

Healing The Broken Heart

Root Cause: Negative Spiritual Energies

I. Introduction

The subject of negative spiritual energies is an enormously important theme. They belong to the kingdom of darkness, Satan, the curse, and the work of demons. Because of ignorance, these negative spiritual powers are allowed to drive many of our problems.

Need to understand the kingdom of darkness

Christians need to understand the reality of the kingdom of darkness, because it is working to rob, kill, and destroy us (John 10:10,11). To bring us into wrath, confusion, self-ambition, destruction, jealousy, fighting, immorality, etc.

The Kingdom of God works to bring us into love, peace, joy and righteousness, and power through the Holy Spirit. People do not recognize the difference between these two kingdoms.

...if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition (strife) in your heart, do not be arrogant and so lie against the truth. This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, natural (unspiritual), demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and evil thing.

...the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable (willing to yield), full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy (James 3:14-17).

A. We Are In A Spiritual War

The battle is here, not in heaven or hell. The Bible speaks about the existence of two opposing kingdoms, the kingdom of Satan and the kingdom of God. It depicts an ongoing spiritual battle between these two kingdoms.

Satan and the powers of darkness are making war against the Church and are seeking to bring it into bondage. Jesus defeated Satan, and he was kicked out of the heavens, and is here on earth waging war against the Body of Christ and freedom loving people.

Scriptures

There was a war in heaven, Michael and his angels, waging war with the dragon...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... But woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has gone down to you! He is filled with fury because he knows that his time is short... Then the dragon was enraged at the woman and went off to make war against the rest of her offspring—those who obey God's commandments and hold to the testimony of Jesus (Rev. 12:7-9, 17).

Jesus said that he saw "Satan fall like lightning from heaven" (Luke 10:18).

Be sober, be watchful, your adversary, the devil walks around like a roaring lion, seeking some one to devour (I Pet. 5:8).

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places (Eph. 6:12).

To open their eyes that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God...(Acts 26:18).

In order that no advantage be taken of us by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his schemes (II Cor. 2:11).

The warfare is directed against the body of Christ, the Church and against those peoples & nations that love freedom.

To spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, in order to bring us into bondage (Gal. 2:4).

B. Ignorance Of The Spiritual War

The Bible has much to say about it; it warns us of this evil kingdom, but we are asleep. Many of God's people are ignorant of it. We need to pay attention to what the Bible says. To wake up to the reality of the kingdom of darkness and its desire to destroy us and our loved ones.

Because we are ignorant we suffer loss. We give these negative spiritual powers opportunities to rob, kill, and destroy us.

My people are gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge...(Is. 5:13).

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge...(Hosea 4:6).

I will give them shepherds according to my heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding (Jer. 3:14-15).

C. We Must Learn About It

We need to understand the nature of the war, how it operates within the realm of the whole human being, and our spiritual authority. I want to encourage you to read about it in the Bible and to ask God to give you understanding of the nature of this war and most importantly of your spiritual authority in Christ.

In this program I only want to stir you up, make you aware that there is a spiritual war going on and that you need to know something about it.

I will just touch upon it lightly and encourage you to look into it more deeply.

II. The Kingdom of Darkness

A. Nature of The Enemy

We can know the enemy by the names used for him.

Abaddon, "the destroyer" (Rev. 9:11)	Accuser of the brethren (Rev. 12:10)
Father of lies (John 8:44)	Adversary (I Peter 5:8)
Deceiver of the whole world (Rev. 12:9)	Condemner (Rom 8:1)
Devil "slander"	Fleeing Serpent (Is. 27:1).
Dragon (Rev. 12:4,7,13,16,17; 13:2,4; 16:13; 20:2)	Dragon who lives in the sea (Is. 27:1)
Enemy (Luke 10:19; Matt. 13:25,28,39)	God of this Age (III Cor. 4:4)
Leviathan (Is. 27:1)	Liar (John 8:44)
Murderer (John 8:44)	Old Serpent (Rev. 12:9)
Roaring Lion (I Peter 5:8)	Satan "adversary"
Serpent	Strong Man (Luke 11:21; Matt. 12:29)
Wolf (John 10:12)	Angel of light (?)
Great Dragon (Rev. 12:9)	Great red dragon (Rev. 12:3)
Evil One (Matt. 6:13; 13:19,38; Eph. 6:16; II Thes. 3:3; I John 3:13; 5:19)	
Beelzebul/Beelzebub, "Lord of the fly" (Matt. 10:25; 12:24,27; Mark 3:22; Luke 11:15,18,19)	
Beliar/belial, "worthless, reckless, lawless (II Cor. 6:15) (Adapted from Shay as quoted in Long, 1999, p. 53-54.)	

From these names, we can see that the primary tool used by Satan and the kingdom of evil is **deception**. Satan is a liar, he works by trying to deceive us.

And in every sort of evil that "deceives" those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved (II Thes. 2:10).

B. Hierarchal Levels

However, our war is not against one single spiritual entity, but a whole kingdom and hierarchy of evil spirit beings. A great evil army is waging war against us; an empire of wickedness.

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places (Eph. 6:12).

C. Nature of Demonic Spirits

Demons or evil spirits are bodiless spirit beings hostile to God and us. They were among the angelic beings who were a part of Satan's rebellion and kicked out of heaven (Rev. 12:7-9) and now seek to find a place to rest. They appear to belong to a lower echelon of the "spiritual hosts of wickedness" (Eph. 6:12) that Satan directs against humanity.

Like parasites, demons have no life of their own. They have no power except through a human being. Having been exiled from heaven, they now attempt to do their work on earth by seeking expression through physical bodies.

They seek to infiltrate people and manifest their evil energy through their human personalities: the person's emotions & attitudes, mind, tongue, sex, physical appetites, and/or body.

Although invisible, they can be recognized by certain characteristic actions. They entice, harass, torture, compel, enslave, cause addictions, defile, deceive, or attack the physical body.

They seek every opportunity they can to press on us, to war against us.

They seek out those whose make-up and temperament is most congenial to themselves, and then seek to fasten themselves on to some part of the body, or brain, or perception, and when they get access, they bury themselves into the very structure of the person, so to identify themselves with the personality of the one they possess. In a great many instances they do not get possession of the individual, but obtain such a hold on some part of the mind as to torment the person with periodical attacks of something strange and abnormal, out of all proportion to the general character and make-up of the individual." (Jessie Penn-Lewis, *War on the Saints*).

D. Brings Physical & Mental Disorders

From the work of Jesus here on earth, it is clear that the kingdom of darkness and demonic beings are involved with physical, mental, and emotional problems. Interestingly, Jesus treated sickness as a work of an enemy. "Physical or mental illness was regarded by Jesus as an alienation from God, an evil condition to be overcome." (Excerpts from John Sanford, *The Kingdom Within*). It is vital that we make the connection between physical and mental disorders and the kingdom of darkness, the kingdom of Satan.

That evening they brought to him many who were possessed with demons; and he cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick (Matt 8:16).

And they brought to Him all who were ill, taken with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, paralytics; and He healed them (possessed with devils); lunatics (moonstruck); palsy (feeble, paralyzed); divers diseases (maladies) and torments; and healed those oppressed by the devil (Matt. 4:24).

E. A Curse Is Involved In The Kingdom Of Darkness

See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse; the blessing, if you listen to the commandments of the Lord your God...and the curse, if you do not listen to the commandments of the Lord your God, but turn aside from the way which I am commanding you today, by following other gods which you have not known.

I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants (Deut. 30:31).

Failure To Obey The Law

According to the scriptures, we go under the curse when we do not obey the law.

For as many as are of the works of the Law are under a curse; for it is written, Cursed is everyone who does not abide by all things written in the book of the Law, to perform

them. Now that no one is justified by the Law before God is evident; for the righteous man shall live by faith (Gal. 3:10).

III. The Kingdom Of God

A. Jesus Ushered In The Kingdom of God

Jesus did three things while here on earth. He healed the sick and oppressed; announced that the Kingdom of God is here; and cast out demons, setting people free from evil spirits.

That evening at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons...and he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak because they knew him (Mark 1:32,34).

...proclaiming and preaching the kingdom of God (Luke 8:1).

For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins (?).

God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil (Acts 10:38).

If I cast out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you (Luke 11:20).

The finger of God means an expression of God's power (Ex. 8:19; 31:18). In Matt. 12:28, Jesus makes the same statement but replaces the *finger of God* with *The Spirit of God*. The Spirit of God is the means by which God's power is expressed and actualized on earth." (Long, 1999).

B. Jesus Destroyed The Works Of The Devil

The Son of God appeared for this purpose, that He might destroy the works of the devil (I John 3:8).

Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil (Acts 10: 37-39).

1. Jesus took away the power of Satan

The enemy could not defeat Jesus.

Now the salvation and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, who accuses them before our God day and night (Rev. 12:10). Col. 1:13

Through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death (Heb. 2:14-15);

I have the keys of death and of Hades (Rev. 1:18).

When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him (Col. 2:13-15).

2. *Jesus Redeemed Us From The Curse*

Knowing that we can never keep all of the laws, Jesus Christ came to fulfill the law for us. In His work on the cross, His death and resurrection, He liberated us from the curse of the law and made it possible for us to walk in the Kingdom of God, His righteousness, peace, joy and power.

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree (Gal. 3:13). In order that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons (Gal. 4:6).

When we walk in the Kingdom of God, drawing close to Jesus, we are protected from the evil powers belonging to the kingdom of darkness.

3. *The grace of Christ on the cross delivers us*

And when you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions, having cancelled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us and which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him (Col. 2:13-15).

Every sin demands resolution. There is no cheap grace. Forgiveness does not mean God looked the other way or changed His laws. Jesus said, do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to abolish, but to fulfill (Matt. 5:17).

The full legal demand of the law "of sin and death" was fulfilled in pain upon the body of Jesus in anguish in the heart and soul and spirit of our Lord upon the cross. Nevertheless, the cross is not automatic. If we do not repent and confess, we reap in full despite the fullness of mercy available at a moment's utterance (Sandford's).

C. *We Have Been Given Everything We Need To Live Victoriously*

God has given us everything need to live and walk in freedom from the curse. He has given us the Holy Spirit, the gifts of the Spirit, the fruit of the Spirit, the anointing, the power of spiritual authority, and the spiritual armor. We can't separate any of these things; they all are important and work together. We must learn to flow with the Holy Spirit

1. The Holy Spirit

The ministry of Jesus to the public did not begin until the promise of the Father had come, the Holy Spirit. The same was true for the disciples and New Testament Christians. The Holy Spirit would call people to the work and empower them. Paul and Barnabas were called and sent by the Holy Spirit. This appears to be a standard procedure throughout the Bible. I think it would be impossible to separate the work of God from that of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit, the third person of the God-head, is the One who is here on earth today. The Father is in Heaven, the Son is seated at His right hand in Heaven, and the Holy Spirit was sent to be with us. (Ralph Nault, *Out of Confusion*).

We need to become acquainted with the Holy Spirit, in order to take back the land of the enemy.

You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses—to the remotest part of the earth (Acts 1:8).

Grant that Thy bond-servants may speak Thy word with all confidence, while Thou dost extend Thy hand to heal, and signs and wonders take place through the name of Thy holy, servant Jesus . . . when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God with boldness (Acts 4:29-30).

The Holy Spirit enables us to use the spiritual gifts and hear what God is saying to us. See program notes on the Holy Spirit.

2. The Power of Spiritual Authority

God has invested us with unbelievable power of spiritual authority (*exousia*) to wage war against the enemy, cast out every evil spirit, and break every demonic bondage.

You are a believer, the authority is in you. He has called and equipped us, the believers, with the authority to cast out demons (Luke 9:1) in the name of Jesus Christ.

Defining “Authority”

In the Greek NT, authority (*exousia*) means privilege, i.e., force, capacity, competency, freedom, delegated influence—*exousia* refers to the sense of *ability*.

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 (John 14:12-14).

And He called the twelve together, and gave them power and authority over all the demons, and to heal disease (Luke 9:1)

Behold I give unto you power...over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall be any means hurt you (Luke 10:19).

And these signs shall follow them that believe; in my name they shall cast out devils (Mark 16:17a).

Resist the devil and he will flee from you...(James 4:7,8).

3. The Spiritual Armor

The armor is for our benefit, so we can go into the enemy's territory and take it from him.

Every place on which the sole of your foot treads, I have given it to you...there shall no man be able to stand before you; the Lord your God shall lay the dread of you and the fear of you on all the land on which you set foot, as He has spoken to you.(Joshua 1:3; Deut. 11:24-25).

And you shall utterly destroy all the places where the nations whom you shall dispossess serve their gods, on the high mountains and on the hills and under every green tree. And you shall tear down their altars and smash their sacred pillars and burn their Asherim with fire, and you shall cut down the engraved images of their gods, and you wipe their name from that place. (Deut. 12:2-3).

Put on the full armor of God, that you may be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil (Eph. 6:11).

Therefore take up the full armor of God, that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand firm therefore, having girded your loins with truth and having put on the breastplate of righteousness and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace, in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming missiles of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

With all prayer and petition pray at times in the Spirit and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints, and pray on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel.. (Eph. 6:13-19).

IV. How Does The Enemy Gain Access To Us?

A. Ignorance

If we know who we are in Christ Jesus, we don't have to be defeated. The enemy can't defeat us. If we know our spiritual authority, stay in close contact with the Holy Spirit, we cannot be defeated. We must understand our position in Christ Jesus and know who we are!

Example: Lack Knowledge of Spiritual Authority

The seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, were doing exorcism, when the an evil spirit spoke saying that it knew who Jesus was, who Paul was, but did not know who they were (Acts 19:13-16). And the man with the evil spirit leaped on them and fled out naked and wounded.

B. Deception—Fear

There is a natural fear, like when we get close to a cliff, and could fall. But much of our fear comes upon us from another source. An evil spirit of fear. It works by lying to us and deceiving us, trying to make us afraid. And we say, oh yes I am afraid. No you are not. The spirit has just

lied to you, telling you that you are afraid. He just wants to make you think you are afraid, to scare you, to bring you into bondage.

God has not given us a spirit of fear (I Tim.)

C. Walking Outside the Kingdom of God

The only way Satan and his evil cohorts can gain entrance to us is when we move out from under God's protection and disobey Him. When we refuse to surrender to God and walk in His covenant & righteousness, we open a doorway to these ungodly evil things. We are giving them the right to access us at some level. Called door points of entrance, these spirit beings move in and work to manifest their evil energy through us.

No Entrance Without a Point Of Entry

The negative spiritual powers cannot access us with out a reason. Their bondage can be traced back to a particular cause, a point of entry, or a lapse in moral life—some expression of human sin. Both the nature of the sin and our response to it are determining facts. All sin opens us to the possibility of being afflicted by evil spirits. But if it is forgiven and cleansed in Jesus Christ, then the door is closed. All sin gives Satan an opportunity but some sin, such as sorcery and other occult practices clearly forbidden in scripture, especially open us up to demonic oppression.

Similar to bacteria or a virus: these microscopic entities are everywhere but they only invade the body and cause sickness when there is some breakdown in the body's immune system. Likewise evil spirits may be present but they only enter when our spiritual defenses are broken down (Tom White,)

1. Some Entrance Points

Here are some doors that open us to negative spiritual powers:

1) Ancestral/generational sin; 2) One's own sin; 3) Being sinned against; 4) Placed in a place or with a person infested with demons.

The following may open a doorway to demonic problems: child abuse, sexual sins, violence, sexual abuse; social sins such as anger, bitterness, rage, rejection, and rebellion; habitual sins like pornography, addictions, adultery; emotional traumas/shocks; self-rejection/self-hatred; negative beliefs; inner vows, ungodly soul-ties, curses from the spirit world; involvement in false religions; fears/phobias; and self-pronounced curses

Jealousy, Strife, Selfish Ambition

...if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition (strife) in your heart, do not be arrogant and so lie against the truth. This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, natural (unspiritual), demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and evil thing.

Forsaking the one true God, and looking to other gods

Interestingly, the Apostle Paul delivered some Christians over to Satan in order that they may be taught not to blaspheme (I Tim. 1:20). Forsaking the one true God and following other gods opens the door to demonic spirits.

For you shall worship no other god, for the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God (Ex. 34:14)

But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons, by means of the hypocrisy of liars, seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron (I Tim. 4:1,2).

Occult Involvement

Many of God's people are involved with occult or satanic things simply because of their ignorance of pure Christianity. As a result they have mixed some ungodly things with their Christian experience. If you or your family have been involved with idolatry or any occult activities, you will need to repent of this and renounce it as well. You may need to do a systematic review of your life, checking for open doors to any evil spirits. Consult a priest or pastor, the Ancient Rite of Exorcism

The scriptures warn us about coming into contact with Satan's territory. It also warns us not to have tattoos or make marks or cuttings in our flesh.

You shall not eat anything with the blood, nor shall you practice divination or soothsaying. You shall not shave around the sides of your head, nor shall you disfigure the edges of your beard. You shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor tattoo any marks on you. I am the Lord (Lev. 19:26-28)

Some Occult Activities:

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| 1. Séance: Contacting the dead | Fortune telling: tea leaves |
| 2. Tarot Cards | Palm Reading |
| 3. Witchcraft: Using spells or curses | Black and white magic |
| 4. Blood pacts | Fetishism: objects of worship, crystals, charms |
| 5. Spirit guides | Table or body lifting |
| 6. Ouija board | Astral projection |
| 7. Speaking in trances | Idol worship |
| 8. Spiritualists | Divination |
| 9. Soothsaying | Wearing occultic symbols on clothing and jewelry. |

2. Unforgiveness & Judging Others

God commands us to love each other as we love ourselves, to forgive each other, and to stop judging each other. When we fail to do so, and harbor unforgiveness in our heart it becomes a barrier to becoming free from demoniacs. It prevents God from giving His grace to the person seeking to be free.

...delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him. So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if you from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses (Matt. 18:34-35)

The Lord makes it clear that forgiving others is a condition to receiving the desires of our heart—our healing. Some sobering thoughts:

Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil...(Matt. 6:12-13).

For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses (Matt. 6:14-15).

And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone; so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your transgressions. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father who is in heaven forgive your transgressions (Mark 11:25-26).

Unforgiveness holds the curse on us.

The Scriptures command us to forgive before we can be freed, because demonic bondages often stem from broken relationships of trust between people (Banks, p. x). When we hold another's sins and do not forgive them, we are holding the curse upon ourselves. When we will not let go of the sins of others, we are keeping that person under the "bondage of my judgment".

If you forgive the sins of any, their sins have been forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they have been retained (John 20:23).

So shall My heavenly Father also do to you, if each of you does not forgive his brother from your heart (Matt. 18:35).

D. Do I Have A Demon?

St. Paul said his mission was to open the eyes of the blind, that they might turn from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of God. If you are not sure if something you were involved with brought you into contact with the kingdom of darkness, ask the Lord to reveal it to you in some way.

Ask the Lord what is the knowledge that you are lacking.

E. Levels of Demonic Oppression & Demonization

People working in the inner healing and deliverance ministries have identified different levels of demonization: simple demonic oppression, complex oppression related to emotional hurts, complex oppression related to emotional hurts & occult activity; incomplete possession; and complete possession. Simple Demonic Oppression occurs when a demon attaches itself to the person, but does not take root. There seems to be only one spirit present with a single name and there are no constellations of demons have gained a foothold.

Deliverance requires that the doorway be recognized, confession made, renunciation, and cleansing received. The spirit must be discerned and can be dealt with by the person or another person.

More complex oppression occurs when there has been deep emotional hurt and victimization , probably at a young age. Perhaps they were physically or sexually abused as children; received familiar spirit passed down from parents who were also abused and victimized.

Another level of oppressions occurs because of deep emotional hurt, persistent sin, and occult involvement. When evil spirits have taken up residence very close to the inner most part of the person they have near complete control of the person's will; however there is still enough of the person left to resist and cry for help. Key is that the person invited the evil spirits to enter into them. Complete possession occurs when the person is totally owned or possessed by Satan. The person has totally lost his own will and no longer resists the demonic takeover.

V. Preparing For Deliverance

Ask the Lord to reveal any compulsive pressures that are with you; what sins you cannot defeat; and what stumbling blocks occur over and over.

A. Draw Close To Jesus

How do we get rid of negative spiritual powers that have infiltrated a person's house? We must draw close to God.

The person needs to turn to God, draw close to Him, surrendering themselves into His hands and place their faith in Him and His words. He/she needs to repent and renounce all rebellion and resistance against God and the Holy Spirit, and decide to make Jesus Christ the Lord and Captain of his/her life.

I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants (Deut. 30:31).

For I know the plans that I have for you', declares the Lord, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope' (Jer. 29:11).

I am the Lord, who heals you (Ex. 15:26).

We must come to a place where we realize that nobody else is responsible but me. I must have a direct relationship, an individual relationship between me and God, this is the freeing agent. If you have not made a decision to invite Jesus Christ into your heart, you need to do this. It is key to the transformation and healing of your broken heart and life. (See Appendix C: Drawing Close To Jesus Christ).

B. Ask the Lord: What Knowledge Do I Lack?

Ask Him what is the knowledge we are lacking. We need to be taught the right truth, until our heart gets a hold of it.

You shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free ().

Often we do not even need to throw these evil things out, when we have received the knowledge of the truth in that particular area, the demons often just quietly leave.

C. Repent, Renounce, Resist,

We may need to resist them and throw them out using our spiritual authority, faith, and the wonderful name of Jesus Christ! But before commanding the demon to leave, we must dismantle the demon's home by removing the legal ground that gives it the right to be there. When this is accomplished the demons come out quite easily.

Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded ...(James 4:7,8).

D. Dismantle The Demon's Home

To prepare for deliverance, repent of and renounce all ungodly beliefs and inner vows, and state your commitment to God's truths. All roots and doorways of demonic energies need to be dealt with. These include generational sins and curses; ungodly soul ties; negative expectations/lies/bitter root judgments; inner vows; traumas; and enslavement to sin.

1. Repentance

The person needs to come out of agreement with the demonic entity and its ungodly lies and deceptions, repent of it, and renounce it. The person makes a decision to no longer accept the lies of the demon, to agree with it, or to give it a place within them.

Repentance (*Metaonia*) means change, to turn around and go the other way. It means something more than feeling sorry; it means to literally turn away from behaviors and thoughts that are producing no life in you or in the people around you. It means to change your direction in the aspects of your life that are bringing death to you.

In dismantling the demon's house, repentance from dead works means to literally turn away from its ungodly presence, lies, destructive beliefs and negative expectations, because the person recognizes that the fruit of this way of thinking and functioning is death, not life.

Choose to become dependent upon the Lord, not others. I belong to Him, and if He will be for me what need I fear.

2. Confession of sin in the presence of another person (James 5:16).

Public affirmation of faith, establishes that the person now belongs to Jesus Christ and removes ground that evil spirits may have found

Sacramental Expressions of Faith:

Reaffirm his baptism

Anointed with Holy oil, sprinkled with Holy Water

✦ Doing Business With God

Start by welcoming the Holy Spirit's presence to guide and empower you.

Position your heart in humility before the Lord.

1. Acknowledge Your Sin

Lord Jesus, I confess my sin of and I ask you for your complete forgiveness. I choose to acknowledge this as sin and allow you to cleanse me of all my unrighteousness. Make me clean and whole and release me of this sin. I know I am helpless in overcoming it on my own, and unless you set me free I will never be free. I ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

2. Forgive Others

Lord Jesus, I forgive..... forand I ask you for your complete forgiveness. I choose to acknowledge this as sin and allow you to cleanse me of all my unrighteousness. Make me clean and whole and release me of this sin. I ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

3. Pray Release From Any Curse

Lord Jesus, I believe that on the cross You took on yourself every curse that could every come upon me. So I ask You now to release me from every curse over my life—in Your name, Lord Jesus Christ. By faith I now receive my release and I thank You for it.
(Prince, p. 195)

4. Renounce Contact with Occult or Satanic

Revoke the curse and deal with occult involvement, before deliverance. Confess it, repent of it, and ask for forgiveness for occult involvement,

I renounce all contact with anything occult or satanic. I commit myself to destroy any “contact objects” and I cancel all of Satan’s claims against me. I now belong to the Kingdom of God and His Son, Jesus Christ.

5. Use Your Spiritual Authority

Having dismantled the demon’s home, the person now uses the power of spiritual authority given to him and the name of Jesus Christ to command each spirit, by name, to leave them.

Deal with one demon or one grouping of demons at a time. If the demon is not coming out when commanded, or is returning after leaving, go back to the entry points and close any doors which are allowing it back. through the ...to dislodge fitfully

When commanding these evil demonic entities to leave, the person must speak with inner authority and heart faith (conviction/confidence) that what God says is true.

And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even to death (Rev. 12:10,11).

Do not pray, “Dear Lord please set me free from this demon” or “Please help me to overcome this evil thing.” We do not pray for God to do it for us, because He has called us, the Body of Christ, to speak in His name. Using the first person, speak out loud with inner authority words something like these:

In the name of Jesus Christ, I renounce and break all agreements with the demons (strongholds) of,, etc. I take authority over the spirit(s) tormenting me. I bind you, you spirit of..., and I command you to be broken and to leave me right now in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth! I command you to go to the dry places. Amen.

If the demon resists coming out, turn to the Lord and ask Him what you have missed.

6. Here is a prayer that includes all of the above

My Heavenly Father,

I believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is the Son of God and the only way to God; and that He died on the cross for my sins and rose again from the dead. I give up all my rebellion and all my sins, and I submit myself to You as my Lord.

I confess all my sins before You and ask for Your forgiveness—especially for any sins that exposed me to a curse. Release me also from the consequences of my ancestors' sins and ungodly soul-ties.

By a decision of my will, I forgive all who have harmed me or wronged me—just as I want God to forgive me. In particular I choose to forgive.....name the person/s.

I renounce all contact with anything occult or satanic—if I have any "contact objects," I commit myself to destroy them. I cancel all of Satan's claims against me.

Lord Jesus, I believe that on the cross You took on Yourself every curse that could ever come upon me. So I ask You now to release me from every curse over my life—in Your name, Lord Jesus Christ. By faith I now receive my release and I thank You for it.

Lord, I now open myself to receive Your blessing in every way You want to impart it to me. Holy Spirit, I open my heart and mind to You. Reveal to me the blessings that Jesus has obtained for me and how I may receive them. Amen. .

Primarily taken from Derek Prince (1990).

7. Give Thanks To God

Once removed, fill your heart with God's truths and thanksgiving (Matt. 12:43-45). Begin to praise God and thank Him for His power, goodness, love, etc. It is helpful to read in the Psalms and pray them aloud. Here are some examples:

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget none of His benefits; Who pardons all your iniquities; who heals all your diseases; who redeems your life from the pit...you satisfies your years with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle (Ps. 103:2-5).

Sing for joy in the Lord, O you righteous ones; praise is becoming to the upright. Give thanks to the Lord...Sing praises to Him...Sing to Him a new son; ...(Ps. 33:1-3).

I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall make its boast in the Lord; the humble shall hear it and rejoice. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together (Ps. 34:1-3).

Note of Caution

Our true focus as believers, is not to be on evil spirits, the devil, or upon spiritual warfare. You are called to center your thoughts and mind on Jesus Christ and on things in the kingdom of God, not on things that are on earth (Co. 3:2).

"Lord even the demons are subject to us in your name!" And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you; but rejoice that your names are written in heaven" (Luke 10:17-20).

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Appendix C: Drawing Close To Jesus Christ

We must come to place where we realize that nobody else is responsible but me. I must have a direct relationship, an individual relationship between me and God, this is the freeing agent. If you have not made a decision to invite Jesus Christ into your heart, you need to do this. It is key to the transformation and healing of your broken heart and life.

1. “Go To Jesus”

You search the Scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is these that bear witness of Me; and you are unwilling to come to Me, that you may have life (John 5:39-40).

Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart; and you shall find rest for your souls (Matthew 11:28).

Have you really experienced Jesus? If not, you need to repent and turn to Him. Jesus Christ is the only answer! Jesus Christ is the only way, He is the uncorrupted seed, He is righteous, He brings fullness of life. Acknowledge that it is solely on the basis of what Jesus has done on your behalf that you are receiving your righteousness now.

If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved; for with the heart man believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation. For the Scripture says, ‘Whoever believes in Him will not be put to shame’ (Rom. 10:9-11).

As a result of a genuine conversion or born again experience, you have access to the Kingdom of Heaven which is right within you. You need to seek the truth and walk in it. Then you will gradually become free, feel free.

I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants, by loving the Lord your God, by obeying His voice, and by holding fast to Him; for this is your life and the length of your days... (Deut. 30:19,20).

Spiritual Realm Does Not Work By Magic

The spiritual realm of God *does not* work through “magic,” but through faith that resides in an honest heart. There are no magical words that will make God become real to you—but only an honest heart that recognizes its need and a tiny bit of faith *that God cannot lie, that what He said is*

true. God Himself said that He sent Jesus to die for our sins so we can have newness of life. Did God lie when He said this? Can you trust what He says? It is faith in God Himself and in the power of God, revealed through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ that brings about changes within us.

2. Use The Key: God Cannot Lie!

Now simply go to God, praying from an *honest* heart. Begin your journey to God by praying something that is honest to you, such as...

God, I don't know if you are real, and if you are really there for me, but if you are, I need You in my life. I don't understand everything, but I know that I need a power greater than myself. I need You. Please come into my life. Thank you.

Here is the prayer I prayed thirty-five years ago:

God, I ask for your help. I want to know You. I need Your son Jesus. I place my faith in His work on the cross, His burial and His resurrection. I accept the blood He shed as enough for my sins and the sins of others against me. Jesus, I ask You to come live inside of me. I invite You to come into my life. And I thank you. Amen.

Examples of the "Sinner's Prayer"

a) God I am a sinner. I cannot save myself. I know according to your Word that I cannot make myself righteous, but I thank You because You love me and sent the Lord Jesus to die for me. And through His righteousness, redemption is made available to me. I believe that He died for my sins according to the scripture. I believe that He was raised from the dead and is my justification. I confess Him no and take Him as my Savior.

b) Heavenly Father, I know that I have broken your laws and my sins have separated me from you. I am truly sorry, and now I want to turn away from my past sinful life toward you.

I confess that I have sinned by doing,, and I recognize these were wrong and I am sorry for them, please forgive me for....., and And wash all sin and guilt from me with Your blood. I accept Your blood and enough for all my failures and sins. I now receive your merciful forgiveness.

I believe that your son, Jesus Christ died for my sins, was resurrected from the dead, is alive, and hears my prayer. I invite Jesus to become the Lord of my life, to rule and reign in my heart from this day forward. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen."

3. Now, Where Is Jesus?

If I ask you where is Jesus, can you say with confidence: "He is in my heart. I asked Him to come in, and I know He did, because God cannot lie."

4. Make Jesus Christ Lord

Make a decision to make Jesus Christ Lord of your life, to follow Him in faith and obedience. Decide to lay down your rebellion, surrender, and make Jesus Christ Lord of your life. Decide to do all that the Lord Your God asks of you. You may want to pray something like this:

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Lord Jesus, I want to know You better, to come closer to You. Please cause me to see more clearly who You are and what You have done for me. Please reveal Christ in me. I thank you. Lord, I make a decision to follow You, in faith and obedience. I will do what You ask me to do. Lay down your rebellion and surrender to the Lord. I choose to make You Lord of my life. Amen