want him to give up those practices. However, now that he is 34 and married with two children, it is certainly in his best interest to rid himself of those evil inner drives.

We ask about his involvement in the occult or occult practices. "Occult" means primarily "hidden," and suggests that the thing is normally not an acceptable practice, so it must be done in a hidden way. We want to know if he or his family has been involved in occult organizations, like Freemasonry, Ku Klux Klan, or any other secret organization. We ask about the items under group 50 on the "demon list", in the back of this syllabus, such as astrology, etc.

After we go through his life up to adulthood, I then get out my "demon list," and tell the person I'm going to go over this list with him. I'm looking for the names of any demons that have given him trouble in the past. I explain that if he had a meaningful problem with anger when he was younger, it was most likely caused by a demon. Even if the problem with anger is not so bad now, the demon is still there, and should be cast out. Demons do not leave unless they are cast out. The reason he has not had as

much problem recently is almost certainly because he has sought to live a more Christ-like life. For this he is to be commended. He has not lapsed into that old behavior as much, and so he has not been “feeding” the demon of anger by “stoking” the feelings of anger as much. He’s starving the demon of anger, and so it has less influence in his life.

As we go through the demon list, we find that there are more demons present than he thought. I explain that this is not unusual. Many people have over 75 demons. I usually put the fear demons over on the right side of the page, in a vertical column. They are usually easiest to deal with.

Once we have all the demons on the list, we are ready to take a look at what legal work we will need to tend to. We begin to ask questions that will reveal what we need to know in order to deal with the following problem areas, that could actually hinder the deliverance somewhat.

Bitter Root Judgments. I ask if he has judged anyone bitterly...someone who hurt him, or stole from him. Has he judged that person so that their relationship has now become somewhat different? This is known as a “bitter root judgment” (Hebrews 12:15), and must be undone (Romans 14:10,13). It causes a spiritual bondage on each of their lives. That person now has become trapped into the kind of behavior that hurt our candidate, and the candidate is now being pressed spiritually toward that same behavior. We break off the “bitter root judgment” by having the candidate confess that he has judged that person bitterly and that is a sin, repent of that sin, ask forgiveness for that sin, receive forgiveness with thanksgiving in his heart, and then pledge to God that he will never again judge that person. Instead, if he sees that person in sin, he will pray for him. He asks God to release him from the spiritual and emotional effects of that sin.

Ungodly soul ties. I ask if he can recall if there was an ungodly soul tie formed between another person and him, like one of his parents. Ungodly soul ties are ties that are intended by at least one of the parties to bind them together spiritually so that the other person loses at least part of his autonomy. The person making the soul tie wants to control the other one, at least to some extent.

Parents who want to keep their kids “down on the farm” will engineer such a soul tie by constantly reminding the child that “we don’t trust strangers, only family,” “we always guard each other’s backs, forever,” “we always stay near the old home place.” Here we lead the candidate in a prayer confessing our involvement in an ungodly soul tie, even if he was not the perpetrator. We acknowledge that it is sin, we repent of it and we renounce our involvement in that soul tie. We ask forgiveness for our involvement in the soul tie, and receive the Lord’s forgiveness. We acknowledge that we were

deceptively led into such a soul tie and we ask the Lord to give us the discernment to avoid such a thing forever in the future. We pledge that we will not enter into any such soul tie again. We ask the Lord for His anointing to sever the soul tie. Then, we lead the candidate in declaring into the spiritual realm, "I now sever this ungodly soul tie...in Jesus' Mighty Name."

Sexual soul ties are always created whenever a person has sexual intercourse with someone. So, the sexual soul ties from previous sexual partners will diminish a person's proper connection and intimacy in his or her marriage. We need to ask God to sever those ungodly sexual soul ties.

Ungodly oaths. These ungodly oaths are usually made in reaction to a painful circumstance in the person's life. When a young man is hurt by his girlfriend breaking up with him, his emotional pain may be strong enough so that he makes this oath: "I will never allow a woman to break my heart again." When he makes such an oath, he doesn't realize it, but he is becoming the god over his own heart, and his true God is excluded from control in this area. Here is where the spirit of the fear of vulnerability comes in. He may not be a person who would even think of pushing God out of an area of his life, but this is what he is doing. Now, he will avoid any kind of emotional vulnerability with females, he will shy away from commitment to a female, and he will be very much subject to demons who want to convince him that females are just for his sexual pleasure, and that it just makes sense to take that approach in order to keep his heart safe. Here, we lead the candidate in a prayer to confess that he has made an ungodly oath, in which he has attempted to be the god over his heart, and he now realizes that he cannot be the god of his heart. He hasn't got anything like the wisdom and power to do such a thing. He repents of this idolatrous act, and asks forgiveness for it. He receives forgiveness, and then officially releases his heart into the perfect care of his Almighty and Loving God, with total confidence that He will take care of it. He asks a special favor of God: Please speak really loudly if I start to go toward this sin in the future.

THE LEGAL WORK

This is often a good time to take a bathroom break, and refresh our supply of water.

The legal work is done by means of a prayer. After reassembling the team and candidate, we proceed with the leader leading the candidate in a prayer somewhat like this:

“Father, I am here seeking deliverance from the demons that have been tormenting me. I recognize that I am responsible before you to take care of this problem by submitting to the ministry of deliverance through two of Your disciples, for whom I am very thankful.

I declare that I am Your child, and not a child of the devil. I have been bought with the pure and precious shed blood of Your Son Jesus Christ, the Lord of the Universe. I have been granted through Your mercy everlasting life and a place in Heaven. I have been included into the Body of Christ, and I am very grateful for this. Because of the finished work of Jesus on the cross, I have been forgiven of all of my sins, past, present and future, and I am very grateful for this as well.

Because I have been forgiven, I want to make sure that I have forgiven everyone. Please show me all those who You want me to forgive, and I will do it.”

Here, the candidate is instructed to wait on the Lord while my partner and I quietly intercede for him. He is to listen for names that the Lord brings to mind. Then, he is to simply say “I forgive the person’s first name” for each person. He is not to speak about what he is forgiving the person for, etc, just the name.

Then, after he indicates that believes he has forgiven all those the Lord showed him, we lead him in this prayer:

“Thank you, Lord, for enabling me to forgive these people, and for cleansing me of any remaining unforgiveness. Now, Lord, I want to be sure that I am forgiven. Show me any sins you want me to confess, and I will do it.” (Here the person confesses what the Lord shows him to confess. He can do this inside or out loud. But he is to keep it brief).

Then, “I thank you for that portion of Your Word in Joel 2:32, ‘All who call upon the Name of the Lord shall be delivered.’ Lord Jesus, I thank you for being my Savior and my Lord. Now, I ask You to be my Deliverer. Please come in Your mighty manifest presence and drive out all the demons that are in me.

Now, Lord Jesus, I thank you for giving me Your delegated authority, and I announce into the spirit realm that I forgive all the sins of all my ancestors that led to curses coming upon my family line and upon me. I renounce all the sins of all my ancestors that led to the following curses coming upon my family line. The curses of: _____

(here I lead him to say the names of all the demons on his list) Now, with your delegated authority, and with your anointing upon me, I break all these curses off my family line, off of me, and off of my children to a thousand generations. These curses are broken, I am free, Hallelujah!!”

The Gatekeepers

Among the demons on the list we have assembled, there are several that have a particular ability to manipulate the candidate’s emotions in such a way that they can cause him to just “shut down,” so that there will be no deliverance today, after all the effort we have invested in getting ready for the eviction of the demons. It is our job as the deliverance team to discern which they are, and then we go after them right up front. When we get them cleaned out, the rest are fairly easy to get out. The candidate might be able to discern some of them, too. Generally, there are 4 to 7 Gatekeepers.

One that is always a Gatekeeper is the spirit of control. We will always find this demon in people, and it is usually strong. It doesn't want the deliverance team or God or anyone to gain control over the candidate. I explain to him that we are going to have to be in control for awhile, in order to get this job done.

Here, I lead the candidate in a special bit of legal work to deal with the spirit of control:

“Heavenly Father, I confess that when I was a child and didn’t feel altogether safe I took control of my life into my own hands. In doing this I now realize I was inviting the spirit of control to come into me. He lied to me, telling me he would give me the power to control my life so I would be safe. He has continued to lie to me. I hate this demon, and want it out of me. I repent for the sin of taking control and letting the demon in. Please forgive me. I receive your forgiveness. Never again will I trust in control for my safety. I will trust in You. Please drive this demon out of me, in Jesus’ Name”

Other typical demons that go on the list as Gatekeepers are: fear of loss of control, fear of vulnerability, fear of failure, fear of emotions, fear of change, and rebellion.

CASTING OUT THE DEMONS

Before we get down to the work of casting out the demons, I have a word with the demons inside the candidate. I look right at the candidate and speak something like this, "All you demons in _____, I am speaking to you. I am a child of the Most High God, and I have been bought with the precious shed blood of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior. He has given me authority over you, and I intend to use it today, right now. Listen carefully. This is your day to lose your home. You will be coming out of _____ in just a few moments. I forbid you to resist, to balk, or to hide. You have been discerned and you will come out when I command you to come out. When you come out of this child of God, you will leave this house, you will get off this property, and you will go to wherever Jesus sends you. I forbid you to harm _____, or any of us, in any way. I forbid you to threaten or torment him in any way. You will simply come out when you are told to come out, in Jesus Name. I also forbid you to speak through him, or to make any noises at all. You may not manifest in any way except to come out when you are told. Now, pack your bags and get ready to leave. In Jesus Name."

Having given these instructions to the demons, we have to recognize that they are 100% evil and filled with rebellion, so they will sometimes try to disobey and resist. We just have to stay on their case, and they ultimately obey. At this point, I explain to the candidate that there are some things that demons will sometimes do in order to interfere with the deliverance. Sometimes, the demons will speak into the candidate's mind, accusing the deliverance team of being phonies, incompetent, they don't love you, etc. Sometimes they will threaten the candidate in his mind with words like, "If you let them cast me out, I will take your lungs with me." And sometimes they will create a physical discomfort in your body, like a pain in your shoulder, in your head, etc. Just tell us about that and we will command him to stop and he will.

During the work of casting out the demons, the candidate sits in a chair that allows him to sit upright, not a cushy easy chair. I sit in a chair in front of him, facing him, but just off to the left side of his left knee. My partner sits in a chair on his right side and up close to him.

I am the one who manages the list of demons, and I check off the ones that we cast out as we do it. We usually cast out anywhere from 4 to 12 demons at a time. I am the one who leads the candidate in speaking to each batch of demons just before we begin to command them to leave. After I have led him in saying to the demons what needs to be said, I get up and come around behind him, so I can lay hands on his head, shoulders and back, for the impartation of God's anointing into him.

When I get up to go behind the candidate, my partner places his right hand on the candidate's belly, with his permission, since that is where we believe the demons reside. His hand is there to impart God's anointing into the candidate and directly onto the demons. Generally, the demons come up out of his belly and into his throat (the launching pad) from which they come out of his mouth, almost always with coughing (sometimes they come out with belching, yawning, or a scream of some kind). We arrange with the candidate that if he feels something in his throat, he is to point to his throat so my partner can know it is time to move his hand up to the area at the base of his throat. We want to put the anointing on the demons, to get them out. Some candidates experience real heavy coughing, and some don't feel a need to cough at all. In that case, we will ask the candidate to give us some coughs to get the air moving to expel them.

The four things I have the candidate say to the demons are as follows:

1. You six demons, (for example: anger, wrath, retaliation, violence, rebellion and self-will), I renounce all of you in the Mighty Name of my Lord Jesus.
2. The curses by which you came are all broken, and you are finished.
3. I hate all of you. I hate what you stand for, and I hate what you have done to me. It ends today.
4. All six of you, come out of me right now, in Jesus' Name.

At that point, I say "I'll take it from there" and then I get up from my chair and move behind the candidate. At that point, I speak to the demons. I name the demons again, and remind them that they have been renounced by this child of God, the curses are broken, he hates them, wants no more to do with them, and he has commanded them to leave, so they have to go.

Next, I lay hands on the candidate's left shoulder and back, applying the anointing of the Holy Spirit, and speak to the demons and tell them, "I cut you off from your father Satan. You have no information or help from him. I cut you loose from inside this child of God, and now you have to come out. In Jesus' Name and with His authority I command you to come out!!! Come out, now!!!!" I continue to

command them out until they come out. If the candidate doesn't seem to feel anything stirring inside, I'll sometimes ask him to give me a couple of good hearty coughs.

My deliverance partner is also commanding the demons to come out at the same time, as well as applying the anointing to the candidate's belly.

Since the word for spirit and the word for air are the same: "pneuma," in the Greek, and since we know that in Ephesians 2:2, the enemy is called the "prince of the power of the air," we can figure that demons are in a way "air creatures." So, when I ask the candidate to give us a couple of good coughs, I'm doing two things. I am asking him to show that he means business ("I want you out"), and we are also just getting the air moving.

When the candidate goes into coughing a group of demons out, my partner and I encourage him in this. "Yes, make them go. You demons get on out of there, never to return. Thank you, Lord. Bring more of Your anointing!!" Pretty soon the candidate feels a peace come in his throat. This is a pretty good indication that this group of demons is gone. I sit down and take a minute to make check marks by these demons' names on the list. Then I plan for the next group...what kind of demons and how many. Then I ask the candidate, for example, "Are you ready for 11 this time?" He will usually be eager.

There are times during the commanding of the demons to leave when the Lord brings to mind a Scripture for the candidate to say to the demons, as a further strengthening of our case. I will ask the candidate to speak the verse to the demons. When dealing with fear demons, the verse might be: II Timothy 1:7, "God has not given me a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind."

After we have cast out the Gatekeepers, we just start at the top of the list and work our way down through the whole list. We pause between groups of demons just long enough for me to check off the ones just cast out, and for the candidate to catch his breath. It is very common for the candidate to become a bit woozy, after we have been at it for awhile. I believe this is partly the result of the coughing leading to a bit of hyperventilation, but also from God's strong anointing.

The prayer afterwards

Eventually, we will have cast out the last group of demons, and it is time to give praise and thanks to God and to pray for the candidate. Both my partner and I lay hands on the candidate and pray something like this:

“Oh, Lord, how majestic and glorious You are as You rule in Your universe. You are our Mighty King, and we worship and praise You. Thank You for the mighty work You have done today in the life of Your disciple. We ask you to seal this work in the Heavens, so it won't have to be done again. We ask that you come and fill Your servant afresh with Your Holy Spirit. Fill him to overflowing. Fill up all those places where the demons used to be. We don't want any empty places where the demons might be tempted to return. Fill him with your awesome goodness, peace, joy and love. Go with your balm into those areas where the demons used to be, and heal the sore places where they were attached.

Now, anoint Your servant with the mighty power of Your Holy Spirit, show him Your glorious character so that he will forever love You and want to serve You, and bring You glory. Guide him into the exciting supernatural life You have planned for him, so he can experience the great joy of doing exploits for you, defeating the enemy and blessing people for the rest of his life on this earth.”

At this point, the list of demons is given to the candidate, and he is instructed to carry it in his Bible for a year. It has the date of his deliverance on it.

TEACHING AFTER THE DELIVERANCE

Now, the demons are on the outside of you. Now, you can lean on the truth in

I John 4:4 “Greater is He Who is in me (the Holy Spirit) than he who is in the world.”

The Holy Spirit is Almighty God. He is the One Who showed you that you needed deliverance. He is the One Who empowered your deliverance. He is the One Who intends to empower you to keep your deliverance. Depend upon Him on a daily basis. No more independent or self-sufficient living.

Remember that James 4:6 says “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” The proud are those who say “I can do it by myself” and determine to live independently from God. He opposes them by letting them go their own way and end up with consequences for their arrogant ways. The humble are those who have the sense to realize that depending on God is the way to godly living, which will bring fulfillment and joy, and the opportunity to join with Him in doing exciting things in this life.

As we set out to live our lives with Him in control, we may find that some of the demons that are now on the outside will try to come back in. They cannot just step back inside us. They have to woo and seduce us, and get us to be willing for them to come back in.

So, for example, if you have been delivered from a spirit of gossip, the spirit will be sure to arrange for you come across a juicy bit of gossip that you know some people would be so excited to hear. You know that if you supplied them with this gossip, you would be a “hero for a day” in their eyes, and you would feel special for perhaps two hours. You would have the feeling of power for those two hours. But, be assured that if you fall for this demonic plan, you will have opened up the door for this spirit of gossip to come back into you, and torment you for the rest of your life.

Yes, it can be cast out again, but you won’t be willing to do that right away. First, you would be embarrassed to go back to the deliverance team that just cast it out. So, you’ll wait. The thought process goes something like this. Just enjoy it for awhile. You can get it cast out any time. Besides, there are some really juicy bits of gossip available right now. Get to the deliverance stuff later. Months and years go by, while you are busy gossiping. There is a 100% chance that you will not be living a life close to the Lord. You’ll not be paying attention to what the Holy Spirit is showing you. You’ll not be involved with any ministry that glorifies God. You will be a sidelined Christian...sitting on the bench because of one dirty demon.

Instead, stride boldly forward toward becoming an Oak of Righteousness. Determine that you will not let one single demon back inside you. You will do whatever is necessary to keep them out. You will be vigilant and stand guard. So, when you get that first feeling that one of them is tapping on your window, immediately (not tomorrow) ask God to help you identify it by name. If somehow you can’t seem to get the name that way, go to your Bible and get your demon list out, and run your finger down the list. You will find its name.

Then, stand up...yes, stand up and point your finger at him. I know you can't see him, but when you point your finger, he knows you are pointing it at him. Let's say it is the spirit of fear. Then you speak to the demon with authority:

You spirit of fear, I see what you are trying to do. I resist you, in Jesus Name. I will not let you in. According to God's Word in James 4:7 I am submitted to God, and I am resisting you, and you must flee from me. I rebuke you in Jesus' Name. I will not let you back in. I stand with Jesus, and against you. You are finished here. Get away from me right now, and stay away. In Jesus' Name.

It is possible that he may make several more attempts to get back in. Well, you make several more stands against him. You do it as many times as it takes. I had a battle with one some years ago, and he came at me at 3:00AM for three nights in a row. I stood strong each night, went to the living room where I could speak to him loudly and authoritatively, and he got the idea and left. I haven't heard from him since. So, you determine that you will stand strong against him at the very moment he begins to tempt you.

The Flesh

Remember that you still have the flesh to deal with. Your flesh has been living in some form of accommodation with this demon for some period of time. Your flesh has become at least somewhat comfortable with the things the demon had you doing. So, here is where you need to ask the Lord to renew your mind (Romans 12:2) regarding this subject. You want to have the Lord's way of thinking installed in your mind, and your old way of thinking uninstalled. If you were involved in some kind of sinful practice, it was an attempt to take care of some kind of "need" that you felt. So, ask the Lord to show you what that "need" was, and also ask what He wants to do about meeting that "need." This is all part of that work that God wants to do in all of us...Sanctification. We all should want the sanctification that God wants for us. It will make us more Christlike, draw us closer in our walk with the Holy Spirit, and tend to glorify the Lord in our behavior.

Take the List to God

It would be a very good idea for you to take your demon list to the Lord in a serious quiet time, very soon. Slowly go over the list (this may take several quiet times) with the Lord, and thank Him for casting these demons out of you. Thank Him for this work demon by demon, and ask Him to show you what life

will now be like for you without these demons. Ask Him what steps He wants you to take to strengthen yourself to keep this and that demon away from you...what lifestyle changes He wants you to make. Seek the help of brothers and sisters in being disciplined. Remember, the Lord can see you fully developed as an Oak of Righteousness, and He yearns to see you get there.