



Angels, Demons and Deliverance

“For I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God’s love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God’s love. :39 No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.” – Romans 8:38

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1. LIST: References

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2. Response to Questions, Comments and Challenges

Some questions and comments were made during the lesson. I suspect that people may have been confused, so I took some time in the week to clear things up for everyone:

I. I was challenged when I made this statement: “(A) We are marked by God and Satan. (B) I know this to be true in my spirit.”

Biblical foundation for (A):

Gen 4:15 “But the Lord said to him, “All right then, if anyone kills Cain, Cain will be avenged seven times as much.” Then the Lord put a special mark on Cain so that no one who found him would strike him down.”

Jer 31:33 “But I will make a new covenant with the whole nation of Israel after I plant them back in the land,” says the Lord. “I will put my law within them and write it on their hearts and minds. I will be their God and they will be my people.”

Rev 13:16 “He also caused everyone (small and great, rich and poor, free and slave) to obtain a mark on their right hand or on their forehead. Thus no one was allowed to buy or sell things unless he bore the mark of the beast – that is, his name or his number.”

2 Cor 1:21-22 “But it is God who establishes us together with you in Christ and who anointed us, who also sealed us and gave us the Spirit in our hearts as a down payment.”

From these verses (and other biblical references), we learn that:

- Neither God nor the enemy is a respecter of person, time or place.
- Satan is the father of lies; he makes counterfeits of everything to the extent that he, as a created being and ruler of the natural world, is able to do so.
- God cherishes every one of us. From the instant that He creates us, we carry God’s mark upon our spirits. He knows us intimately, loves us eternally, and cares for us tenderly. He was, is and will always be, with us.
- Satan is a created creature; he cannot be present in more than one place or one time.
- Satan always seeks to counterfeit God’s actions.
- Satan’s servants – psychics and astrologers – usually ask just two questions: Where were you born? What date and time of day were you born? The most accurate of them rely upon “spirit guides” to give them your relevant details. Spirits are created creatures bound in time and space. The only way they can communicate accurate information is if they were present to see those events happen. Why would they be present? Because Satan assigned them to harm you, just as God has assigned angels to protect you. (each child has an angel).
- Just as God places His mark upon us before we are born, Satan places his mark on us as soon as he can: the moment when we are born into the world over which Satan rules.

I. Cont'd. *“(A) We are marked by God and Satan. (B) I know this to be true in my spirit.”*

Biblical foundation for (B):

John 14:26 (Jesus speaking) “But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and will cause you to remember everything I said to you.”

Neh 9:20 You imparted your good Spirit to instruct them.

Jn 14:16 Then I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you forever – 14:17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it does not see him or know him. But you know him, because he resides with you and will be in you.

Jn 2:4 My conversation and my preaching were not with persuasive words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith would not be based on human wisdom but on the power of God.

I stand firmly upon the guidance and inspiration of the Holy Spirit. If I'm not sure, I don't say it. To ensure that I'm not deceiving myself, at the close of every lesson I ask the Holy Spirit to wipe from listeners' memories any mistakes I might have made. If you attended the class on Sunday evening, you heard me speak those words in my closing prayer.

We live in the enemy's world. If the enemy or his demons can create doubt in the biblical foundation for a lesson, then they can weaken listeners' faith in the teacher. If their faith in the teacher is weakened, then it's easy for the enemy to take the next step: cast doubt on the presence of the Holy Spirit. If they can get us to kick out the Holy Spirit, then they can destroy us.

II. A question was raised about my use of “Apple”. Was the correct word “Fruit”?

“fruit” is correct. I've checked four Bible translations, two commentaries, plus a Greek-Hebrew comparison. They all use “fruit”.

James 3 ABOUT TEACHERS ¹ Dear brothers and sisters, not many of you should become teachers in the church, for we who teach will be judged more strictly. ² Indeed, we all make many mistakes. For if we could control our tongues, we would be perfect and could also control ourselves in every other way. If anyone is never at fault in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to keep his whole body in check.

III. A person in the audience stood up and told others that, “You don't need to worry about Satan. Just keep your eyes on Jesus.”

This statement is a half-truth. It only tells half the message. Because I believe this is an extremely important point, I took a lot of time through the week to search out and write down all the relevant Bible passages so we clearly

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understand what Jesus wants us to do. To understand that, we must know what the Lord, the apostles, and Paul said about it.

The Biblical Foundation:

Jesus came to earth to destroy the works of Satan:

1 Jn 3:8 The one who practices sin is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was revealed: to destroy the works of the devil.

Jesus came to free us from Satan's power:

Lk 4:18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor, He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and the regaining of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." (Isaiah 61:1-2)

Lk 13:16 Then shouldn't this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be released from this imprisonment on the Sabbath day?" 17 When he said this all his adversaries were humiliated, but the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things he was doing.

Acts 26:15 So I said, 'Who are you, Lord?' And the Lord replied, 'I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. 16 But get up and stand on your feet, for I have appeared to you for this reason, to designate you in advance as a servant and witness to the things you have seen and to the things in which I will appear to you. 17 I will rescue you from your own people and from the Gentiles, to whom I am sending you 18 to open their eyes so that they turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a share among those who are sanctified by faith in me.'

Jesus taught followers the principle behind His spiritual battle:

Mark 3:27 "No one can enter a strong man's house and carry off his possessions unless he first tie up the strong man. Then he can rob the house."

John taught us to test the spirits.

(1 John 4:1-3) "Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to determine if they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2 By this you will know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses Jesus as the Christ who has come in the flesh is from God, 3 but every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God, and this is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming, and now is already in the world."

In his letter to the church in Ephesus, Paul instructed us to "put on the full armor of God."

Ephesians 6:10 "Finally, be strengthened in the Lord and in the strength of his power. 6:11 Clothe yourselves with the full armor of God so that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

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6:12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavens. 6:13 For this reason, take up the full armor of God so that you may be able to stand your ground on the evil day, and having done everything, to stand. 6:14 Stand firm therefore, by fastening the belt of truth around your waist, by putting on the breastplate of righteousness, 6:15 by fitting your feet with the preparation that comes from the good news of peace, 6:16 and in all of this, by taking up the shield of faith with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 6:17 And take *the helmet of salvation* and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. 6:18 With every prayer and petition, pray at all times in the Spirit, and to this end be alert, with all perseverance and requests for all the saints."

Jesus expects His followers to obey His command to cast out demons:

Mat 10:8 "Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, *cast out demons*. Freely you received, freely give."

Mark 3:14 "He appointed twelve (whom he named apostles), so that they would be with him and he could send them to preach 15 *and to have authority to cast out demons.*"

Mark 16:15 He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 The one who believes and is baptized will be saved, but the one who does not believe will be condemned. 17 *These signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new languages; 18 they will pick up snakes with their hands, and whatever poison they drink will not harm them; they will place their hands on the sick and they will be well.*"

Paul taught that we must remain watchful and alert, and to forgive everyone so we cannot be exploited:

2 Cor 2:10 "If you *forgive anyone for anything*, I also forgive him – for indeed what I have forgiven (if I have forgiven anything) I did so for you in the presence of Christ, 11 *so that we may not be exploited by Satan (for we are not ignorant of his schemes).*

III. Scholars' Response to: "You don't need to worry about Satan. Just keep your eyes on Jesus."

Many Biblical scholars have examined and commented on this subject. I pulled the following comment from the Full Life Bible Commentary, which is the companion to the Fire Bible NIV published by the World Assemblies of God (Pentecostal):

Throughout the New Testament, faithful believers are told to rely upon Jesus, depend upon the Holy Spirit, and then to move forward to confront Satan:

(1) *God's Word teaches that because God's Holy Spirit resides within each true follower of Christ, a Christian cannot be demon-possessed. God's Spirit and demons can never live in the same body (2Co 6:16-16). Demons may, however, influence the thoughts, emotions and actions of Christians who fail to follow and respond to the leading of the Holy Spirit (Mt 16:23; 2 Co 11:3, 14).*

(2) *Jesus promised his followers that they would have authority over the power of Satan and demons. As we confront them, we must rely on Jesus and use his authority to break the power that demonic forces*

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want to exert over us and over others. This means waging intense spiritual warfare through the power of the Holy Spirit (Lk 4:14-19).

(3) According to the parable in Mk 3:27, spiritual conflict against Satan and his demonic forces involves three stages of spiritual battle: (a) Declare war against Satan according to God's purpose (LK 4:14-19); (b) enter Satan's territory (any area of life where he has a "stronghold" or has secured his evil control), then attack and overpower him through prayer and God's Word, which will destroy the devil's weapons of deception and temptation (LK 11:20-22). Take what the devil possesses. This means helping to liberate those who have been enslaved by Satan's power and helping to restore them to God so that they may receive forgiveness and new life through faith in Christ (Lk 11:22, Ac 26:18).

(4) These are the steps we are to take in this process:

(a) Recognize we are not in conflict against flesh and blood (human persons, powers, and purposes) but against spiritual forces and powers of evil (Eph 6:12);

(b) Remain intensely committed to God's truth and to living by the standards of His Word (Ro 12:1-2, Eph 6:14);

(c) Have faith that Satan's power can be broken in any area (Ac 26:18; Eph 6:16) and realize that Christ's followers have powerful spiritual weapons given by God for the destruction of Satan's strongholds (2 Co 10:4-5).

(d) Boldly proclaim the message of Christ and His kingdom through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit (Mt 4:23, Lk 1:15-17, Ac 1:8 and 2:4 and 8:12; Ro 1:16; Eph 6:15).

(e) Challenge Satan and his power directly by relying completely on Jesus and taking authority in His name, and by using God's Word (Eph 6:17), praying in the Spirit (Ac 6-4, Eph 6:18), fasting (Mt 6:16) and driving out demons (Mt 12:28; 17:17-21; Mk 16:17; Lk 10:17, Ac 5:16; 8:7; 16:18; 19:12)

(f) Pray particularly that the Holy Spirit would work in the consciences of people who are spiritually lost and do not have a personal relationship with God."

SOURCE: The Holy Bible NIV by International Bible Society, 1984. Life Publishers International, Springfield, Mo. Full Life Bible Commentary, pp. 1348-49.

III. Global Healers Respond to: "... don't ... worry about Satan. Just keep your eyes on Jesus."

In his introduction of Peter J. Horrobin's authoritative book Healing Through Deliverance, Derek Prince wrote:

"We are living today in God's promised end-time outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In Mark 16:17-18 Jesus said that there would be five super-natural signs that would follow. The first two are "they will cast out demons," and "they will speak with new tongues." (NIV) In the last century tremendous emphasis has

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been placed upon this second sign: "they will speak with new tongues." Many books have been written about it, and countless personal testimonies have been given. By comparison, however, very little has been said about the first sign: "they will cast out demons." ... On the basis of many years of personal experience, I have come to believe that deliverance from demons is, at this time, the most urgently needed ministry in the Body of Christ."

Mr. Horrobin draws attention to the fact that today's Church is being deceived.

"Within the Church it has been popularly assumed that evil spirits are only very occasionally encountered and that there is no way they could possibly affect believing Christians. The Church, therefore, has been seduced into deception and error by believing that deliverance from evil spirits is not a ministry worthy of any attention in the average church.

Indeed, it has been argued by some theologians that we should adopt a healthy disregard for the enemy. However, those who have adopted this stance have usually failed to recognize the enemy and his influence and are denying hope to the masses that have been ensnared by the demonic and seem powerless to get out of the enemy's clutches.

The responsibility of Christian leaders not to mislead the flock is considerable. Ezekial warned the shepherds of Israel in these devastating words: "You have not taken care of the weak ones, healed the ones that are sick, bandaged the ones that are hurt. ... Because the sheep had no shepherd, they were scattered, and wild animals killed and ate them." (Ezekial 34:4-5). Denying a primary means of healing (deliverance) to the flock in our care is undoubtedly misleading them."

Healing Through Deliverance, Peter J. Horrobin. Chosen Publishing, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Page 41.

III. Conclusion

It is absolutely true that IF we clothe ourselves in the full armor of God THEN we can stand against the schemes of the devil. But many people are still learning about their authority through faith in Christ. Ephesians 6 tells us to "be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes."

We are to keep our eyes on Jesus, and then stand against (confront) our enemy: Use our God-given weapons – truth, righteousness, readiness, faith, salvation, the Holy Spirit, prayer in the Spirit, and an alert attitude – to defeat the devil's schemes.

3. ADDITION to the PowerPoint Presentation

THE KINGDOM OF GOD VERSUS THE KINGDOM OF SATAN

Source: www.exministries.com/documents/comparison.doc

Kingdom of God

Kingdom of Satan

Rulership	Ruled by God	2Chr 20:6, Ps 95:3, Dan 4:17,32 1Tim 1:17	Rule by Satan	John 12:31; 14:30, 2 Cor 4:4, Eph. 2:2, 1 John 5:19
	God's rule through His Son	Ps 110:1, Is 9:6,7 Mt 28:18, Lk 1:32,33, Eph 1:20- 22, Heb 1:3-8 Rev 1:5, 19:13-16	Satan assisted by principalities, powers and rulers of this dark world	Eph 1:21, 6:12, Col 1:16, 2:15, Dan 10:13
Character	Righteousness, peace, joy in the Holy Spirit	Mat 6:33 John 18:36, Rom 14:17	Centered in the things of this world	1 John 2:15-17, 5:19, Rev 2:9,13
	Truth	John 8:31-32, 14:6, 16-17, 15:26, 16:13, 17:17	Deception	Gen 3:4,-5,13 Jn 8:44, Ro 1:25, 2 Cor 4:4, 2Thes 2:10-12
	Holiness	1Cor 1:2,30, 2Cor 6:17, 7:1, Eph 4:24, Heb 12:10,14 1Pet 1:15,16	Sin and Evil	Ro 1:28-32, 1Cor 6:9-10, Eph 2:1-3, 1 Jo 3:7-10,12
	Light	John 1:4-9 3:19, Acts 26:18, Col 1:12-13, 1Tim 6:16, 1Jo 1:5,7	Darkness	Lk 22:53, Acts 26:18, Eph 6:12, Col 1:13, 1Jo 1:6, 2Cor 11:14
	Eternal Life	Jo 1:4, 3:16, Ro 5:17, 6:4,12, 8:2, 1 Jo 5:12, Re 1:18	Eternal Death	Ro 5:12,14 6:23, Eph 2:1, Re 20:14- 15, 21:18
Manifestation	Salvation	Mk 1:15, Acts 8:12, 1 Cor 5:10-11	Destruction	John 10:10, 1Pet 5:8

	Baptism in the Holy Spirit	Mt 3:2,11-12, Acts 1:3-8	Filled with the spirit of the world	1 Cor 2:12, Jas 4:4, 1 Jo 2:15
Manifestation Cont'd.	The Presence of Jesus	Mt 3:1-3, 4:17, Mk 1:14-15	The Presence of Satan	1Cor 2:12, Jas 4:4, 1 Jo 2:15
	Fruit of the Spirit	Gal 5:22-23	Works of the flesh	Gal 5:19-21

Entrance	Repentance and Forgiveness	Mk 1:15, Acts 2:37-38, 1 Jo 1:19	All unregenerate humanity	Ro 3:23, 5:12, Eph 2:2-3 Col 1:13
	Humility	Mt 18:3, Mk 10:15	Pride, Independence	Ps 2:1,2, Prov 16:18, Ez 16:40-50, Ro 1:30, 2Ti 3:2, Jude 16
	Confession of Sin	Ro 10:8-13, Heb 4:2	Rebellion and unbelief	Ro 1:18-32, Heb 3:19, 12:25
	New Birth	John 3:3,5	Spiritual Death	Ro 6:12,17, 6:23, Eph 2:1, Col 2:13
	Union with Christ	Roman 6:3-8	Separation from God	Eph 2:12
	Children of God	Jo 1:12-13, 3:3-5, Ro 8:15, Gal 4:5, Eph 1:5	Children of Satan	John 8:44 1Jo 3:8-10
	Love	Mt 5:43-48, 7:12, 1 Cor 13, Eph 5:2	Hatred and Hostility	Lk 21:17, Jo 15:18-19, 18:14, Ro 1:30, Tit 3:3, Jas 4:4
Duties	Worship only God	Ex 20:2-6, Mt 4:10, Jo 4:23-24, 1Thes 1:9	Living for self, Satan	Dan 11:30-33, 2Thes 2:4, Re 13:4,8,12,15
	Hate sin and Satan	Ps 139:21, Ro 12:9, Heb 1:9, 1Jo	Hate and persecute	Jo 15:19, 16:3, 17:14 2Ti 3:12, Re

		2:15	believers	12:13,17
Duties, Cont'd.	Seek God's Kingdom	Mt 6:31-33, 11:12, 28:19-20, Ac 1:6-8, 19:8, 28:23,31 Col 4:11	Promote Evil and Corrupt God's Kingdom	Mt 7:14, 13:24-28, 36-43, 24:23-24, Lk 21:8, Ac 20:29-30, Gal 1:8-9, 1Jo 2:18-19, 2Jo7-11
	Love not the world	Mt 6:19-24, Ro 12:1,2, 1Cor 10:21,22, Jas 4:4, 1Jo 2:15-17	Love the World	Ps 17:14, Mk 8:36, Phil 3:19, 2Tim 4:10, 1Jo 2:15-16
Believers Warfare	The weapons of believers are Spiritual	Mt 26:52, 2Cor 10:4-5, Eph 6:10-17	Satan uses the world, flesh, and demons against believers	2Cor 11:3, 14-15, Gal 5:17-21, Eph 6:11-12, 1Pet 2:11, 5:8, Re 12:13, 17 13:15-18