

DELIVERED

from

DEMONS

**The True Story of Judy Clevenger's Deliverance from Demons
Plus 11 Amazing Chapters on Demonology.**

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Judy Clevenger



BEFORE



AFTER

The above pictures tell the story of Judy's deliverance from demons. The one on the left was taken while she was still in school a few months after becoming demon possessed. Her actual appearance at the time of her deliverance was far worse. The picture on the right was taken after her deliverance.

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Introduction

Most of the chapters in this book were written as individual messages and published previously in the Midnight Cry Messenger. With a desire to help God's people overcome the adversary of man's soul we have put them together into this book form for distribution.

Although we have learned a few things about Satan in twenty one years of ministry we never dreamed of some of the things the Lord has shown us in the past year (1967). In addition to the tremendous things learned through the deliverance of Judy Clevenger and others, our local assembly has experienced a most phenomenal visitation in the past year.

Through the eyes of those chosen of the Lord our local body has been permitted to see into the other realm. Like never before we have been made conscious of spiritual entities both good and evil that are vitally interested in the affairs of men.

Through many visions and visits by messengers from the invisible realm God has pulled back the veil and shown us Satan's demoniac kingdom. We have been shown in vivid detail that Satan and his demon host is a vast organized kingdom that wages constant warfare against mankind.

By numerous visions and the mouth of God's messenger we have been told this is the hour of the final and ultimate loosing of Satan upon the earth. We have also been helped in our battle against the adversary by God's heavenly host operating from the invisible realm.

We are convinced this is the beginning of the fulfillment of the scriptures in which things in heaven and on earth are being brought together into one. Ephesians 1:10. We believe it is the short quick work of Romans 9:28 to get us ready for the coming of the Lord.

Time and again we have been shown that the Day of the Lord is at hand. Joel 2:1. With the unfettered loosing of Satan we face the evil day of all evil days. Therefore we must put on the whole armour of God if we are to stand.

To those occupying the room of the unlearned and unbelieving we know the reports of these things are fantastic and incredible. Only those whose hearts are open and receptive to truth will be able to see God in it. We believe this group is indeed a little remnant.

Believing this visitation to be the work of our great sovereign God to help those who are looking to him in this dark hour we sent it forth knowing it will accomplish his purpose.

Fully realizing that we still see through a glass darkly we make no claim to perfection in our understanding of things. Knowing, too, that ministries are still clouded with tradition, error and human limitations we exhort everyone to be fully persuaded in his own mind.

The messages in this volume have gone out to many parts of the world by printed page and tape recording. The fruit it has produced is good. In our local assembly the saints have been edified and built up in the faith. They believe it is of God. Likewise hundreds of letters have come in from sincere hearts who confess

the same things. It has also been used of the Lord to cause many to seek his face like never before.

Believing it is ordained of God to help awaken and prepare the Lord's people we send it forth prayerfully and hopefully.

Chapter 1

Judy Clevenger Story

TROUBLE BEGINS

Judy Clevenger's more serious trouble began when her father died in December, 1965. However, previous to this time, I feel she was on the road that led to eventual demon possession. She told of intense emotional extremes of anger and remorse, sometimes not speaking to her brothers or sisters for two or three days after a fight.

On numerous occasions she wished in her heart that her father was dead only to regret it afterwards. This later became a powerful weapon in the hands of the demons that tried to destroy her life. They constantly reminded her of her father's death, also his funeral, and accused her of being responsible for his death.

Even though she had nightmarish dreams previous to her father's death, her nights now became so tormenting and fearful that she dreaded to go to bed. The poor girl would stay up until two and three in the morning before going to bed.

Beginning with her father's death, Judy started having dizzy spells in which she would suddenly pass completely out. One time she fell and rolled down twenty-two steps in a house. At another time, she fell out of a car traveling between thirty and forty miles per hour.

Falling down a flight of stairs and at other places in the school, she had to drop out in the eleventh grade. Numerous times she fell out of chairs, off of beds, once in a restaurant, and various places in the house. As a result of this much falling, she suffered a brain concussion, various cuts, bruises, abrasions, and temporary blindness in both eyes. With extensive damage to the nerve of the left eye, she was blind in it for several days.

SEIZURES BEGIN

As this condition worsened, Judy began having violent seizures in which she had to be held down by members of her family whom she would toss about with almost superhuman strength. Biting her tongue and beating her head against the floor, she would struggle with satanic fury. They soon learned to put something in her mouth during these attacks because poor Judy's tongue stayed so sore she could only eat soup.

After her father's death Judy had no desire to live and gave herself over to vile cursing and terrible fits of temper with or without provocation. Subject to fall any minute, Judy wasn't allowed to do much around the house. Having moderately smoked cigarettes, she now became a chain smoker.

TRIES SUICIDE

Strong suicidal impulses began to possess Judy and she tried to kill herself by various means. She took an overdose of pills, tried choking herself with a sock, and tried to jump from a bridge but was stopped. At another time she tried to step in

front of a speeding car, but was restrained by the mercy of God.

During her stay with us, she tried to cast herself off a second story balcony to the ground below. Once we took a razor blade from her as she started to slash her wrists. On another occasion, when the main spirit came back in, she started for the lake to drown herself. Possessed by these demons, she took satanic delight in making life miserable for her family. Subject to do almost any crazy thing, she had to be watched night and day. Once she literally ran two miles in an insane effort to leave home. Another time she went 20 miles to a nearby town in an effort to escape. At another time she walked out on a bridge beam and began to perilously rock back and forth threatening to jump on the rocks below.

UNUSUAL

Although there were only four spirits in Judy, her possession by demons was so thorough that her own mind and will would be completely blotted out while under the demons' control. Her case was most unusual in that she, like a spiritualist medium, or one in hypnotic trance, could not remember anything after coming out from under demon control.

On one occasion we talked to the controlling spirit for four hours before casting him out, yet afterwards Judy could not remember anything that had taken place. Unless the person is hopelessly insane, he is usually conscious and aware that another spirit is talking through him. This, of course, applies to those cases where demon possession is uncovered by the Spirit of God and the demons are made to manifest themselves.

Until a demon's presence is uncovered, the person simply thinks it is himself. He attributes his fears, hallucinations, or other strange behavior to himself. He might even concede that he losing his mind, but the presence of demons never occurs to him.

COMES TO NORTH CAROLINA

While in a visit to his family in West Virginia, Judy's brother, who had been delivered from an evil spirit a few weeks previously, became convinced that Judy's real trouble was demons also. Believing she could be helped, he persuaded his mother to let Judy come back with him and his family to North Carolina. Since his mother wouldn't understand, he simply told her he believed she could be helped through the ministry of the church here in North Carolina.

Arriving here Sunday, September 10, around 11 p.m., Judy had to be immediately put in the hospital where she began having one seizure after another. My first meeting with her took place Monday night of the 11th. I had barely spoken to her on the hospital bed, and mentioned the Lord, when she went into a violent seizure. While she was in the throes of the seizure, several held her while a nurse put a paddle in her mouth to keep her from biting her tongue.

BECAME ALARMED

After our visit to the hospital, the spirits became alarmed and Judy told the doctor and nurses she didn't want to leave the hospital, her excuse being, her brother wanted her to go to his old church with him and she didn't want to go. She said she didn't want his religion and should be able to choose her own church. To this the nurses agreed.

Later, when we were talking to the spirits in her, they told us they suspected

something in West Virginia, but by not knowing for sure they made a terrible mistake in letting her come to North Carolina. Duncie, the main spirit, and the one which caused her to have the seizures said, "If I had only known for sure I'd have never let her come here."

Realizing they were in danger, the spirits really went to work on Judy to kill her before being cast out. She must have had close to a hundred seizures her first week in North Carolina. Wednesday, September 14, she had twenty-five seizures from eleven in the morning until nine that night. The poor girl's tongue got so sore she could hardly eat.

Never having dealt with a case as severe as this one, I was very reluctant to start. I just told her brother to have her in every service at the church, hoping we could get some of the Word into her heart. In the meantime, I began to seek the Lord about it and asked the whole church to be praying.

FIRST BATTLE

Although we didn't intend to minister to her for a while, the demons began, toward the end of the week, to manifest themselves by talking and we decided to try and cast them out on Sunday night, September 17. We first planned to deal with her after the regular service with only a few individuals staying behind to help.

This plan was abandoned when the spirits made her pass out in the early part of the service and she couldn't be revived. Stopping our regular service, we had her brought to the front of the church where we began a battle that lasted almost three months. Three months of sore trial with seasons of darkness and despair, yet times of victory and rejoicing.

The spirits soon manifested themselves by talking back to us after we had brought her to the front of the church. At that time she was like someone in a trance and invariably kept her eyes closed while we talked to the spirits. Among many things they told us they wanted to kill her. They said they caused many of her physical ailments such as headaches, pains in various parts of her body, choking spells, dizzy fainting spells, and the seizures. They also said they accused her of killing her father and made her have terrible dreams about his death and funeral. When asked what their name was they would say, "Satan." They also lied about how many were inside saying, "two," when I asked them. I asked them what they thought about Christ and they said, "I hate him!"

There being such a terrific anointing on the service, we didn't have much trouble casting these spirits out in the presence of the entire church this first time. The first spirit that went our made her fight and struggle fiercely before rending her with a convulsive scream as he went out.

She was comparatively normal for a minute or two before we got another spirit to talking to us. When we told him he was going to have to come out too, he made her start jerking back and forth until we commanded him to stop. He also came out after a struggle and convulsive scream.

After talking to her a little, we felt there were still more spirits present and started commanding them to come out also. These came out with gagging, choking, and coughing seizure. When the last spirit came out, Judy Clevenger was perfectly normal for the first time in two years.

By this time, the people were in an uproar of praise and jubilation over the deliverance of this poor girl. With a normal mind, Judy told us she wanted to be a Christian and was giving up her cigarettes and epileptic pills. Had we really known

the battle these demons were going to give us over this girl in the next three months, I don't think we would have been so jubilant.

Judy was perfectly free and normal for twenty four hours. Although she was a chain smoker, she didn't smoke a cigarette or take one of her epileptic pills in that period. Monday afternoon we went over to her brother's house, played the tape we had made of the demons talking to us through her, and had prayer. Leaving her in good cheer, and her accepting the fact that evil spirits were the cause of her two year nightmare, we went home rejoicing also.

DEMONS COME BACK

Our rejoicing turned into grim reality not too long after reaching home when we received a phone call from her brother's wife saying Judy had fallen and hit her head on the door facing and the demons were back in. Calling two of the men of the church to meet me at Judy's brother's house, I got in my car and started over, praying as I drove.

Upon reaching the house, we found Judy on the floor with her brother Bob sitting astraddle of her while she begged for a cigarette. Her desire for a cigarette was so great that she was oblivious to everything else.

We put her in a chair and started pressing the demons which remained quiet for a while hoping we would go away. The demon which made her want one cigarette after another became provoked when we refused to let her smoke and finally took control and started giving us a piece of his mind.

Although the spirits were more violent this time than down at the church, they came out after first refusing and saying they were not coming out. It took five of us to hold her as she struggled and fought us. With one on each side holding an arm, she would kick and stomp with her legs. After we pinned her legs down, she would wring and twist and try to bite us.

TRIES TO KILL HER

This time she was free for two days before the strongest spirit (Dunce) came back in on Wednesday night when she went to sleep. This attack was the most terrible of all in one sense. This raging demon, which caused her to have the seizures, literally tried to choke the girl to death before we could get there.

Choked into submission by this devil, she lost consciousness completely and they could find no sign of pulse. Naturally, her brother and sister-in-law were terrified when they thought the girl was dead. At this point, they started to take her to the hospital but she regained consciousness shortly afterward. This time the demon didn't put up too much of a fight against us. It seemed that his wrath was directed mostly against the girl. Smothering herself with a pillow, beating her head against the headboard of her bed, and bending her hand back in an effort to break it, were some of the crazy things she did. She also tried to tear her mouth open and bite her own hands before we cast him out this time. The power of this devil over the girl's mind was the most phenomenal thing I have ever witnessed. He could make her pass out, feel pain anywhere in her body, choke, cough, gag, and believe almost anything.

After we cast the chief spirit out on Wednesday night of the 20th, Judy went two more days before three spirits came back in. From September 22nd she went four days and they came back in on the 26th. This time she only went one day and three spirits came back in Wednesday night of the 26th.

DEMONS GIVE NAMES

This time we took the tape recorder with us and taped the battle with the demons. Since they had been telling us some things we felt would be profitable to Judy and others, we decided to question them at length. For the first time, we forced two of the spirits to give us their names, which they tenaciously refused to do at first. We also discovered that the demons were in literal torment when we pleaded the blood of Christ against them. Through this means, we made them literally cry and beg us to stop. Finally breaking under this pressure, they gave us their names and told us what they made the girl do. This was also when we learned there were actually four spirits in the girl; one of which we believed had already left.

NICOTINE SPIRIT

Job, the first spirit we talked to, was a nicotine demon which made her smoke one cigarette after another. He said he didn't make her start smoking cigarettes because he had only been in her for two months. She actually had been smoking for four years but had only become a chain smoker rather recently. He said he just made her want one right after another.

Further questioning revealed that this spirit had come out of a woman who died with lung cancer. He also said that he intended to kill Judy in the same manner.

After discovering there were four spirits instead of three, we could see why Judy had been unwilling to give up her cigarettes most of the time. Actually, one spirit had been staying in and binding her will. Only twice during those six previous sessions had Judy been completely free of demons. This is a good example of why we must have the gift of discerning of spirits in this type of ministry.

DUNCE

After casting Job, the nicotine demon out, we began talking to the stronger spirit that exercised such terrible power over Judy's life. He resisted fiercely and refused, for a long time, to give us his name. He became so violent at one time that it took five of us to hold her. After this, he tried to choke her to death. Continuing to plead the blood of Christ against him, we reminded him of how Job had been forced to give us his name.

Finally breaking under the pressure, he began to cry also. Not long after he told us his name was Dunce. We really learned the power of the blood in fighting devils during this battle. Nothing would break the will of these spirits like the blood. It caused them great torment when we mentioned the blood of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Dunce told us he hated everyone, including Judy, and he intended to kill her with the seizures. He also told us she was resisting him now by pleading the blood against him. For this, we rejoiced and praised the Lord. When we asked him if Judy was a Christian, he said she hadn't gone all the way because she still wanted to smoke cigarettes.

When told that she wouldn't smoke any more now since we had cast Job, the nicotine devil out, Dunce replied that Job only made her want one right after another but that the original desire was hers.

Although demons are notorious liars, we found these things were true. Judy

still wanted her cigarettes even after we cast Job and Dunce out. Since she had been willing to give them up the two times she had been free, we believed there was still another spirit present binding her will.

FOOLED US

As each spirit comes out of a person, they become more and more normal. This spirit which remained in Judy permitted her to appear so normal that we were fooled. Thinking it was only her who wasn't willing to give up the cigarettes, we left for the night with one spirit still in Judy.

Not feeling satisfied in my spirit about her, I went over the next morning, September 28th, with my wife and the tape of the night before. After playing the tape through and talking to Judy some, I started to pray for her. Unknowingly, I started talking to the spirit which bound the girl's will, and before we realized what was taking place the demon came out screaming with a loud voice. Judy was indeed free this time and without hesitation got her cigarettes and threw them away.

But not yet having experienced the new birth, she being so weak, and unable to resist these spirits, they came back in again the same day. Although the Lord was doing a work in her life, she was still at the mercy of these unmerciful spirits. The spirits cast out again, Judy was free until Sunday, October 1st. At the close of the morning service, she came forward weeping saying she wanted to be a Christian. Despite her genuine desire to be a Christian, she was still without strength to resist these devils which kept coming back in.

Sunday night, still on October 1st, we tried casting these spirits out and they seemed to be coming back in as fast as we could cast them out. Ten times she went into the throes of a convulsive scream, as if the spirits were coming out. Two spirits actually left, but Dunce, the epileptic demon, was fooling us by making her have the convulsive screams.

Dunce later told us he had much rather have us cast him out than have Judy call on the Lord for help. He said he had to leave when she called on the Lord for help, but he might be able to fool us. He said he could make her have a convulsive scream without leaving. Though we didn't know this at the time we soon caught on to this trick and he couldn't fool us anymore.

MOVED IN WITH US

After the October 1st, Sunday session, all the spirits left except Dunce. He refused to give up and would keep coming back into the girl one way or another. Having to get up at all hours of the night and drive ten miles to cast the devils out of Judy, we decided to bring her over to our house where we could minister to her.

This move proved to be of the Lord, although it put terrible pressure on my family. The two weeks at her brother's house had just about made nervous wrecks out of all of them. Fighting those demons almost every night, and keeping the children awake, and alarmed by those blood curdling screams, the whole household was disrupted.

At home with us, we began a daily program of prayer, praise, and Bible study to help Judy in her battle against demon possession. In spite of everything we did, Dunce kept coming back in every day or two and my wife and I would have to stop and start all over again. Sometimes he would come out in a few minutes, but other times he was more difficult to cast out.

NIGHTS WORSE

Since he worked very hard to get in at night we were always on edge expecting almost anything to happen. Keeping her room door open, and the hall light on, we could hear and watch her from our bedroom. Time and again, we would go to her while she was having a nightmare, or talking in her sleep, and pray and plead the blood over her.

Sometimes we would have to lead her out of the room at midnight, or later, and begin fighting the devil which had come back in. Although the days were somewhat better, we couldn't let her out of our sight for fear the demon would come in and make her kill herself. With a lake at our back door and woods all around we had to watch her every minute.

ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

Despite our close guard, with the children helping us, Duncie came in one night while we were busy and almost made her jump off the balcony to the ground below. She climbed up on the balcony to throw herself down but was unable to do so. No doubt, the angel of the Lord was there to hold her back. In getting down, she fell against the brick wall of the house and hit herself over the left eye. Having been hit on this same place many times before, she went blind in her left eye. After the blow on the head, she went into the kitchen crying with her head hurting to get an aspirin tablet. Seeing her in this condition, my wife quickly rushed to her side trying to encourage Judy to plead the blood. But it was too late, the demon was already in.

Sitting her down in a chair to cast the spirit out again, we failed to notice a razor blade nearby where my wife had been sewing. Quick as a flash, she picked this razor blade up to slash her wrists. With us grabbing her wrist and commanding her to release the blade, she closed a tight fist over it. Though it didn't seem possible, there wasn't a nick in her hand when she opened it.

TIME OF DARKNESS

Although Judy's general condition was greatly improved over her original state, it seemed there was no strength to keep this one spirit out. With her blind in one eye and not knowing what would happen next, a great darkness of despair gripped our souls. Having cast this same spirit out about twenty times, it seemed we were fighting a losing battle.

I went into the woods and began to seek the Lord in behalf of this poor girl. Telling the Lord we couldn't continue on as we were without some help, I felt a peace and calm come into my soul. Coming back to the house, I told my wife, who was also feeling the pressure, that the Lord was going to do something. I told her that the Lord was either going to deliver Judy from the demons or us from Judy.

WORD FROM THE LORD

That night, which was about October 5th, the Lord gave our eleven year old girl, Esther, two vivid dreams about Judy and the battle we were in.

In the first dream, Judy was being attacked by a large serpent and didn't seem to be putting up much resistance against him. By this word from the Lord, we knew more resistance had to come from Judy herself before she could be delivered. After this, we began asking the Lord to work in Judy and help her to realize she must fight harder.

In the second dream, a serpent was laughing at me and I began pleading the blood against him. As I continued to plead the blood against him, it finally reached his head which turned red, then he disappeared. By this, I knew the demon which continued to come back into Judy was laughing at our despair. By it, I also knew he was going to be defeated through the blood.

Two days later, October 7th, when the spirit came back in Judy, this dream was literally fulfilled with the devil laughing at us while we were questioning him. By the word of the Lord, we were made strong and able to resist this taunting devil. Through this word from the Lord we knew God was in the battle with us. What a great difference the word of the Lord makes at a time like this.

SLOWLY BUT SURELY

Due to the fact a slow mental and spiritual healing was taking place, Judy looked much better and was more mentally alert. She kept her eyes open now even when under demon control. She would also waver back and forth between normality and demon possession when we were dealing with her. One minute she would say, “yes” when asked if she loved Jesus, and a second later she would say “no” to the same question.

We also learned that she would draw strength and become almost normal while looking at us. When we would ask her to praise the Lord, plead the blood, or pray, she would begin and immediately the demon would take control of her mind. He would let her talk about almost anything as long as she didn't praise the Lord, pray, or resist him with the blood. She could hardly utter a syllable of direct communication toward God before he would take over. Then she would say, “No! No! I don't want to.”

Every time she began to draw virtue from looking at us the demon would make her turn her head and look elsewhere. What a tremendous lesson this was to our hearts, to see that this poor demon possessed girl actually received help just by looking at us. It made us realize that our lives are either giving out life or death. When we asked the demon why he made her turn head from looking at us he said, “Because she draws strength from you.”

It also got more and more difficult to cast this spirit out as Judy regained more control of her mind. When we would command the demon to come out he would release her mind and let her take over. Only when the spirit was in full control of Judy could we cast him out. Though we didn't realize it at the time, this was of the Lord because she was approaching the place where God expected her to call on him personally for help.

CHOKING ATTACKS

Although there was decided improvement, and Duncie could no longer make her have seizures, he was still able to almost choke her to death six times in one afternoon. This was done from the outside with Judy in her right mind and doing well otherwise. Although she was fully conscious, and knew what was going on, she was powerless to stop these attacks. She said it seemed as though someone would put their hand over her mouth and nose and suddenly cut her breath off from her body.

And although she would plead the blood in her mind, she couldn't make the demon release his hold until we rushed to her side and began rebuking the spirit and commanding him to leave in Jesus' name. The last time he attacked her this

way was when she went to her room that night. Our eleven year old girl just happened to look in on Judy and saw her lying motionless with eyes open staring into space, but no sign of life. She alarmed us and we rushed in once more and made the demon release his hold so she could breathe.

Later, we questioned the demon when he came back in. He took great pride and pleasure in telling us he caused the choking spells that day. He said he could make her do this from the outside as well as from the inside. However, he admitted he had some help that day from some other spirits that were nearby.

We well remember this day because we had picked up a man to help us do some yard work. And although we knew this man was mentally dull, we didn't think anything about having him around since he had worked for us in this manner over the years. However, when we picked him up we felt apprehensive about his presence with Judy in the car with us. We had only gone a short distance before Judy became very nauseated and almost had to vomit. By pleading the blood and resisting the devil she got better and we managed to get home without further trouble. Still feeling very uneasy in my spirit about Judy being close to this man, I hurriedly sent her and my wife into the house while I took James into the yard.

Not long after this, she had the first of six choking spells that afternoon and evening. Later, when talking to the spirit about these choking attacks, he readily said he received strength from the spirits in James while he worked around the house. Although James was dull witted and harmless, I now thought of many things about him which no doubt were the result of these spirits.

TURNING POINT

The real turning point in this battle against Duncce came Sunday morning, October 8th, at 1:00 a.m. With him coming back in sometime after Judy went to bed, we started our battle against the spirit around 12 midnight. For a long time now, my wife and I had been able to handle her alone. Although we could not cast the demon out as easily as before, we had control over him.

As already stated, the demon would go down (release her mind) when we would command him to come out and thus avoid being cast out. Working with Judy in this manner, we would alternately speak to the spirit and then her. When he would release her mind, we would try to get her to call on the Lord, praise him, or plead the blood against Duncce. The demon would parry our urgings as a boxer blocks punches.

One time she managed to resist him with the blood of Jesus, seemingly, before he could stop her. At this he was so furious he threw the poor girl headfirst onto the floor where she lay unconscious until we picked her up. Putting her back into the chair, we started all over again. She struggled so hard to call on the Lord that it seemed she was in agony as tears streamed down her cheeks. Believe me, a battle was being fought against powers and principalities. As we joined our faith and spirit with hers, she finally broke this devil power when she cried from the depth of her soul, "God help me!" Instantly, the demon's power was broken and he left. Needless to say, this was a time of rejoicing for the three of us, at 1:30 in the morning. Judy was so happy she didn't want to go to bed at all. This was the first time the demon had ever left without being cast out by us.

The night after this happened Esther had another dream of Judy running toward Jesus as hard as she could go. Several times a black figure (man) would step in between her and Jesus but she would knock him out of the way and keep

running. We knew, from this word from the Lord, that Judy had received strength from the Lord and would put up greater resistance from now on.

DETERMINED DEVIL

I wish I could report the fight was finished with this episode, but such was not the case. Indeed, it was a turning point and we never had to cast the demon out again by ourselves. But he continued to stay right beside Judy and managed to come back in several times after this. However, each time we would have to help Judy call on the Lord herself before the demon would leave.

She went almost five days after the night of October 8th before Dunce could get back in. This, of course, was the longest time she had ever gone. We were praying and hoping that final and complete work was accomplished. But there was still much battle yet to be fought. This demon was determined to hold on to Judy and still had many diabolical tricks up his sleeve.

It is well nigh impossible for anyone to realize just how weak the will, the mind, or the general constitution of a demon possessed person, such as Judy, is. To begin with, she wasn't even a Christian. That, in itself, is sufficient to keep most people away from God. Secondly, she knew nothing about God, the importance of prayer, His word, or how to resist this enemy. Thirdly, these demons had such complete control over her mind that they could traffic in and out without her being aware of it.

Fourthly, anyone who has been in Judy's condition is incapable of realizing the desperate seriousness of their need. Consequently, it is almost impossible to get them to take any initiative in getting hold of God in prayer or resisting the enemy. Fifthly, God intended for her to step-by-step learn the ways of the Lord and overcome this terrible enemy herself. Only in this way could she be an overcomer and help others later.

While we were fighting the devil on one side, we were trying to build Judy up with the Word, prayer, and praise, on the other. And, in between, we were fighting the adversary who worked to defeat us through unbelief, fear, and discouragement. We believe the arena of battle was surrounded not only with the powers of darkness but a heavenly host of God's angels were looking on. Were it not for the Lord's help and the ministry of his angelic host aiding us, we would have given up in despair.

TRICKS JUDY

Judy was getting along good the evening of October 12th, when Dunce tricked her into bumping her head on the lavatory while she brushed her teeth. Coming out of the bathroom, she told my wife she wanted to go back to her brother Bobby's house. Knowing that Dunce had vowed to get her away from us, we recognized immediately that he had come back in.

Sitting her down on the couch, we had him talking to us in a minute or two. Though he pretended to be Judy to begin with, we let him know we recognized him. After establishing his identity, he told us he came in when she bumped her head in the bathroom. Asking him how she bumped her head, he told us he made her head get heavy.

As soon as he left Judy, she was normal once more and had no desire to leave. Not being able to remember things that transpired while under demon control, she was surprised when we asked her if she still wanted to leave. This time Dunce

stayed out only one day before he came back in, which was October 13th.

AMAZING EXPERIENCE

One of the most amazing experiences in our ministry to Judy Clevenger took place the night of October 13th. On this night we had a married woman brought to our house who also had demons. Since Judy was sympathetic toward anyone in this condition, she expressed a desire to help us in our efforts to deliver this woman.

We sat this woman down in a chair and after we talked to her for a few minutes, the demons began to manifest themselves almost immediately. As these demons began screaming and raging in the woman, Judy was praying over on the couch where she was sitting with my wife and another sister. Occupied with the woman we were trying to help, we didn't notice that Judy had quit praying and had started to watch the proceedings.

Before we realized what was taking place, Duncie had come back into Judy and she sat staring at the woman as if hypnotized. Finally realizing what was taking place, we tried to get her to resist the demon but it was too late. Leaving the woman we were ministering to with her husband and two of our church brothers, we quickly took Judy into another room. We really had a situation on our hands fighting devils in two different people at the same time.

In a few minutes it became obvious that we were fighting a losing battle under such circumstances. Realizing we must separate them, I told my wife and sister Ruth Campbell, to take Judy in the car and drive to her house about 10 miles away. Coming back into the house after helping get Judy into the car, we began questioning the spirits in the woman. Having been under demon control with her eyes closed, the woman did not know Judy had left. I asked the demon that was talking what had happened to the girl and he quickly replied, "the spirit came back into her."

We were literally astounded to learn these spirits were very much aware of what had happened and had indeed helped Duncie get back into Judy. Not knowing that Judy had left the house, the spirit asked us where the girl was. He said the spirit (Duncie) was gone and he was supposed to be with the girl. He knew she was gone because the spirit was gone.

The spirits in both the girl and the woman not only were aware of each other's presence, but also felt obligated to help each other. Judy tried to get out of the car as they were driving over to the Campbell's house. Duncie spoke through her saying, "They are about to cast him out, I've got to go back and help him!"

The most amazing aspect of this experience was yet to come. While over at the Campbell's house, the two women helped Judy to get free three times. However, with Duncie coming back in after a few minutes each time, they finally gave up and decided to wait on us. When they gave up, Duncie started begging to come back over to our house.

When they asked him why he wanted to go, he replied, "I've got to go help him, they are going to cast him out." He said, "We don't like one another, but we have to help each other."

When they questioned him further, he said, "The master tells us to help one another and we have to obey." Then he said, "We hate him but we have to do what he tells us."

When asked who his master was, he said, "Lucifer." Later he said, "I have to

go and get him some water, he's thirsty and begging for water!" Believe it or not, that was exactly what was taking place at our house. The spirit in the woman was begging for water saying she (the woman) was thirsty. Dunce knew what was taking place at our house.

Later, I asked Dunce about this and he told me that he did indeed leave Judy three times to come over and help the spirits in the woman. He also told me he couldn't get out when my wife and Ruth Campbell quit trying to help Judy. This was when he started begging for water.

Demons can't of themselves leave a person they indwell while in the presence of Christians who recognize them. The person had to call on the Lord himself or the spirit had to be cast out by those in attendance. At other times they can and do leave for brief periods to help a fellow spirit in need. Only when Christians are present who recognize them are they bound.

Later, I asked Dunce if spirits were affected by thirst when the person they were indwelling begins to call for water. "Yes, when they get thirsty, we're thirsty."

It is a notable fact that if you deal with a demon possessed person very long, they will begin to ask for water.

An amusing thing took place in connection with this experience when Dunce came back into Judy. We asked him what happened to the woman we were dealing with which had the spirits. He said, "They were cast out." Then he laughed and said, "I'm not the only one that's failed. They'll" (the spirits in the woman) "go clear to the bottom too!"

He took great satisfaction out of the fact that the spirits in the woman had failed to keep their victim even as he was failing in keeping Judy.

Demons take great pride in holding on to their victims until they destroy them. It seems there is a rivalry among them and they expect honor or dishonor according to their success. They also seem to fear rebuke from Lucifer if they fail. They are aware that they belong to the kingdom of darkness and Lucifer is their king. Although they hate each other, they hate Christ, his people, and his angels even more. Being aware that they are in a war against us, they help each other when attacked.

ANOTHER TRICK

After this night, Judy went one whole week before the demon came back in again. This time he pulled another insidious trick to get her to bump her head. Unbelievable but true, this spirit still had great power over this girl, even while on the outside. This time he caused a sharp sudden pain in her side and made her jump and bump her head while in bed. After this October 20th encounter, Judy had two 2-week periods free of Dunce except for heavy depression caused by homesickness.

NEW STRATEGY

We learned later this was part of his new strategy to get Judy away from us. He told us he had to get her away from us, and then he could do as he pleased. He first tried to turn her against us but Judy wouldn't be deceived by this strategy. One day Judy had to continually resist him as she felt strange resentment welling up in her against my wife. One time she had such an overwhelming desire to curse my wife out she literally ran to her room to plead the blood. She went so fast she

ran into the jam of the door in her haste. After resisting him all day, Judy finally told my wife what was going on and Dunce's power was broken.

Failing in this, he made her homesick to see her family. Through this mental harassment, he came back in again. Upon questioning him about how he managed to get back in, he told us he made her homesick. He said he just kept reminding her of her family in West Virginia until she was so worried he could get in. He also said her tried to turn her against us, but she would not believe him. He expressed surprise that she wouldn't turn against us, saying he thought she would believe that easier than the other. On one of these occasions he said, "Why don't you leave her alone? She's no relative of yours."

During these sessions he would also try to make us believe Judy didn't really want to live for God. We would call him a liar and make him admit that she did.

HARD TO DETECT

In addition to the two occasions when the spirit came in when Judy bumped her head, he also came in once when she fell while playing in the yard with the children. It seemed the mental shock was just enough for him to move in. Each time he would come in now, he would be very careful to hide his presence from us. Judy would be so near normal that we might not detect the spirit's presence for two or three hours.

It being his nature to impart evil to the one he possessed, Dunce would make her do something that would arouse our suspicion. Even Judy would not be aware he had come back in. Usually she would become noticeably quiet. She would also become stubborn and resent the slightest bit of correction. When she would refuse to pray with us we knew the demon had come back in.

MIRACLE HEALING

Another glorious miracle took place in the life of Judy Clevenger during the last part of her battle against demon possession. Being temporarily blinded on two occasions from her falls, and the left eye damaged more extensively, Judy's eyesight was very poor even with glasses. When she decided to take her glasses off, and trust the Lord to heal her eyes, Judy's left eye went completely blind again. Seemingly, her faith had worked in reverse.

For thirty six hours her faith was severely tested. In spite of the added disappointment, we joined our faith with hers in looking to the Lord for the healing of her eyes. Fifteen minutes later, while she was in prayer, a shooting pain hit the left eye and she screamed falling upon her knees by her bed. Rushing into her room to see what was wrong, we found her on her knees weeping.

Overcome by emotion, Judy could only point to her left eye while she wept tears of joy before the Lord. Sure enough, God had healed her eyes. Getting a book with small print in it, she could read it perfectly without glasses. God had given her a perfect set of eyes even better than 20/20 vision.

This wonderful experience of healing helped Judy spiritually, but Dunce still hung around hoping to get back in again. Tuesday afternoon, November 20th, he came in again when Judy bumped her head as she went into a sister's home to attend a prayer meeting. This was the last time Dunce was able to completely blot out Judy's mind while under his control.

RESTORES MEMORY

The same Tuesday night the Lord restored Judy's ability to remember things that had been blotted out of her mind these past two years. She could now remember the many sessions in which we had dealt with her while under demon control. Previous to this she couldn't remember anything that had taken place during these sessions. This was the last great step in Judy's healing. Although the enemy came back and oppressed her for awhile, his power to completely possess her mind was gone.

HAS VISIONS

Judy has not only been delivered from demon possession herself, but she is now being used of the Lord to help others. With that innate psychic ability to yield herself, the Holy Spirit now takes possession and gives her visions that help God's people. This ability was first manifested during the battle against the demons in the second week.

During our battle against the spirits, Judy would have periods of consciousness and suddenly begin staring in a transfixed manner at something. Asking her what she was looking at, she would point to the thing (vision) and say "it's a dog" or "it's a snake". Then she would describe it for us. Several time she saw a yellow snake which stayed around her long after the others (spirits) left. With her eyes open, she once saw him at the foot of her bed like a giant Cobra standing seven feet tall. When she resisted him with the blood, he disappeared. The dog she saw several times had his mouth open in a vicious snarl, as though he intended to bite someone.

Once she saw a giant reptile like an alligator or crocodile with his mouth open also. On this particular occasion, Brother Don Metcalf, who was helping us with Judy, had visions of these same creatures. When she had these visions she would never voluntarily tell us she saw these things. Only when we would observe her staring and ask her what she saw would she tell us

During her two years of demon possession she had never seen these things. The Lord was simply letting her and us know the nature of these vicious demons that had possessed her life, and always when she would plead the blood they would disappear. Since then, she has had marvelous visions concerning Christ's body and things pertinent to individuals.

On several occasions she has seen things in visions exactly as they took place without knowing anything about them. Before Duncce had to leave her the last time, she had already had several of these visions. I asked Duncce what he thought about these visions the Lord was giving Judy. He said, "I don't like for her to have them. They help people and I don't like that."

The most glorious vision of all took place when the Lord destroyed the enemy's power over her concerning her father. For two years she lived in torment thinking she was responsible for his death. These devils delighted in torturing her at night by carrying her back to his death, his funeral, and scenes at the graveyard.

The night of this vision Judy was awake in bed with her eyes open. Suddenly, the Lord appeared at the foot of her bed with light emanating from his person and an expression of gentleness and love on his face. He said, "Judy, go ahead and be baptized. Your father is waiting for you." From that night forward the devil's power to torment her about her father was broken.

Our sovereign God chose this girl out of the millions of poor demon

possessed people on this earth to manifest his power and mercy. She was an object lesson to show us the helpless condition of those who are demon possessed. Through this battle we have learned first hand in three months more about demons than any school on earth could teach us.

The deliverance of this girl is more than just a ray of hope for others. It is positive proof that Christ is still master of demons. Through it we have been made to realize that deliverance from demons is not just to free men from the scourge of devil power. But that they might know him whom to know aright means to have life eternal.

Perhaps the greatest reason of all for Judy's deliverance, in the manner in which it had been accomplished, is to teach and prepare God's people to be able to stand against the power of Satan's host which is being released upon mankind like never before.

TAPES

Many of the things set forth in this testimony are on tape. It is the actual recorded account of the battle with the demons that almost destroyed Judy Clevenger's life. Having already been sent to many parts of the world this tape is being used mightily to expose Satan's demoniac kingdom.

This being the hour of the release of the demoniac forces from the pit, we believe the tremendous truth contained in this written account and the tape is appointed of God for this day. See last page for information on this and other tapes which are a must for God's people in this critical hour.

Chapter 2

Demoniac World

All true Bible believers recognize the fact that an unseen world of demoniac spirits exists. The Old Testament and the New gives numerous examples of human beings that were possessed with evil spirits. Christ and the apostles not only recognized these spirits in people; they also cast them out of their victims. In addition to the historical fact that others have been used to cast demons out of people, we are experiencing such deliverance today; not on the grand scale of Christ and the early church but we are convinced greater things are coming.

These spirits not only afflict men physically, mentally, and morally, but they manifest themselves by speaking through the persons they indwell. During Bible days they were especially fearful when in the presence of Christ and the spirit-filled apostles. They also recognized and testified to the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Mark 5:7). We find that today they still recognize, dread, and fear the authority of the Lord over them.

In spite of the testimony of the scriptures, the ministries of Christ, the apostles, and the early church in confronting and casting demons out of people, it is most amazing that the churches of today are almost silent on the subject. The few that do recognize the need for a knowledge of demons think it is only for missionaries who are going to some heathen country that is given over to idolatry.

This ignorance on the part of the religious world is also why multitudes are experiencing nervous breakdowns, insanity, moral and social problems such as never before. This we believe will increase until God's people begin to seek the Lord with all their heart. The words of Isaiah 26:16-18 must be fulfilled. "... Lord, in trouble have they visited thee. They poured out a prayer when thy chastening was upon them. Like as a woman with child, that draweth near the time of her delivery, is in pain, and crieth out in her pains; so have we been in thy sight, O Lord. We have been with child, we have been in pain, we have as it were brought forth wind; we have not wrought any deliverance in the earth; neither have the inhabitants of the world fallen."

SPIRIT BEINGS

Demons, called devils, evil spirits, unclean spirits, dumb and deaf spirits, spirits of divination, spirits of infirmity, and familiar spirits, are evil intelligent spirit beings that constantly seek to deceive, oppress, possess, and destroy mankind. Though they are intelligent beings, they only have a capacity for evil. Being completely unregenerate and diabolical, they are without taint of righteousness and mercy. They respect and fear nothing but authority.

Cast out of their original realm, and being spirit, Satan and his demons have no earthly physical bodies of their own. This is why they are called disembodied spirits. The truth is, they were created spirit beings and never had bodies suitable for this earth realm. Even the good angels are called "ministering spirits sent forth

to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation.” (Hebrews 1:14).

Since Satan and demons are spirit beings confined to the earth realm, they constantly seek embodiment in the earthly physical bodies of man or beast. Being totally depraved creatures, whose nature is to do evil, they must have a channel or vessel through which they can express or manifest their evil nature.

Demons must live vicariously; otherwise, they are limited in their ability to do evil as they exist in the air around the earth. In a disembodied state, they are miserable creatures walking in dry places seeking rest. (Matthew 12:43-45). However, in this state, they are able to project evil thoughts into the minds of the unwary, tempting and deceiving some whom they enter and indwell.

No life is happy unless it can be doing that which is its nature to do. If it is your nature to love, you are only happy when you are expressing that love in words, deeds, and acts. Likewise, a demon of hate is only happy when he is expressing his nature in words, deeds, and acts of hate.

SEEK TO DESTROY

The demon which caused Judy Clevenger to have convulsive seizures smiled and expressed great delight when told that he would like to kill the girl if he could. Speaking through the girl, he said that he intended to kill her and would with just a few more of the seizures. This spirit also tried to get this girl to kill herself by jumping in front of a car, tying a sock around her neck, smothering herself with a pillow, jumping off of a balcony, taking a bottle of epileptic pills and by cutting herself with a razor blade. Time and again he tried to kill her by throwing her on the floor, out of the car, down two flights of stairs, and by making her beat her head against things.

It being the nature of a demon to torment and destroy, this evil spirit was thoroughly enjoying himself and actually laughed with cunning delight when we talked to him about it. This devil wouldn't even let this poor girl sleep peacefully at night, but caused her to have terrible dreams about death, cemeteries, funerals, and the death of her father.

Though demons will indwell animals, man is their preference by far. Animals, being of such low mentality, are driven mad quickly by evil spirits. (Matthew 8:31-32). Satan takes far greater satisfaction out of possessing and destroying man than anything else. This is because man was made in the image of God.

This is also why Satan personally tried to tempt and corrupt Christ thus destroying God's plan to redeem man. (Matthew 4:1-11). One of the demons cast out of Jane Miller in New Orleans a few years ago by Brother Sam Fife said, (referring to the wilderness temptation of Christ) "if we had only won that battle we wouldn't have to fight anymore, it would be all over."

ALL KNOW CHRIST

The whole demoniac kingdom, from Satan on down to the lowest demon spirit, was aware of who Jesus of Nazareth was. This is why the demons in the Legion said, "... What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? Art thou come hither to torment us before the time?" (Matthew 8:29). All evil spirits today still recognize, fear, and hate Christ. Time and again the spirits we cast out of Judy Clevenger told us they hated Christ and us.

As this age draws to a close, we can expect the greatest manifestation of demons this world has ever experienced. This is because unregenerate lost men are

more in number than ever before. Man also becomes more and more yielded to the power of darkness as he rejects the light of the gospel. To reject light means to invite darkness (demons). We are personally witnessing more demon activity than ever before. However this is due in part to the fact that the Lord had been leading us into a consciousness of demon reality like we have never experienced.

Though we have had some personal experience with demon possession over the years, we have only recently really had to come to grips with it. For several months we were burdened to seek God for a more definite knowledge of the demoniac world. Today we know why. The Lord was preparing us for a special crash course in demonology. No school on the face of the earth could have taught us what we have had to learn through actual experience.

Through several cases, chosen of the Lord, we have gone through one of the richest and most profitable experiences of our life. As we look back over this time, we stand amazed at the goodness, the mercy, the wisdom, and the faithfulness of our God. Time and again, as we would reach the end of our own strength and the darkness of despair would grip our souls, the Lord would speak and minister strength to us. Only that word in due season would enable us to rise up in the power of his might and continue the battle.

May God help all of his people to realize as never before that we have a wise and powerful enemy who is determined to destroy us. The hardest lesson of all is to realize this enemy is not flesh and blood. Neither can we fight this battle with the carnal weapons of man. As this evil age draws to a close, nothing less than the whole armour of God will enable us to stand.

Chapter 3

Origin and Fall

Originally Satan, known as Lucifer, and his demon host were holy angels. To the fact that Satan was created an angel of a very high order practically all scholars agree. However, there is some confusion as to the origin of demons. We do not agree with the Scofield Bible (footnote page 1004) and other scholars which say demons and the fallen angels of II Peter 2:4 and Jude 6 are not the same. We believe they are. As Lucifer, their prince and leader, was cast out of God's holy mountain (abode of God), so were they.

I personally believe each of the arch-angels had one third of the holy angels under his care and charge. Being a prince and leader over them, Lucifer led his one third in rebellion against God. This, I believe, is what Rev. 12:3-4 is talking about. Their first estate and habitation mentioned in Jude 6 was the place of trust and service they occupied in the heavenly abode with all the rest of God's angelic beings. No doubt this fall of Satan and one third of the angels is what Jesus had reference to when he said, "I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven." Luke 10:18.

LUCIFER'S CREATION

Although little is said about individual angels or demons, we have quite a bit of information on Lucifer's original state from Ezekiel 28:11-18. Though the message in Ezekiel is to the King of Tyre it is very evident the Lord is speaking directly to the evil personality of Satan that inspired this king. Let's note some of the things said of Satan.

The Lord said he was full of wisdom and covered with a dazzling beauty likened unto all manner of precious gems and gold. He was called the anointed cherub that covereth and perfect in all his ways until iniquity was found in him. His place on the holy mountain of God was walking up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. From this it appears Satan had charge of the celestial treasures and it was his job to dispense the same in the covering or beautification of things. Stones of fire no doubt has reference to the sparkling beauty of the gems he was in charge of.

Now we realize how inadequate human language confined by earthly definition is to really understand what is meant here. God is simply showing us what a trusted, important and glorious position Lucifer occupied before he fell.

LUCIFER'S REBELLION

Pride of heart caused Lucifer to aspire to a position of honor and glory apart from and above his Creator. This is brought out in Isaiah 14:12-14 which says, "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will

sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.”

Called “son of the morning” by Isaiah, this anointed cherub was a partaker of the celestial treasure and the glory and beauty of his Creator. Revelling in this glory as though it originated in himself, rather than God, Lucifer became proud and exalted. Isn’t it also significant that Satan still uses beauty and riches as his chief tools to corrupt mankind? Hollywood knows the power of these things to capture the mind and fancy of the world.

Satan also used this means to tempt Christ in the wilderness in his effort to corrupt the Lord and defeat God’s plan to redeem man. (Matthew 4: 1-11). Simply stated, Lucifer’s rebellion consisted of his rejecting the Lordship of the Creator over his life and becoming his own Lord. He rejected God’s plan and purpose for himself and set out to shape his own destiny. Thus he became a competitor of almighty God with delusions of grandeur. God will have no competitor. He is supreme head over His universe. Satan was deceived into thinking he didn’t need to submit to God or His plan and so he walked out of the light of God into the darkness of eternal night.

MEN ALSO

This is the same spirit today that leads men to think they can live their own lives apart from God and His purpose. God has a plan and a purpose for our lives. We have no choice in this matter. From the foundation of the world God’s blueprint for his creation including men and angels was drawn with infinite care and wisdom. Any life, way or system apart from God’s is a diabolical substitute of Satan that leads to destruction. Darkness and eternal ruin await angels and men who choose the way of independence and rebellion against their creator.

This is the reason for Jesus’ warning in John 12:35-36. “Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth. While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light. These things spake Jesus and departed, and did hide himself from them.”

Our only hope for time and eternity is to gladly surrender our life to the Lord Jesus Christ and let him lead us into his plan and purpose for us. Let us realize and say as Jeremiah (10:23) did: “O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: It is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.”

A PRINCE

From many scriptures it is evident that Lucifer was an angelic prince of great power and authority who shared this position with two other archangels named Gabriel and Michael. (Daniel 8:16, 9:21. Luke 1:19, 26. Daniel 10:13, 21, 12:1. Jude 9. Rev. 12:7. I Thess. 4:16).

Michael is the fighting angel or the one who makes war against Lucifer and his fallen angels. Gabriel is a messenger angel entrusted with carrying and announcing important messages.

Numerous men along with some angels and our Lord Jesus Christ were called princes because of their position of power and authority over others. It is in this sense the arch-angels were called princes. Since the fall Satan has had to exist in the invisible realm of the earth. This is why Paul called him the prince of the power of the air. (Eph. 2:2). This is also why Jesus called him the prince of this world.

(John 14:30, 16:11). It was no doubt Satan who was regarded as Beelzebub, the prince of devils. (Matt. 12:24, Mark 3:22).

DEMONS' CREATION

Demons were created angels with varying talents, wisdom and strength. As men and angels serve in different capacities in the kingdom of God, demons or evil spirits serve in different capacities in the kingdom of darkness. They were as varied in their original creation as men are today. All of their God-given talents, wisdom and strength originally used in righteousness and love are now used in hate and treacherous iniquity.

Even among demons the gift and calling of God is without repentance. Though diabolically evil, they still possess these attributes given to them at the time of their creation. Their tenacious faith in holding on to those they have possessed is a manifestation of the gift of God in perversion. The diabolical wisdom they employ in their unceasing battle against man is absolutely astounding.

EVERLASTING CHAINS

In leaving the light of God, they lost all knowledge of righteousness and love and are now held in everlasting chains of darkness awaiting judgment. These everlasting chains of Jude 6 are not a geographical prison house located somewhere in God's universe. It simply means these spirits are banished from the light and goodness of God forever. They have lost their place in God's kingdom and must live out their existence like spiritual zombies under the control of Lucifer, their king.

I asked a demon spirit which said he knew he was cast out of heaven what it was like in that blessed place and he said, "I don't want to remember or think about it." When I began to talk about the peace, love and harmony of that blessed place he was in torment.

Having lost their place of honor and service in the heavenly kingdom, they now direct all their evil attention and energy toward defiling and destroying man. And, although the Lord has given us the victory through the cross of Calvary, let's not underestimate this terrible foe. For Satan and his demon host are a mighty army indeed. The battle must likewise be fought the Lord's way with his weapons.

NUMBER OF DEMONS

Man would be greatly in need of help and redemption if there were no demons in the earth. But the terrible fact is, there is such a vast number of demon spirits in the earth that I would not venture a guess. However, we can get some insight on this question from the scriptures. Let's remember, a third of the angels fell with Lucifer. Therefore, Satan's demon army would consist of one third of the original number of angels.

In Revelation 5:11, John sees ten thousand times ten thousand and thousands of thousands gathered around the throne in heaven. Ten thousand times ten thousand is one hundred million. But let's remember there is also an indefinite number designated as thousands of thousands.

This latter number could reach the astronomical figure of almost one trillion (1,000,000,000,000) or a thousand billion. I think the scriptures are simply saying this heavenly host is so great until it is innumerable. This is the very language that

is used in Hebrews 12:22 where the angelic host is called “an innumerable company of angels”. With Satan and his fallen angels of one third already removed from this group. It means the demon host under Lucifer today would be one half as large as God’s innumerable company.

Though God alone knows the exact number, I think we can safely say there are literally billions of demons preying upon mankind today. Almost all persons I know of who are delivered from demons have several in them. Some have been known to have literally hundreds of devils in them. And all of us, though not actually possessed of demons, are harassed, tempted, deceived and in general oppressed by demons more than we realize.

Chapter 4

Satanic Kingdom

The earth which was made an habitation for man (Gen. 1:26. Isa. 45:18) has now become the abode of Satan and his demon host. Instead of man having dominion over the earth as intended by God, Satan has become the world's unseen ruler. Satan, called the god of this world by Paul (II Cor. 4:4) and prince of this world by Jesus (John 14:30) is indeed the head of this whole world system.

Behind the governments of the world, including the political and religious systems, are the unseen rulers of darkness headed up by Lucifer. There is not a government or political or religious philosophy in the world that has not been corrupted by Satan. In fact many of them are his inventions from start to finish to lead men astray. Though we look upon and blame human personalities behind these systems, the real enemy is Satan and his demon host.

Ephesians 6:12 says, "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." The amplified translation states it thusly: "For we are not wrestling with flesh and blood — contending only with physical opponents — but against the despotisms, against the powers, against (the master spirits who are) the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spirit forces of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) sphere." Moffatt's translation is also interesting. "For we have to struggle, not with blood and flesh but with the angelic authorities, the potentates of the dark present, the spirit forces of evil in the heavenly sphere."

From these translations, we learn that our real enemy is not man but forces of evil, called powers, principalities, master spirits, world rulers, spirit forces, angelic rulers, angelic authorities and potentates. These are all living and operating from the supernatural invisible realm of darkness. Webster defines the word "principality" as a prince of a territory. It is evident from these scriptures that Satan's kingdom has many fallen angelic spirits of a very high order, called world rulers, master spirits, and princes over vast territories.

We are prone to think of Satan's emissaries as living only in a disembodied state, hovering around in space and whispering evil into our ears. It is true, there are literally billions of evil spirits living in the atmosphere around the earth, tempting, deceiving, harassing, and vexing mankind. But the devils that we need most to be on the alert for are those who are trying to influence us through man. This is where Satan through his demon host does his greatest damage in leading men to ruin. As folks used to say when I was a little boy, "the devils you need to watch out for are the two-legged ones."

Though we do not wish to minimize the need for guarding our minds against the enemy that whispers in our ears, we must also be on the alert against him deceiving us through man. This type of deception may be on a much higher plane, but it is just as destructive and can lead into a morass of spiritual and moral

corruption that brings forth death.

Demons' greatest work of deception and evil is accomplished as they project themselves through the life and personality of the person they indwell. Their evil spirit nature is actually imparted or ministered in this manner, even as God's spirit of righteousness and life is ministered to man through human vessels. As the word of God is the vehicle or means through which God enters a human life; Satan's word, the lie, is the means used to enter and destroy man.

Religious, political, or philosophical delusion is actually the worst type of demon possession. First of all it is not considered demon possession because those possessed are otherwise normal and sane. The only abnormality recognized by the world is extreme insanity that requires a padded cell.

Demon possession that causes the victim to beat his head against a wall is minor in comparison. There is actually more hope for one obviously demented than for demon deluded people who are considered perfectly sane.

SATAN'S GOSPEL

Once men have received a religious, political, or philosophical spirit (demon) they are positive they have the answer to the world's problems. Rather than feeling any pain or need for themselves they are convinced it is the other fellow who needs conversion. All deluded people are absolutely sure they are right; otherwise they wouldn't be deluded.

Satan's kingdom gospel is being faithfully proclaimed by such demon anointed preachers, philosophers, teachers, political figures, and just plain witnesses. It is believed in far more than the true gospel of Jesus Christ. It consists of any religion, political belief, philosophy, or way of life apart from God's eternal plan and purpose through his only begotten Son Jesus Christ. It is in this manner that evil angelic beings of great power and authority sway and influence mighty nations.

MASTER SPIRITS

Men such as Hitler, Karl Marx and others have been possessed by master spirits that actually inspired and anointed them for the evil work they have done. Demons who are responsible for all false philosophy also anoint men to preach Satan's lie.

Much of the inspiration responsible for Nazi Germany came through the demon inspired writings of H. S. Chamberlain. According to the book "The Rise And Fall Of The Third Reich" by William L. Shirer, pages 104-113, Kaiser Wilhelm and Adolf Hitler both considered H. S. Chamberlain Germany's prophet. Quoting from the book we find these interesting things about Chamberlain.

"... Chamberlain was given to seeing demons who, by his own account, drove him on relentlessly to seek new fields of study and get on with his prodigious writings. One vision after another forced him to change from biology to botany to the fine arts, to music, to philosophy, to biography, to history. Once, in 1896, when he was returning from Italy, the presence of a demon became so forceful that he got off the train at Gardone, shut himself up in a hotel room for eight days and, abandoning some work on music that he had contemplated, wrote feverishly on a biological thesis until he had the germ of the theme that would dominate all of his later works: race and history.

"Whatever its blemishes, his mind had a vast sweep ranging over the fields of

literature, music, biology, botany, religion, history and politics. There was, as Jean Real has pointed out, a profound unity of inspiration in all his published works and they had a remarkable coherence. Since he felt himself goaded on by demons, his books (on Wagner, Goethe, Kant, Christianity and race) were written in the grip of a terrible fever, a veritable trance”

It was this man and his book “Foundations of the Nineteenth Century” that provided much of the inspiration for Nazi Germany’s rise to power. It is also evident that Adolf Hitler was inspired and anointed by a demon to lead Nazi Germany at that time. It is evident from Hitler’s book “Mein Kampf” that he believed he was to lead Germany in conquering the world because the German people were destined to fulfill their purpose as the world’s master race.

Beyond doubt Satan’s kingdom is a vast organized conspiracy with master spirits located in strategic places throughout the earth. It seems each earthly kingdom or domain is ruled over by these evil princes. God’s messenger to Daniel was hindered from coming to Daniel for twenty one days by the Prince of Persia who was evidently one of Satan’s evil princes over this earthly kingdom. Daniel (10:1-13). Michael the Archangel, called “one of the chief princes” in God’s kingdom, came and fought against the prince of Persia thus enabling the messenger to get through to Daniel.

It will also be noted from verse 20 that the prince of Grecia was expected to come after the messenger departed to fight with the prince of Persia. This prince of Grecia was no doubt another evil potentate probably indwelling the human king over Grecia who would come on the scene later. The thing we need to see from these scriptures is that human personalities under the control of evil master spirits were actually involved. The kings of Persia referred to in verse 13 were no doubt also men under the control of evil spirit personalities.

All this simply bears out the great truth that we wrestle not against flesh and blood but powers and principalities. Though often hiding under the cloak of human flesh it is evil spirit beings who are our real enemies. From this we also learn that God’s princes among men and angels (Daniel and Michael) can expect to be bitterly opposed by Satan’s princes. We also learn that Christ and his holy angels are working with God’s people against Satan and his evil host. Above all we must begin to see that human personalities, high and low, are merely powers of Satan in his battle against Christ and his kingdom.

Such evil potentates as these master spirits would not bother with some lowly individual. Spirits of lesser power and intelligence would be dispatched to take care of them. Under the jurisdiction of each of these master spirits there are millions of demons of every conceivable kind that prey upon mankind. Some of these are vastly superior in strength and intelligence to others.

The stronger ones look with contempt upon the weaker spirits. The weaker spirits envy the stronger and wiser spirits. All recognize Lucifer as their supreme ruler and master. Though they all hate each other including Lucifer their king they respect authority and will help each other. When under attack they are obligated to rush to the aid and rescue of their fellow demons.

For this reason demons associate together to draw strength from each other. It is demon spirits that cause certain types of humanity to associate with others of the same spirit. Did you ever notice how town drunks or alcoholics like to get together usually in a certain place known to all of them. This is also true of dope addicts, homosexuals, gamblers, criminals, harlots, and whoremongers. It is also this same

principle (spirits) that bind people together in religious movements that close their minds to progressive revelation and the work of the Holy Spirit.

THREE TYPES

There are three general categories or divisions that all demons belong to. The first one we consider are those that afflict men morally in leading them into sin and rebellion against God. These are the spirits that work through and in the base nature of man. They are responsible for various forms of lust, jealousy, envy, hate, suspicion, deception, distrust, dishonesty, pride, and greed. These demons take advantage of man's depraved nature to gain control of his life.

The second type we consider are the spirits that work upon the mind, such as fear or hallucination, apart from moral issues or principles. These spirits which are legion do not necessarily seek embodiment through the weakness of man's base nature. Although the mind is involved in most demon possession including moral issues and physical affliction, this type spirit seeks to mentally derange, bind, blind, and destroy man.

In this category there are hundreds of different spirits that affect the human mind in different ways. In the religious realm alone there are demons for every sect and religion on earth. This includes heathen idol worshippers and most of the so-called Christian world with its hundreds of denominations, cults, and sects. Demons are responsible for every false religion and philosophy upon the earth. They are also responsible for all religion devoid of the Holy Spirit regardless of how fundamental and orthodox it may be.

Although Satan's master spirits oversee false religion and philosophies there are millions of demons that indwell men upon conversion to them. This is why people are so frequently zealous to promote and convert others to their religion or philosophy. They are actually demon anointed and inspired. This explains the sacrifice, the zeal and the dedication of these people.

No doubt about it, demons are in the ministry. Religion is Lucifer's number one business in this world to deceive and destroy man. The Bible is filled with warnings of false devil-inspired religion. (I Timothy 4:1). Under the guise of an angel of light Satan has fathered every false religion and corrupted many others. Lucifer's ministers are actually a class of demon spirits that transform themselves through men as ministers of righteousness. II Cor. 11:13-15.

In this category you also have the demons of insanity which are responsible for many forms of mental derangement and intellectual extremes. Delusions of grandeur, depression, vexation, hallucinations, manias, obsessions, fear, nervous breakdowns, epilepsy, loss of speech and body coordination are caused by these demons that prey upon the mind.

The third and final category we consider are the spirits that cause many forms of physical affliction and disease. Though we can't positively link the mind to many of these physical ailments, I feel the mind controlled by demons of fear often paves the way for such spirits as demons of cancer. We know from the Judy Clevenger case that certain spirits make chain smokers out of people for the express purpose of giving them lung cancer.

The fact that demons cause cancer first came to my attention around fourteen years ago as I observed the late William Branham minister to a woman in Macon, Ga. As this lady who had cancer came before him he looked to his left out in the audience and described a certain lady who also had cancer. Then he told the two

ladies, neither of whom he knew anything about, that they both had cancer.

Through the amazing gift of God operating in his life he could see and hear the spirit of cancer running from the woman who stood before him to the one in the audience screaming for help. And, of course, those who followed Brother Branham's ministry know that God enabled him to see such things as this, literally thousands of times.

No doubt many diseases and bodily afflictions are caused by evil spirits of some kind. From the scriptures we know that a spirit of infirmity caused a woman whom Jesus healed, to be bowed over as if with a rheumatic condition. (Luke 13: 11-16). We also have the record of one possessed with a devil that was blind and dumb whom Jesus healed. (Matthew 12:22). One day we may discover that demons are directly or indirectly responsible for all of earth's moral, mental and physical ills.

Even great wars that kill, destroy and bring so much suffering to mankind are caused by wicked spirits in high places of authority. (Rev. 16:13-14). These are often spirits that indwell important military and governmental leaders who are not aware of being used by demons.

Yes these master spirits are the inspiration behind the great doctrines, philosophies, and religions of the world that blind men to true spiritual reality. Any religious doctrine, or political philosophy that seduces and captivates the mind of man apart from the work of the Holy Spirit is the work of devils. It is simply a part of the great conspiracy to blind and enslave men lest the light of the gospel should shine unto them and they be set free.

LAST DAYS

I Timothy 4:1 says, "Now the spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils...."

Although these seducing spirits and doctrines of devils primarily have reference to false religions, is there anyone more religious in the belief and practice of their philosophy than the communists? Since the takeover of Russia by Lenin and a small but dedicated group in 1917, Communism has become the most widespread political philosophy in the world.

Like a flaming revival this cleverly designed satanic substitute for the kingdom of God has swept the earth. By 1950 one third of mankind was under the rule of communism. Today [written in 1968] the greatest part of the world is under the control of communism.

Likewise the false religious cults have swallowed up millions while the organized church has stood by helpless to do anything about it. Actually the church having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof is responsible for the rise of so many false cults.

Doctrines of devils and demon inspired philosophies have reached unprecedented proportions in these last days. All of this is preparation for the visible reign of Anti-Christ that will soon take over complete control of the political and religious world.

This has been Satan's objective since he was cast out of heaven originally. He wants to be worshipped as God over his own personal world of men and demons. And for a short while it will seem he has accomplished his purpose as all the world of lost mankind actually worships him. Rev. 13:8.

But praise God his time will be short as the God of heaven comes forth through his people and smashes Satan's kingdom and sets up his eternal kingdom of peace and righteousness. Daniel 2:44.

Chapter 5

Temptation and Deception

Many get on the road that leads to demon possession at an early age. Those Satan would destroy he first tempts and deceives. Like the fruit that tempted Eve in the Garden of Eden, the world is filled with enticing morsels that appeal to man's depraved nature. Like the fruit in the garden, some of it is forbidden. Satan and his demon host are fully aware of this forbidden fruit and they are still tempting and deceiving men with it, and it still brings forth death both spiritual and physical to those who are deceived into partaking of it.

Forbidden fruit consists of anything that leads us away from the plan and purpose of God for our lives. Any business endeavor, way of life, pleasure, vice or even religion, that puts us in an untenable position in the eyes of God is forbidden fruit.

In Satan's plan to take full control of a human life this is the first step in his strategy: tempt and deceive, and he uses many good and beautiful things to trap the unwary. Although Satan can use almost anything to lead human beings into situations where they become subject to demon possession and control, I would like to point out a few common pitfalls that lead so many in this direction.

AMBITION

Ambition directed into the proper channel and controlled by sound principles is good. But ambition that puts us in bondage mentally, physically, and spiritually can only lead to trouble. Ambitious obsession to succeed at any cost is often the influence of a demon upon the mind. The spirit behind this becomes a mania that will not be denied. After going so far, the person is willing to sacrifice home, family, and moral principles for success.

Once a person is caught in the web of this satanic conspiracy only a miracle of God can deliver him. In some cases the God of all grace will bring such individuals down through a heart attack, nervous breakdown, bankruptcy, or other tragic means so he can deliver them. Still others resist divine help and ultimately come to the end with great shame and tragedy. We particularly have reference to those who belong to Christ and cannot live their lives as they please.

But this is also true of many business men, political figures, musicians, actors, singers, and just plain people. A dirt farmer could be driven to despair and suicide by the same demon that would drive a business man to a nervous breakdown and insanity.

According to an article by Reader's Digest, more preachers and their wives suffer nervous breakdowns than any other class of people. This is caused by mental pressure put upon them by demon forces that take great delight in destroying anyone who is a symbol of God and righteousness.

Then too, many of these people are trying to succeed in a place and calling that is not of God. Many have bartered their life and talents to some apostate religious

system and have unwittingly become the servants of men and Satan rather than God. Remember, Jesus said, “My yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Spiritual ambition that puts us in such bondage not only doesn't serve the cause of Christ nor the church, but it offers ideal situations for demons to cause strife, division, mental breakdowns, and possession. Demons are responsible for suspicion, jealousy, hatred, and pride that leads to church fights, splits, and confusion.

This, no doubt, is why Paul said, “For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. For as we have many members in one body and all members have not the same office; so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members — one of another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching; or he that exhorteth, on exhortation; he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.” (Romans 12:3-8).

Truly, we must find our places in Christ's body and be content to serve there, and it is up to the body of Christ to counsel and help the individual find his place in the body. Let's remember the gift and calling of God will be manifest to Christ's body. To aspire beyond this is folly and can only lead to trouble. The spirit of this age, especially in America and other more advanced countries, is to succeed at any cost. This is a cunningly devised conspiracy that Lucifer himself is behind to literally drive the human race mad. Truly, the insane desire to forge ahead in politics, science, education, sports, industry, arms, and just plain keeping up with the Joneses is breaking men down so they become an easy prey to demons.

MATERIALISM

The next pitfall we mention is the spirit that drives so many in their quest for material things. Today's world, and especially America, is a literal vanity fair that offers humanity almost every conceivable gadget and luxury to make life easy for the natural man. Perhaps no other single thing is used as much by the enemy to bring men into bondage and destroy them.

Everything in today's world is against most of us escaping this satanic dragnet. In addition to there being an abundance of these things on every hand, you don't have to have any money to start enjoying them — just charge it and pay later. Anything from toothbrushes to split-level homes can be bought on credit. With billions of dollars spent on advertising, the human mind is saturated night and day with glamorous and deceptive pictures designed to make us want these things.

Modern man is literally brainwashed into thinking he must have them if life is to be worthwhile. To be otherwise minded, would be completely out of step with everyone, including your friends, neighbors, and loved ones. In fact, you would be a square of the oddest sort, if you didn't believe in keeping up with the Joneses.

To do this we must go in debt and spend the rest of our mortal lives making installment payments on things that are worn out, or obsolete, before we get them paid for. With many things, we go into debt for a new one as soon as our last installment is paid and the vicious circle continues.

These things demand more money, which means an extra job, or the wife

going to work or both. All this leads to tense nerves, sleepless nights, dissension between husband and wife, and sometimes mental breakdown. This is also responsible for many separations, divorces, and broken homes.

These conditions also work a hardship on children who cannot live normal lives in such an atmosphere. It is such situations as this that are ideal for demons to work in destroying marriages, homes, and children. It is no wonder that children without moral or spiritual strength are pressured by demons into becoming rebellious delinquents, dope addicts, and hippies who are disgusted with everything.

Men out of divine order and harmony with God are like a planet out of orbit and careening through space. Destruction is always at the end of the way. May God help his people to realize that this materialistic concept with the installment buy now and pay later system is part of Satan's great conspiracy to tempt, deceive, and destroy them. It is part of the Babylonian system of bondage that we must come out of if we are to be set free.

SEX

Of all the natural drives and inherent weaknesses of man that Satan has taken advantage of, this is perhaps the greatest. It is one of the most common things affecting the whole human race, yet it remains the most intriguing and captivating of all. It is at the center of all human society.

Take sex away from the natural man and he would become a listless drone with little ambition or purpose in life. Of all the physical urges built into the bodies of man and beast by an all wise creator, sex is one of the most powerful. Satan is fully aware of this and from the garden of Eden to this day he has invaded the lives of men and women through this means.

Having exploited and magnified sex to such a proportion today, the human race is extremely sex conscious. The psychological build-up concerning sex in the mind of today's generation is literally driving people into all sorts of unholy involvements. Children and teenagers are also being sacrificed by the millions to the god of sex. With mind and body psychologically prepared, the demon of lust has little trouble leading the average person into illegitimate sex experience. The fervor and frenzy of anticipation is so great in some that the normal sex act does not for long satisfy. In these cases homo-sexuality and various forms of perversion are the end result. Of course, the lowest and most degrading thing a demon can lead human beings into is what they are after.

WRONG MARRIAGES

It is often the power of sex attraction that leads so many people into the wrong kind of marriages. If they are morally and spiritually strong enough to escape pre-marital sex and disgrace, the devil still tries to ruin them through this means.

Wrong marriages are the result of wrong association and courtship. Young people must cultivate the friendship and company of those who are morally clean and strong. To be influenced by physical attraction and the power of sex is to invite disaster.

Born again Christian young people should in no way consider courtship or marriage to an unbeliever. Young people need to know there is more to a person than face, figure, eyes and hair. They also need to realize they marry the spirit of the person as well as their body. Many have discovered, after it was too late, that

they have married the devil as well as a human being. When our heart blindly rules our head we are headed for trouble.

That drinking, gambling, immoral, shiftless, and unstable young man with the wavy hair and broad shoulders may be the house several demons live in. That desirable, teasing, shapely, and demanding young thing may also be the dwelling place of evil spirits. Don't be deceived, you not only marry those beautiful attractive bodies but you also marry all those devils.

And you better not listen to the demon that tells you they will change later on. As for your love changing them that is also a lie of devils. Those demons which have been very quiet and put on a good front during the courtship will begin to manifest themselves soon after the vows are made.

Evil spirits will not respect your love or anything else. They will make life a hell on earth for you and eventually destroy you if they can. I know of many instances where Christians have married unbelievers only to discover later on that they didn't know what was on the inside of their prince charmings.

In fact, I know of some cases where Christians have actually married people who turned out to be homosexuals. People who blindly follow their own physical urges can get into almost any kind of a situation. Just to marry a plain unbeliever or unconverted church member is to invite trouble. God's word forbids it. (II Cor. 6:14-18).

Christians only have a right to marry in the Lord. (I Cor. 7:30). My advice to one and all considering marriage is to make it a matter of much personal prayer and ask counsel and prayer of Christ's Body, the Church. God will definitely lead in this most important matter if we will obey him.

WOMEN WORKING

Another thing that is causing havoc today in separating husbands and wives is the practice of women leaving their homes and children and working on jobs. Thrown into close contact with other men for hours at a time many of these disillusioned women are beguiled and deceived even as Eve was. Having to help make the living, these women easily become disenchanted with their own husbands and are led by a demon of lust into an affair with another man.

One such beautiful young woman who had fallen for her boss, an older man, recently came to me for help. Her story was that her husband showed her little attention and affection. After working all day on her job she had to come in, do the house work, cook supper, and prepare for the next day of drudgery while her husband sat around and let her wait on him.

Another case very similar to this brought great heartache and distress to one of our church families. In this case, a weak and careless Christian sister went to work on a public job when she didn't have to. She being spiritually weak already, a demon of lust entered this woman and almost wrecked her life and home. Thank God, in both these cases the constraining influence of Christ upon the lives of these women kept them back from terrible sin. They were both delivered from these demons and some other spirits and are now serving the Lord. However, there are many cases similar to these where there is no Christ, no church, no prayer, no counsel, and no power to deliver. In such cases, these lives and homes are often broken up and destroyed. This is a common thing in America today.

HONORABLE

Sex, in its God given place, is the provision of an all-wise creator for the reproduction and well being of humanity. It should be a sacred, tender, and harmonious relationship between a man and woman who have pledged themselves to each other in holy matrimony. The liberty and privilege of sex is forbidden to all others. Hebrews 13:4 says, "Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge."

According to Paul, I Cor. 7:1-40, it is good, if a person having grace to contain himself sexually, give himself wholly to Christ without marriage, however, verse 9 says, "It is better to marry than to burn" (with passion). Serving Christ is the most important thing in all the world and it would be good if a man or woman could do it without the distraction of marriage. "Nevertheless to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband." (Verse 2).

Verses 3 and 5 says, "Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise the wife unto the husband. The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife. Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency."

The above scriptures simply mean that the power or right to the wife's body belongs to the husband. Paul is saying that husband and wife should be mutually considerate of each other in the sex act. This involves a kind and understanding attitude toward each other.

By nature, the woman is far less aggressive than the man, and more patience and time is required to prepare her for the sex act. Though temperance should be practiced in all things, including sex, husband and wife should not defraud (deny) each other except with consent that they may give themselves to fasting and prayer.

In addition to wives being in the wrong place working on public jobs, inconsiderate husbands help create situations where the enemy can come in and lead them astray. The Bible says, "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it." Ephesians 6:25.

To love our wives as Christ loved the church is quite an order. But husbands need to cultivate and work at the business of loving their wives. They are the weaker vessel and need the kind, tender concern of a strong husband. One who shares, consults, considers, and takes them into his confidence.

Wives must be treated as delicate, sensitive human beings, and not just a piece of furniture, housekeeper, or sexual partner given for man's personal gratification.

Wives must honor and respect the husband as their head, which indeed they are, according to the word of God. I Cor. 11:3, Eph. 5:22-24, I Peter 3:1-7. Honor the Spirit of these divine principles and there will be no separation, no divorce, but peace, love and harmony.

God's divine principles in every area of life must be honored if we are to escape the temptation of Satan and his demon host. We invite temptation and deception when we disregard his divine order for our lives. Walk in the light of God's word and the devil will lose his power to tempt, deceive, and lead us astray. This is walking in the spirit and not fulfilling the lusts of the flesh. (Gal. 5:16).

Chapter 6

Oppression and Possession

Demon oppression is the external work of demons upon the mind that breaks the will of the person and prepares them for demon possession. It is done from the outside as evil spirits take things imagined and real and work upon the person's mind. It is a campaign of tormenting harrassment designed to completely possess and eventually destroy the human being.

Demon oppression often follows temptation and deception that has led the person into sin or adverse circumstances. As pointed out in the chapter on temptation and deception, many things can be used to bring a person to this place. Some with a strong constitution and the sympathetic help of others can sometimes overcome the milder forms of oppression. However, severe oppression is just one step from demon possession.

SYMPTOMS

Those being oppressed suffer seasons of mental anguish and great depression. They may be restless, miserable, fearful, and melancholy. Still others are vexed with anger, jealousy, and tormenting passion. Some cases become manifest to those who know the person. Still others hide their true condition for a long time while they pretend everything is alright.

With diabolical wisdom the oppressing spirits, through the power of suggestion, cause the person to camouflage his true condition. The victim is not aware that those pressing thoughts which fill him with gloom and despair are from an evil spirit. His delusion is so complete that he is positive his troubles are real. Not aware of the source of his trouble, he cooperates with the demon in keeping his condition hidden from others. Consequently, he continues to think and brood, think and brood, while his mind comes more and more under complete control of the demon.

TYPE OF EFFECT

However, the type of effect upon the mind would depend on the nature of the demon. A demon of jealousy or resentment might eventually drive a person berserk. Many of these senseless rampages of murder are caused by the constant pressure of this type of demon upon the mind. This is also true of rape and other acts of violence committed by deranged people.

Other demons might drive the person into a state of hopeless despair and eventual suicide. Still others may just take over an area of the person's life and then begin to manifest their nature through that person. The idea that all demon-possessed people become raving lunatics is far from the truth.

COMPLETE POSSESSION

The mind goes from partial and temporary influence by the demon to eventual

complete possession. Complete possession simply means the person has lost the will and strength to resist and can no longer control his mind. At this point the whole human vessel comes under complete control of the spirit. Using the body vicariously, the demon now begins to manifest his own evil nature through the personality of the person he indwells.

Being intelligent spirit beings, demons purposely find it expedient to hide their presence in varying degrees much of the time. This is why demon-possessed people are more or less normal part of the time. But the demon is there and will rise and take control as the occasion demands.

This is why some people you may have known manifest extremely different attitudes or personality traits at different times. They seem like two different people and indeed they are. At one time the person's own spirit is in control and at another time the demon is in control. This is why the medical term schizophrenia, which means split personality, is often applied to demon-possessed people.

Some cases of demon possession are so complete that the person's own mind is completely blotted out while under demon control. As one who comes out of a hypnotic trance, they do not remember a thing that took place while under the demons' control.

This is also what takes place when a spiritualist medium goes into trance under the control of the demon called the guide. It is complete surrender of the human will to the demon. In such cases the demon has complete control of the whole human vessel and can project his own nature and personality through the person as he pleases.

WORST TYPE

The last type of demon possession I want to mention is perhaps the worst of all. In this case the person is so filled with evil spirits that he goes completely insane. Some of these poor wretches become the habitation for literally hundreds of demons. These are, often, the padded cell cases that must be confined in some mental institution until death.

There are really only two ways evil spirits gain an entrance into human life. One is moral and the other is constitutional. The lack of moral scruples is the point of entrance in one and a general weakness of will power and mental capacity is the other. The first is tempted and led into sin and subsequent demon possession. The issue with the second type is not moral but a general weakness in not being able to face the responsibilities of life.

INHERENT WEAKNESSES

Through our depraved nature we have all inherited certain weaknesses. With one person it is one thing and with another something else. Were it not for these weaknesses evil spirits could not tempt and invade human life. Never doubt for a second that the demoniac world knows all about our weaknesses. A demon we were dealing with in a married woman told us, "She has her weaknesses and always has had."

These are the points of attack the enemy will concentrate on and through which he will enter if he can. Like a master military strategist he will keep probing and tempting until he gains an advantage through some weakness. This is why we must put on the whole armour of God if we are to stand in the evil day.

Without the whole armour of God on you are no match for this enemy. The

very piece of armour that you leave off is where the enemy will attack. We must realize there are two spirit forces at work in the earth to possess man. One is good and the other is evil. There is no middle ground or neutral place; we are on one side or the other.

Through the ministry of God-called men and angels, God's people are being transformed into the image of his Son Jesus Christ. Ephesians 4:11-13, 2 Corinthians 3:18 and Hebrews 1:13-14. Through the ministry of Satanic inspired men and demons, the unsaved are being transformed into the image of Lucifer. 2 Corinthians 11:13-15, 2 Timothy 3:13, Psalms 78:49.

ASSOCIATION

Because of these two forces at work in the earth at the same time, proper association becomes a vital factor. We become like those we associate with. We not only impart what is in us but we receive what is in others. Fellowship and communion with the righteous is a must for God's people. According to Paul, there can be no fellowship and communion with the unrighteous. 2 Corinthians 6:14-18.

Actually, demon spirits do more damage working through human vessels than any other way. There is far more weight and influence when a human being speaks Satan's lie than when it is whispered into our beings by a disembodied spirit. This is because the testimony of the person is added to the demon's testimony thus giving two witnesses.

This is the chief way evil spirits beguile and seduce unsuspecting humanity. This is how millions of young girls have been led step by step into sin and shame. They didn't see the evil spirit of lust indwelling that handsome young man. All they could see was his flashing smile, wavy hair, and athletic physique. No, they would have never believed that one of Satan's demons was, with diabolical cunning, leading them into a trap.

The truth is, the young man himself is not aware he is under the control of an evil spirit. All he knows is that he burns with insatiable sex desire which he must gratify. Prodded and goaded by this spirit he seeks one conquest after another.

This spirit working through another girl can also lead your girl or boy into a life of sin and shame. Never forget that demons are intelligent, evil, spirit beings, that are constantly seeking to convert someone so they, too, will become a habitation for devils.

All life, whether good or evil, seeks to reproduce itself. This is true in the spiritual realm as well as the natural. Demons, being spirit, enter the spirit of man and seek to control him through his own human spirit. This is why the demon controlled person thinks the thoughts of lust, jealousy, hate, and envy are his own. He is not aware his own spirit has received these evil thought waves from a demon. Thinking it is himself, he willingly cooperates with the demon in transmitting the evil seed by audible voice to another person's spirit.

This is how Satan's evil seed or word sown in the heart of a human being, takes root, springs up and brings forth death. James 1:13-15. As man is used by God to sow the good seed of eternal life he is also used by Satan to sow the evil seed of death. Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43. And a person doesn't have to be demon possessed to be used by a demon in this way. Even good sincere Christian people are often used in this manner to sow Satan's seed of evil. A good example of our being used by the Lord one moment and by the devil a few minutes later is found in the life of Peter the apostle. Matthew 16:15-23.

This is the reason proper association is necessary for those who want to avoid the snare of the enemy. This is also why Paul said, “Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.” Ephesians 6:16.

Chapter 7

Demons and Insanity

All mental disturbance today is simply looked upon as psychological phenomena that must be explained in abstract terms of cause and effect. And we agree demon-influenced or controlled people are mentally disturbed. But it goes beyond just mental disturbance. It is the result of opening our minds (human spirits) to the influence of evil spirits.

These evil spirits are living entities or beings capable of speaking to our minds and disturbing us. As God's spirit uses primarily his written word to speak to us, evil spirits also use words to speak to us. However, Satan's bible is the vain reasonings of men, their philosophies, traditions, heresies, scientific findings and all uninspired knowledge. Anything that man puts his faith or confidence in that keeps him from vital union with Christ is an instrument of Satan and his demon host.

Though Satan uses the lie as his chief weapon to deceive and destroy man, he also uses much truth and logic mixed in with his lie. He uses the Bible, history, common knowledge, scientific and medical fact woven around his lie to reach man. His lie is often truth misapplied. As God uses pure spiritual wisdom and knowledge to reach men, Satan uses perverted wisdom and knowledge to reach him.

The latter is often simply earthly or carnal wisdom and knowledge that occupies itself with this life only. It is human wisdom that cannot reach God. I Cor. 1:20-21. II Cor. 2:6-8. It is through these two types of knowledge that good and evil, life and death, are produced in man. This is the truth man does not understand and this is why he vainly tries to see and explain his trouble in terms of cause and effect

INSANITY

I believe most of the insanity in the world is caused by demon forces working on the minds of the weak, the unstable, and the disobedient. Demons will tempt, deceive and lead a human being into sin and then drive him insane over it. People with a sensitive conscience, superstitious nature, and or certain religious backgrounds are especially susceptible to this type of demon attack.

Often, demons move into a person who experiences mental shock caused by any number of things. It could be death in the family, financial loss, divorce, or rejection by someone they love. Those without faith in God or spiritually weak just do not have power to resist the enemy when he comes at a time like that. Consequently, they suffer nervous break-down, depression, and even insanity.

PSYCHIATRIC TREATMENT

Treatment by doctors and psychiatrists, though often helpful, does not get to the root of man's trouble. Just love and understanding will help some to face their

fears and disappointments and overcome their condition. The psychiatrist or doctor becomes a trusted friend and confidant from which the person actually draws strength and help in his time of need.

The psychiatrist also patiently draws out of the person the things that cause his fears and disillusionment. Although the person may not be aware of it, he experiences a relief in sharing his burden with someone else. It actually amounts to taking some of the load and responsibility off of the person as he begins to lean on someone else.

This is actually obedience to a divine principle that God intends for his people to observe. It is simply helping the weak and sharing his burden of sorrow, disappointment, and trouble. This is what Paul is talking about in Galatians 6:2 where he says, "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ." And also Romans 15:1 where he says, "We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak and not to please ourselves."

Though most psychiatrists do not recognize the fears of his patients as being caused by demons, he looks upon it as hallucinatory nightmares that must be exploded as mental myths. This, of course, is what he does when he gently probes into the mind of his patient and uncovers the hidden fears that have been working, undetected for months or even years.

It is the work of demons to take a fragment of truth and through lying deception build a mental prison of anguish and torture from which the person cannot escape by himself. Many of these cases are beyond the help of a doctor or psychiatrist. Their minds are so possessed by evil spirits that it is impossible to break through with psychiatric help. In such cases these spirits must be cast out by the Spirit of God before the person's mind is free to hear and receive help.

HIDE THEIR PRESENCE

Demons, being intelligent spirit beings, are very careful to camouflage their presence by pretending to be the person they indwell. If asked to give their name they will reply in the person's name pretending to be that person. Convincing a person that he has devils is one of the great obstacles that must be overcome before he can be delivered.

The human mind is so filled with unbelief concerning supernatural things that it automatically rejects such knowledge. Even after listening to tapes of the demon speaking through them and telling things they have no personal knowledge of, they still find it hard to believe. Having been under the demon's control so long, the person continues to listen to the demon more than he does those who are trying to help him.

After being forced to manifest themselves, demons really go to work on the person's mind to convince him that he doesn't have devils. They will use every trick and subterfuge known by Lucifer himself to convince the person that he does not really have demons. The deliverance of Jane Miller in New Orleans a few years ago well illustrates this truth.

The spirits in Jane would talk out loud and tell her not to believe what Sam Fife was saying about her having devils. They told her it was "the power of suggestion" and that she really was sick. They said, "don't listen to him Jane, Dr. Reed (her psychiatrist) will make it go away."

Demons would much rather have their victim go to a doctor or psychiatrist than someone with the anointing of God upon their life. With our society not

recognizing the existence of demons, they (the demons) usually have the person's relatives, friends, doctor and psychiatrist on their side. Such an array is well nigh impossible to overcome. This is why most demon-possessed people end up in an institution.

However, Dr. William Reed, who was Jane Miller's personal psychiatrist, became a firm believer in demons after seeing what God had done for Jane and listening to the tapes on her deliverance. He was so impressed with her recovery that he asked Brother Sam Fife to speak to the board of psychiatrists of Tulane University and play the tape on Jane's deliverance.

At a later meeting between the two men, Dr. Reed told Brother Fife that most mental patients manifested the same general symptoms that Jane Miller did. When Brother Fife said that he believed ninety percent of all mental illnesses were caused by demons Dr. Reed said, "I do too."

But the sad fact remains most of our world is in darkness concerning the true condition of most insane people. For this reason. It is a miracle indeed when one is delivered by the power of God.

Chapter 8

Three Types of Men

To better understand our problem of overcoming in a world under the dominion of the demoniac kingdom, we need to know something about the three types of men mentioned in the scriptures, the natural man, the carnal man, and the spiritual man. I Cor. 2:14-16 and 3:1-4. These three types live in two different realms with the carnal man living in both of them, yet not a very good citizen of either.

NATURAL MAN

The natural man is the unregenerate man devoid of spiritual life. He is man without God, under the dominion and control of his five natural senses. He lives completely in the carnal (fleshly) or earthly realm. The senses of sight, smell, sound, taste, and feeling govern his life.

The natural man is completely dead so far as God and righteousness are concerned. His death is the result of the curse of the law that says the soul that sinneth it shall die. He may be a fine citizen, religious, moral and upright, but he is still dead. He doesn't need religion or reformation, he needs life. The life he needs is Christ. This is why he must be born again.

Devoid of spiritual life the natural man has no capacity for the things of the Spirit. If he happens to be religious he is still dead to God and true righteousness. His religion is external with his heart unchanged. In this condition he is incapable of understanding spiritual things. I Cor. 2:14.

CARNAL MAN

The carnal man has received Christ into his heart but he is still to a great degree under the influence of a fleshly-dominated mind. The five natural senses still influence him greatly despite the fact that Christ has come into his life. In fact he is so influenced and controlled by his fleshly mind until he acts and thinks like the natural man at times.

Being a spiritual babe, the carnal man is limited in his ability to perceive things of the spirit. I Cor. 3:1-3, Heb. 5:12-14. Because of immaturity he is also more subject to the influence of demons than a spiritual man. Strife and divisions are chief characteristics of those living in this realm. The carnal man can be on the mountain top today and in the deepest valley tomorrow. Because of his immaturity he goes by his feelings more than he does the Word.

However, there is a distinct difference in the natural man and the carnal Christian. Whereas the natural man is dead and cannot receive spiritual things at all, the carnal man has life and is capable of receiving and growing in the grace and knowledge of God. I Peter 2:1-2, 2 Peter 3:18, Eph. 4:15, Romans 12:1-2.

SPIRITUAL MAN

The spiritual man is one who has grown up in spiritual things and is more under the control and influence of the Spirit and Word of God than he is the flesh. His spirituality, of course, depending on the degree of growth and development.

Those who are spiritual have presented their bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God. They have consequently been transformed by the renewing of their minds whereby they are able to know what is that good and perfect and acceptable will of God. Rom. 12:1-2.

It is the renewed mind of the spiritual man that enables him to discern good on one hand and evil on the other. Heb. 5:14. A common ruse or deception that Satan uses on the natural man and the carnal Christian will not work against one that is spiritual. He alone is capable of walking in the Spirit and not fulfilling the lusts of the flesh. Galatians 5:16. The spiritual man alone can say of Satan "...we are not ignorant of his devices." 2 Cor. 2:11.

OUR PROBLEM

Our great problem is to bring men out of the carnal fleshy realm into the realm of the spiritual man. Only then will they be able to overcome the flesh, the devil, and the world. Demon spirits cannot work in this realm because of the light. The spiritual man is filled with light which enables him to recognize and resist the enemy.

The key to our problem cannot be found through some quick or mystical experience that suddenly puts us into some glorious realm. Don't be deceived by those that propound this false gospel. Though many experiences come to those who walk with God it is day by day and moment by moment discipleship that counts. John 8:31-32.

Our problem is greatly complicated because we live in a society that understands little and cares less about spiritual things. It is an uphill battle against the tide of organized humanity that cares for and only understands the needs of the flesh man.

Did you ever stop to realize that the whole world system exists for one purpose and that is to serve the natural man? The tens of thousands of patent medicines, remedies, drugs, cosmetics and what-have-you upon the shelves at a drug store are all made for the flesh man. Crops are grown, tools are made, music composed, literature written, movies and all entertainment are designed for the natural man with his five senses.

Everything under the sun is either directly or indirectly catering to the carnal nature of man. Beyond question this is the most difficult obstacle in our way of overcoming Satan and his demon host. Our earthly body with its carnal nature made up of the five senses is against us. The old unregenerated Adam man with his fleshly appetite and desires is at enmity with God and righteousness. Rom. 8:7.

Our minds have catered to the demands of the natural man so long they can't think apart from the influence of the flesh. This is what Paul was talking about when he said, when I would do good, evil is present with me. Rom. 7:21.

Every time you attempt to do something of a spiritual nature your carnal mind goes to work to hinder you. Notice how difficult it is to pray regularly or for very long periods of time. Your mind is usually flooded with things you need to do when you start to pray.

THE ANSWER

The answer to our problem is a renewed mind. There can be no transformation of our lives apart from a renewed mind. Rom. 12:1-2. Our actions, deeds, words and life in general are governed by our thought life. Controlled by the law of sin and death so long, our complete thought pattern must be changed. Rom. 8:2.

The first step in the right direction is the presentation of our bodies, the human vessel, a living sacrifice unto the Lord. Rom. 12:1-2. All of our religious effort apart from this is filthy rags in the eyes of a holy God. Isa. 64:6. There can be no spiritual progress until our wills are surrendered and God has possession of our lives. This means to be and do whatever God chooses for us. Luke 9:23-25.

With this presentation of our bodies a living sacrifice the Spirit of God becomes a reality in our life. Taking the Word of God the Holy Spirit begins the work of renewing our minds that will transform our life.

Through willing cooperation on our part this renewal of our minds will become a steady growth as the Lord leads us from truth to truth with such experiences as we need in between. I Peter 2:2. Often we will be delivered unto death as our infinitely wise and loving Lord deems it necessary.

But even in experiences such as this we must learn to rejoice knowing it is working for our good. Rom. 8:28, I Thess. 5:18, James 1:2-4. This is his way of crucifying the old Adam man that the new man Christ might be made manifest. 2 Cor. 4:11-12, Rom. 8:13.

The actual renewing of our minds is accomplished as we day by day learn God's ways and continue in his word. Jesus said, "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:31-32.

There is a great secret here that multitudes of professing Christians have never learned. Continuing in his word is more than listening to sermons, reading the Bible or religious literature. It is more than memorizing verses of scripture and getting an intellectual grasp of doctrines.

ENGRAFTED WORD

It is the engrafted word that brings deliverance and salvation into our lives. It is the engrafted word of God that changes our lives and enables us to overcome the evil one. I John 2:14. Only the engrafted word can bring us out of the flesh realm into the spiritual. The engrafted word alone can change our thought pattern and renew our minds.

In the field of horticulture there is a technique of joining two plants into one stock called grafting. They can take a branch from a good pecan tree and graft it into a poor one. The same can be done with fruit trees, flowers, and shrubs. In a successful graft the fusion of the two trees is so complete that they become one. The purpose of grafting is to produce good fruit from poor stock.

The engrafted word of God is the word that is implanted in our heart and becomes life to us. Only that portion of the word that we receive and live by becomes life to us. It must be fused into our spirit and become a part of our lives. Only that part of the word that abides in our hearts, governing, enlightening, and motivating us will produce good fruit.

If we could learn to quote the entire Bible, it would do us no good if the word did not take root in our hearts and begin to produce the fruit of the Spirit. Gal. 5:22-23. This is what the Bible is talking about in James 1:21-25.

Those who hear the word and do not live by it are like a man who looks at himself in a mirror and soon forgets what manner of man he is. At the time of hearing the word he sees and realizes his need but soon forgets because he does not live by the word he has heard. Those who hear but are not doers only deceive themselves.

God's presence in our lives will be in direct proportion to how much of the word has been engrafted into our hearts. He lives in us through the word. John 6:63, Matt. 4:4. God is real to those to whom the word is real. Isa. 66:1-2. Manifestation is according to our reception and obedience to the word. John 14:21-23, Acts 2:38, Gal. 3:2-5.

You will overcome the devil in direct proportion to the word that is engrafted into your life. As you receive the word into your life, demons have to leave. Satan will be cast out as the word comes in, I John 2:14, Matt. 4:1-11. 2 Cor. 10:3-5.

The engrafted word will bring you out of the realm of the carnal into the realm of the spiritual. Your carnal mind will be renewed in direct proportion to the word that becomes real in your life. Your carnal thought pattern will be destroyed as your mind is renewed by the engrafted word. The engrafted word gives you faith and power to overcome the affections and lusts of the flesh.

Our access to God, his Kingdom, and all that he has is through his word. This is the key to a great mystery. Those that would find God, happiness and victory must find his word — Proverbs 4:20-22 — not just in theory or in dead creeds and doctrines but the engrafted word believed from the heart and confessed with the mouth, Romans 10:10.

“... but to this man will I look, even to him that is of a poor and contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.” Isa. 66:2.

Chapter 9

Casting Out Devils

Casting out devils is the duty of the Church today as well as the preaching of the gospel. Not only is it the command of Christ to cast out devils but he also said it would be one of the signs to follow those who believe. Matthew 10:1, Luke 10:17-19 and Mark 16:17.

Christ, the apostles and the early Church considered the casting out of devils as part of the work of the ministry. Acts 8:5-8. And to the testimony of the scriptures could be added literally thousands of cases of deliverance from demons. Many of these cases could be authenticated. One Chinese brother was so successful in this type ministry that he signed his name Master of Demons. There are three principle ways demons are made to leave their victims. These are prayer, the preaching of the word, and casting them out by the word of faith. Though prayer and preaching hasn't been recognized as a means of casting demons out there have been many deliverances wrought this way.

PRAYER

Fact is, it takes effectual fervent prayer if demons are to be cast out by any means. Demons do not respect prayerless Christians or churches. Constant unceasing prayer is a must for those who would come against the powers of darkness. This is the outstanding characteristic of those used by the Lord to free men from devil power.

The main spirit in Judy Clevenger, which caused her to have seizures had to leave his previous victim because of prayer. The father, a minister, began praying over his daughter every time she would have a fainting spell. Duncie told us he couldn't stand this constant prayer over the girl. When I asked him why he left the girl, he said, "I had to, her father just kept praying over her every time she passed out." Beyond doubt many have been delivered through prayer when some saint of God took hold of the horns of the altar and refused to turn loose until the victory came.

PREACHING

Anointed preaching is also used of God to break Satan's yoke over the lives of people. I feel this is especially true in conversion. Many people have spirits that will leave if the person is exposed to much anointed preaching. This is why it is difficult to get men under this type of ministry. The demons themselves are fearful of the anointing and do every thing in their power to keep their victim away from it. This is also why anointed ministries are hated by demon-influenced humanity.

In highly charged Holy Ghost meetings when the word is going forth in power demons often come out. It is not uncommon to hear someone scream in a loud voice which many times is in reality demons leaving their victim. I believe this is what happened as Philip preached Christ to the people of Samaria. Acts 8:5-8. In

fact, the Lord has shown us, through our seers, demons leaving people during our regular services on several occasions.

WORD OF COMMAND

Casting demons out by the word of command is done by only a very few of God's anointed servants in the earth today. However, it is my conviction that the Lord is preparing many for this ministry as I write these words. This will be one of the great tasks of the ministry in getting God's people ready for the coming of Christ.

Casting demons out by command not only requires a life of prayer with the anointing but also great faith. Very few will attempt to do this because of unbelief. Having fought many battles against mankind for thousands of years demons have a tenacious faith. They count on the weakness of man to give up after awhile. Able to sense unbelief, demons pay little attention to those lacking the authority of faith.

OUR WEAPONS

Faith for casting out demons comes through prayer, fasting, and a knowledge of God's word. A knowledge of God's word, the power of the blood, and our position of authority in Christ are necessary to come against demons. Just a head knowledge of these things is not sufficient. We must believe from our heart. Often times in dealing with demons they must be reminded of the blood. Rev. 12:11. Likewise the word, which is the sword of the Spirit, must be constantly used in fighting devils. Matthew 4:1-11. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds"

Demon-possessed people are blind to their condition until they are dealt with. And even then it is well nigh impossible to make them see their condition. The veil of demonic blindness must be pulled from their minds by the anointing of Christ. This can be done by the anointed word or actually casting the demons out through the anointing. I make haste to emphasize that this work can only be done by the anointing. Satan does not respect beautiful sermons, flowery speeches, nor high sounding phrases. Only the anointing can break Satan's yoke.

MUST BE LED

And of course we must be led of the Lord in this type ministry. We don't go around looking for demon-possessed people to deliver any more than we look for sick folks to heal or sinners to save. The insane asylums are full of demon-possessed people, the hospitals are full of sick folk and the world is full of sinners.

The secret is in being led of the Lord. It must be those our great sovereign God is working with. As Jesus did only what the Father showed him so must we.

The saving, healing, and delivering business belongs to the Lord. We must remember we are simply vessels through which he does the work. When we are led of the Lord to someone we can have faith knowing the battle is the Lord's and not ours. In such cases we can rest assured of final victory no matter what happens.

SOMEONE MUST CARE

As a rule there must be someone who cares and is seeking God before people can be delivered. In most demon-possessed cases there is little concern. The family, if concerned at all, usually turns to the arm of flesh in the form of doctors, psychiatrists, or mental institutions. They will, in fact, resent and resist the least

suggestion that their loved one is demon possessed. This is why it is almost impossible to help most demon-possessed people.

BIBLE EXAMPLES

In the case of the Legion, Mark 5:1-20 and Luke 8:26-39, we find a poor, demon-possessed man running and falling down before the Lord Jesus and worshipping him. In the case of the woman of Syrophenicia we have a beautiful example of a mother who would not be denied until the Lord delivered her child. Matthew 15:21-28. The fortune teller girl of Acts 16:16-18 followed Paul and Silas several days before the apostle cast the spirit out of her. And though we wouldn't say there are no exceptions to this rule, we believe that in most cases of deliverance there is someone seeking God. It is either the person who needs deliverance himself or some deeply concerned friend or loved one. God works when and where you find earnest souls seeking his face.

PROCEDURE

Having been led of the Lord to help someone with evil spirits the next question is how do we go about delivering them? I personally like to deal with such cases in the privacy of a home or the church with a group of consecrated Spirit-filled believers to help out.

And of course those with experience or discernment are a great help in this work. Those who can pray and have real liberty in praise are also a great help in fighting demons. Oftentimes there will be someone who has been delivered themselves and they have a real compassion for such people. Only those who have victory in their own lives and have a burden for such people can help deliver them.

DISCERNMENT

In addition to being led of the Lord to those he wants to deliver, and having the help of Christ's body, we need the gift of discernment as we undertake this work. At this present time God is restoring this gift to his Church. In our assembly the Lord has given us five young people who are being used as seers in a most marvelous way.

These five young people, two of whom are only eleven years old, actually see the spirits in a person and can tell how many they have. By this special anointing they also know how the battle is progressing and when the spirits come out. During the course of the battle if a word of wisdom or knowledge is needed the Lord will give it to us through the seers by vision.

They not only see the spirits in the person but other spirits that are present that try to help the spirits which are being cast out. And believe me, demons always try to come to the rescue of those under attack.

With such a group operating as a body under the headship of Christ you will be able to deliver people from demons. This being the time of the forming of the body of Christ, God is blessing wherever a genuine cooperative effort is being made.

Gathering together with your group and the person to be delivered, it is good to sing a few songs as the Lord leads and have a season of prayer and praise. This creates a good atmosphere and helps to raise the faith of everyone. The next step is to simply sit the demon-possessed person down in a chair and start commanding the spirits to come out of him.

NO SPECIAL FORMULA

Though there are basic principles we must ever employ in coming against Satan, there is no set pattern or formula we can follow in casting out demons. Every case must be approached in simple faith looking to the Lord for direct leadership as we battle this enemy.

Only the Holy Spirit can recognize Satan's subtle tricks to deceive us and avoid being cast out. Any 1-2-3 or A-B-C procedure would soon become a lifeless form that the devil would laugh at with scorn. Only as we move in the anointing, using those basic God-provided weapons can we defeat this adversary.

You must not strive, fret, worry, or get anxious, but wait in simple faith. Pleading the blood, the name of Jesus, quoting the scriptures, and extolling the power and authority of Christ over the enemy will often bring the result you desire. Sometimes it is a long, weary battle and only persistent faith will bring the victory.

Where many demons are present it sometimes takes hours or even days to cast all the spirits out. This is when discernment is a must. As the spirits come out, the remaining spirits will remain quiet or pretend to be the person. They are very cunning and will deceive you if you aren't careful. Not aware they are under the control of a demon, the person fully cooperates with them in deceiving you.

Having lived in the person so long, the demons have become one with the person and indeed are accepted without question as being part of the person's own personality. The fusion of the human spirit and the evil spirit is so complete they are for all practical purposes one.

Though the person may think, act, talk, and appear normal, that mystical veil of darkness covers the mind as long as the demons are there. It is at times like this that keen discernment is needed and complete dependence on the Holy Spirit is necessary.

Upon inquiry they may tell you they are fine and that they are in complete control of their faculties. In fact they may sincerely think they are. However as long as there is a single evil spirit in the human vessel the person is not normal. His mind and will are in varying degrees under the influence and control of that spirit.

The influence and control is of course according to the nature and strength of the spirit, and also the degree of manifestation at any particular time. Though all demons are evil and exert some influence upon the person, some are stronger and more persistent than others. Some being comparatively weak have less control and influence over the person. They are also easier to resist and cast out.

When demons are quiet they must be pressed to manifest themselves before you can cast them out. This is why they purposely stay quiet and help the person to appear normal to deceive you. They will even let the person sing gospel songs, go to church, and appear religious to hide their presence.

TALKING TO DEMONS

You cannot reason with a demon as there is no sympathy nor conscience in these depraved beings. Never try to bargain, compromise, or appeal to them. Use the Word and the Blood to cut them off on every hand. Offer them nothing but judgement and divine retribution. You must be absolute master over them. They recognize and respect nothing but authority.

HARD CASES

As yet none of us have reached the spiritual plateau of faith and discernment

where we can cast demons out as easily as Jesus did. For this reason we may encounter hard cases that we have to battle with for hours or even days before final victory. In such cases, we must hold on and have help from other members of Christ's body.

It is my conviction that as the church comes back into perfect divine order her power and discernment will also be fully restored. And the time will soon come when casting out devils will be quick and decisive.

MUST OVERCOME

We must understand demons are capable of feelings as well as we are. Though evil spirits are intelligent, powerful and tenaciously persistent they can be harassed, tormented and overcome. As you would battle against a cunning and powerful human adversary you must battle against demons until their stubborn wills are broken.

The idea that we can snap our fingers and, presto, demons immediately leave their victims never to return, is false. Although some demons are comparatively easy to cast out, others put up a terrific fight and can only be defeated by prayer, fasting, and a faith that will not give up.

Some of the more difficult cases to help are Christians or greatly enlightened people. These people are more responsible to help themselves than others. It is often through pride, rebellion, and willful negligence that they get into trouble to begin with. Such people stand in need of repentance and confession before they can be delivered. Trying to cast the devils out of people to continue on in their rebellion against God will not work.

Where you do not have a group able to move together in the deliverance of demon-possessed people the Lord is still faithful and will honor one or two who will dare to believe him. His word is still true which says, "believe only and ye shall see the glory of God.

MY WIFE

Several years ago my wife came under the control of demon spirits that almost destroyed her mind before I realized what was taking place. She had been literally living in torment for months before I discovered her condition. Like most people afflicted by demons she was convinced in her own mind that her trouble was real. Also convinced by the same delusive spirits that there was no hope for her, she kept her trouble to herself.

Finally noticing her depressed state, I discovered, after much questioning, that my poor wife was in a prison house of mental despair. Nothing I could say would convince her it was the work of Satan. She just could not believe otherwise. To her it was a terrible reality and not demonic delusion. Her hopelessness became such that she wished she could die and she began entertaining thoughts of suicide.

Although I knew little about evil spirits at the time, I believed her trouble was demons and began battling against them in prayer. Taking the Bible, I also began teaching my wife everything I could find about demons. Waging an unceasing battle in this manner I came against these devils day in and day out,

Sometimes, after ministering the Word, prayer, and rebuking these spirits in Jesus name my wife would be almost free. And then after a few hours that awful darkness of despair would settle upon her mind again. This went into weeks and then months with the intervals of relief becoming less all the time. For a while it

seemed the harder I fought the greater the hold of the enemy upon my wife's mind.

With no visible progress being made after several weeks the devil began telling me she wasn't going to get any better and that she would have to be put in a mental institution. With this turn of events I began battling against the spirits that were trying to destroy my faith. Calling them a liar even as their father the devil, I proclaimed that she was going to be delivered and they couldn't stop it.

Only by the anointing of the Spirit as I prayed was I enabled with great boldness to withstand these spirits. For awhile it seemed we reached an impasse with neither side giving ground. And then, hallelujah! I detected the power of these demons losing their hold on my wife's mind. With this definite sign of progress I literally shouted the victory in the devil's face as I rejoiced in the goodness of my God.

About this time the Lord began to open my poor, deluded wife's spiritual eyes and she could see that it was the enemy who had caused her condition. With this revelation she began resisting the devil herself and it wasn't long until his power was broken. Although there was a convalescent period in which she had to grow strong again, the horrible nightmare of mental anguish was over. Demons cannot stand before the power of prayer. But it must be effectual, fervent prayer. James 5:16.

APOSTATE CRITICISM

Since we always have to contend with apostate criticism which claims we are not of God because we do not do things like Jesus did an answer to this is necessary.

First of all let's remember Jesus had the Spirit without measure, consequently he ministered with a fullness that has not been experienced since then. Even during Paul's day the apostasy was taking hold of the church. Already the powerful anointing that was upon Christ and the church at Pentecost was on the decline.

Today the apostate church world is in such condition that they don't believe in healing, casting out of devils or the miraculous of any kind. Likewise the body of Christ is in a sub-par condition due to the influence of the apostasy. A sub-par church can only bring forth sub-par results.

I might add that none of our critics would dare to claim to be as dedicated and effective as Christ in soul winning, teaching, or in prayer. Yet they do not discount themselves because they do not measure up to the spiritual stature of Christ in these things. It is only those who believe in the supernatural for today that are not of God because they do not get the same results, they say. As the body of Christ, composed of all truly born again men and women, becomes subject to their head in this hour, the church will experience restoration. With this restoration will come increasing effectiveness in the ministry of casting out devils.

Chapter 10

How To Overcome

“And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.” Rev. 12:11.

THE EVIL DAY

By numerous supernatural visions given to children who didn't understand what they were seeing, we have been shown that this is the hour of the loosing of Satan upon the world. As pointed out in chapter twelve on the Battle of the Ages, the deliverance of God's people results in the undivided attention of Lucifer and his demon host toward unregenerate humanity.

The devil knows he has but a short time left and he is going to do all in his power to destroy mankind. Although it is a time of rejoicing for those in heavenly places, it is a time of woe for those living in the earth realm. Rev. 12:12. Those living in the earth realm are those whose interest and occupation is with this life. Only those who put on the whole armour of God will be able to stand in this evil day. Eph. 6:13.

In these visions given to the children, they actually entered Satan's domain and saw millions of demons being released to prey upon mankind. Leaving the infernal regions where they were held captive, these demons began immediately to attack men living in the earth realm. They watched these evil spirits as they entered men causing them to kill, steal, smoke, commit suicide, and become afflicted with terrible diseases. In other visions they saw demons make people argue, curse, drive recklessly, attack God's people and the holy Angels. Truly it has never dawned upon us just how much we are influenced by demons in this life. But this is the day and the hour when God is pulling back the veil and showing us Lucifer's kingdom. Praise God! This is also the hour for our deliverance.

THE BATTLEGROUND

The mind is the battleground. This is where the enemy must be recognized and defeated. Through the mind he enters your being and eventually takes control of your life. This is where the fiery darts of poison are buried. This is where evil is conceived — murder, rape, theft, tyranny against God and man. Control your thought life and Satan is helpless.

All negative and wrong thinking eventually leads to evil. Nip it in the bud and you save yourself much grief and sorrow. Constant and eternal vigilance must be maintained to keep Satan from gaining a foothold.

All thoughts of evil, thoughts that bring unrest and fear into your heart, are from the enemy. Thoughts of evil about your fellowman, suspicion, resentment, discouragement, gloom, dissatisfaction, jealousy, hatred, lust, and covetousness all proceed from Satan.

“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion,

walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

“Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.” I Peter 5:8-9.

Paul had reference to this control in our thought life when he said, “For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal” (fleshly) “but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds; casting down imaginations and every high thing that exalith itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.” 2 Cor. 10:35.

Any and everything that doesn't agree with and honor the teachings of God's Word with respect to man is to be rejected and counted as from Satan. You must not pamper, entertain, or tolerate things that are contrary to God, faith, holiness and love. Even our enemies are to be loved and prayed for. Any spirit that would lead you otherwise is from Satan.

OUR POSITION IN CHRIST

As God's child, we have a position in Christ that makes us more than conquerors over Satan and all his demon host. Realization of this great truth is a must for those that would overcome the devil. This must be more than a theory with us, we must know it. If we understood this great truth as well as the devil does he would have no more power over us.

Colossians 1:13 says God has delivered us from the power of darkness, and has translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son. “Ye are of God little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.” I John 4:4.

Praise the Lord! We have been delivered from the power of darkness and greater is he (Christ) that is in us than he that is in the world. Quote this to yourself until it becomes a reality.

Jesus told the disciples, “Behold I give you power to tread on serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.” Luke 10:19. “— We are more than conquerors through him that loved us.” Romans 8:37.

We who have partaken of Christ's resurrection life have actually triumphed over the devil through the cross even as Jesus did. In the mind and reckoning of God we went to Calvary when Christ did. In Christ we died on the cross, were buried, and rose again. Rom. 6:3-11, Col. 2:12, 3:1-10. Being one with him we are now seated in heavenly places far above all principalities and powers. Eph. 1:20-21.

Our old Adam man is dead and buried and we must begin to reckon it so (count it so). Rom. 6:11. The most glorious part of all about being dead is that our life is hid with Christ in God. Col. 3:3.

We are not dead because we always feel like it. We are dead because we were crucified with Christ and God says we are dead. Neither do we have victory over the devil because we always feel like it. We have victory because we are one with the one that overcame the devil while in the flesh and then bruised his head at Calvary.

Greater is he that is in us than he that is in the world — whether we feel like it or not. Because of these things the devil literally has to flee from us when we resist him in faith. James 4:7.

There are three things mentioned in the Bible whereby we overcome Satan.

The blood of the Lamb, the word of our testimony, and loving not our lives unto death. Luke 4:1-13, Rev. 12:11, Heb. 4:14, 10:35-36.

THE BLOOD

Because of the blood shed on Calvary's cross you are free, not because you deserve it, not because you can earn it, but simply because He loved you and gave Himself for you. The cross is your guarantee of freedom.

Because of the shed blood Satan has no legal right or authority over you. Point him to the blood and the cross. He hates it because it was there he was stripped of his power over you. It was there Jesus spoiled principalities and powers, which are Satan and his demon host. The victory of Calvary is our victory because we are one with Christ.

The devil doesn't want to be reminded of the blood because it spells his defeat. Tell him you have been cleansed and redeemed by the blood and Christ is your Lord and Master, not him. Do this in faith next time Satan tries to intimidate you and see what happens.

When the devil tries to invade your thought life resist him with the blood and the Word of God. This is also your most powerful weapon in coming against demons in others. God, angels, men and demons give testimony to the power of the blood.

WORD OF TESTIMONY

Now the word of testimony spoken of in Revelation 12:11 is nothing more or less than confessing the truth of God in the face of faith-trying circumstances. It is the brazen audacity to believe and confess what God's Word says rather than give in to adverse or contrary circumstances.

Upon first consideration this may not seem to be very important but such is not the case. It is actually that most important piece of armour referred to as the shield of faith in verse 16 of Ephesians 6. Please note Paul says, "Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked."

It is going against the natural current of prevailing conditions to confess that God is true. Not only confessing that God is true but it is acting upon your confession. It is marching forward into the swollen waters of Jordan before the waters are parted. It is a faith that staggers not at the promise but believes so strongly it gives glory to God in advance. Rom. 4:20.

Not only is it a faith that precipitates confession and action but it also withstands the onslaughts of the adversary when all visible hope and help is gone. It is believing and confessing the promise of God while the enemy rages and hurls his lies, accusations, and sense-laden thoughts of discouragement at you. We cannot overemphasize this divine principle as it is a most vital key to overcoming the devil.

The word of our testimony is called our profession by Paul in Heb. 4:14. The secret is learning to say what God's Word says instead of what our senses tell us. Be it circumstances, friend, foe or the devil himself, we must learn to cast down imaginations and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God. II Cor. 10:4-6.

The knowledge of God is his Word. When we learn to go by what God says rather than earth knowledge, the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus will set us

free from the law of sin and death. Rom. 8:2.

Too long we have gone by what we have felt, what we have seen and what we have heard. Observing these lying vanities we have forsaken our own mercy. Jonah 2:8. Confessing these things instead of the Word we have been snared with the words of our mouth. Proverbs 6:2.

We have not understood that the power of life and death is in the tongue. Prov. 18:21. It is a wholesome tongue that is a tree of life. Prov. 15:4. Through a negative confession we minister death to ourselves and to others.

I recently received a letter from a lady who had suffered much physically for several years. In the letter she said, “the pain is almost unbearable at times, I can’t stand it much longer.” This dear lady didn’t realize it but she was laying the groundwork for defeat. The words of her mouth, a negative confession, were the snare.

Had she known and believed God’s Word she would have said, “There is no temptation (trial) taken me but such as is common to man. But God is faithful, He will not permit me to be tried above that I am able, but will provide a way of escape that I might be able to bear it. I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.” I Cor. 10:13. Philipplans 4:13.

This confession would have put into motion the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus. It would have ministered life and strength to her. It would have delivered her from the law of sin and death.

Another trick of the enemy to keep us from making a positive confession is to get us to put it off until another day. He tells us we are not ready, we must have greater faith, a certain feeling before we can claim the blessing. This amounts to us believing the Lord must come to us in the form of a spiritual experience before we dare believe his Word. This of course is just the opposite from the truth. It is Satan’s lie to keep us bound by the law of sin and death.

“But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise. Say not in thine heart. Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:) Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.) But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.” Roman 10:6-10.

God is just as close to us as His Word. Even in our mouth and in our heart, the Word of faith. The power of life is in our tongue. With the mouth confession is made unto salvation. Confession is made unto salvation. Mouth — confession — salvation.

CHRIST OUR EXAMPLE

Please notice in the temptation of Christ by Satan in the wilderness that Jesus met every advance of the enemy with the Word of God. Luke 4:1-13. In resisting the three great temptations Jesus quoted the Scriptures to Satan by saying, “It is written.” We likewise need to be fortified with the Word of God, the sword of the Spirit.

If we know the Word we don’t have to give him any quarter when he attacks but meet him head-on and shout the victory while we cut him to pieces with the

sword of the Spirit. Hebrews 4:12. Meet every thought, temptation, and trial with the Word of God and see what happens in this battle against Satan.

MUST EXERCISE FAITH

But surely someone will think, “such phenomenal faith is not for me.” If that is what you are thinking you are right now listening to the voice of the enemy. Rebuke him this instant, tell him he is a liar and the father of it Also tell him that you can do all things through Christ which strengthens you. Phil. 4:13.

As you exercise your faith it will develop and grow. Regardless of how little and meager you may think your faith is, begin to use it every opportunity you have. Confess with your mouth what God’s Word declares. Keep confessing it even if you think it’s only of the mind. Sooner or later it will enter your heart and when this happens, Satan’s power over you is broken.

How we need to realize that if the living Christ dwells in us, potentially, we have the power to raise the dead, cleanse the leper, cast out devils, and heal the sick. Not only that but the Lord has given us power over all the power of the enemy. Luke 10:19. As far as God is concerned, we that are in Christ have overcome Satan and the world. I John 4:4, 5:4.

It is up to us to simply recognize these facts and confess and claim our rights in Christ. The confession of our mouth can mean the difference between victory and defeat. What we believe in our heart we will confess. Therefore let us fill our heart with the Word of God. Psa, 119:11. Let us continually confess it to God, to man, to Satan, and above all, to ourselves.

COMMUNION

Though it may not have occurred to most people, communion through prayer, praise, and thanksgiving is a marvelous means of expressing what we believe in our heart. It is a testimony of what we believe. Praise and thanksgiving as well as prayer must be cultivated by those who would overcome.

It should be done orally, in the assembly, and in our private devotions. It should be done in song and in word, always from the heart. Nothing will put the enemy to flight quicker than genuine praise. God dwells in the midst of the praises of Israel.

Regular seasons of prayer, praise, and thanksgiving are as necessary in maintaining a good spiritual condition as good food, rest, fresh air, sunshine, and bodily exercise is in keeping physically strong. This battle being in the realm of the spirit, we must be spiritually strong to wage war against the enemy.

Prayer is one of your most potent weapons. Someone has rightly said, “Satan trembles when the weakest saint goes to his knees.” “But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,” Jude 20.

Through praise and thanksgiving we draw nigh to God and He in return draws nigh to us. James 4:8. Singing unto the Lord from your heart is a very effective form of praise and thanksgiving. It will work wonders in the lives of those being oppressed by evil spirits. God desires praise and worship and will bless you with his presence when you do so. By the same token Satan hates for you to worship the Lord and will flee from you when you do it.

There is a direct connection between being filled with the Spirit and worshipping the Lord. Ephesians 5:18-20. You cannot worship and praise the Lord from your heart without being filled with the Spirit. “God is a Spirit: and they that

worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.” John 4:24.

It is while we are thus in His presence that we are strengthened in the inner man and spiritually fortified to meet and defeat our adversary the devil. Being Spirit, the Lord is approached through these spiritual exercises. “Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto Him, and bless his name.” Psalms 100:4.

DYING TO SELF

The third thing mentioned in Revelation 12:11 whereby we overcome the devil is to love not our lives unto the death. No doubt many think of this death from the standpoint of becoming a martyr or actually dying for Christ. But I am persuaded it is our self life that we must die to. It is what Paul had reference to when he spoke of dying daily and being killed all the day long. I Cor. 15:31. Rom. 8:36.

Loving not our lives unto the death means daily bearing our cross. It is crucifixion to the natural man as we refuse to give in to the whims, fancies, and lusts of our flesh. It is putting Christ first in our lives. It means to forsake family, fame and fortune to follow him daily. Luke 14:26-27. It means to seek eternal riches rather than earthly riches. Matthew 6:10-34. It means to desire the approval of God more than the approval of man. John 12:42-44. It means a new direction, a new emphasis of spiritual and eternal values rather than earthly things. Matt. 12:46-50.

SUBJECTION

Perhaps the greatest test of all for God’s people who would be overcomers will come through subjection. I especially mean subjection one to another in the body of Christ. Nothing will bring out the self in us like having to walk together in one body.

Because of the harlot religious world we have always been able to run to another group when old self was crossed or interfered with. This unwillingness to be subject to anything but our own carnal spirits has developed the self life and made us an easy prey for the devil. In this condition we are like a city whose walls are broken down — we have no defense. Proverbs 25:28.

Restoration of the Church means the restoration of God’s divine authority in the earth. It means we can no longer be a law unto ourselves. We must find our place and walk with Christ’s body. This means subjection and death to self. Those who refuse to honor and bow to this principle will have no part in the Church that is being perfected. Matt. 18:17. Heb. 13:7. II Peter 5:5.

FASTING

The death-to-self life also requires fasting, in addition to daily humbling of ourselves before God and man. Fasting unto the Lord weakens the carnal man and strengthens the spiritual man. It is denying the flesh that we might experience more of God. The prophets fasted. Jesus, the son of God, fasted forty days. Paul said he was in fastings often. David also knew the value of fasting when he said “... I humbled my soul with fasting ...” Ps. 35:13.

Of course the purpose of self affliction through fasting is to leave the realm of flesh and move into the realm of the Spirit. We do not merit any special favors because we fast. It is merely a means of dying out to our self life that God might

more fully control us. Our hard, brittle wills are softened and we can more easily yield ourselves to the will and purpose of God.

Several years ago I was seriously injured in an auto wreck and went thirty-five days almost entirely without food. Although I was a hard, calloused sinner I was humbled and found it easy to forgive my enemies. And though I didn't become a Christian at the time, the nearness of death made me see the vanity of earthly values.

OUR ENEMY

The natural man is our enemy. He opposes us on every hand when we would do good. Rom. 7:21. Every time we start to obey the Lord the natural man must die, otherwise he will rise up and lead us astray. When we shrink back from obedience to the Lord we invite failure and defeat. We must lose our life to save it. Luke 9:24. When we obey the old man rather than Christ we immediately begin to move in ourselves. It is in this state or condition that we are no match for the enemy.

The death-to-self life must be practiced daily and moment by moment as we reckon (count it so) ourselves to be dead indeed unto sin but alive unto God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Rom. 6:11.

As we practice loving not our lives unto the death the Christ life in us is going to develop and grow. The old self man is going to get weaker. But we cannot afford to become careless and complacent. We must keep the old man on the cross where he belongs. We want resurrection, but not his.

“And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.” Rev. 12:11.

Chapter 11

The Church - Christ's Body

This being the hour of the restoration of the Church, which is Christ's body, all of us need to find our place in that body. Let me hasten to add, I mean the local body of Christ. For those who desire to overcome Satan and his demon host this is an absolute must.

I'm sure also the reader of these lines knows that I, in no wise, have reference to the organized apostate church world being restored. The worldwide ecumenical movement to unite the organized church into one body is Satan's masterpiece scheme to become head over the whole world religious system.

The religious leaders that are hailing this as the beginning of Christ's kingdom on earth are blind leaders of the blind. This false religious union is just one facet of the great Satanic conspiracy to bring the whole world system under the headship of Lucifer.

The Babylonian one-world government under the United Nations is Satan's master blueprint to do the same thing in the political realm. The devil himself knows the power of unity and is using this divine principle to enthrone himself over mankind. It is his last all-out desperate try to prevent the kingdom of God from coming to earth.

Christ's little flock is a very small minority that is even now coming out of Babylon. They know in their hearts that something is wrong with the world system of religion. Not knowing what to do nor where to go many of them have been crying out to God for help.

It is this little remnant that I have in mind as I pen these lines. You only will be interested in the Body of Christ. That which your heart is crying out for can only be found in Christ's Body.

Those who desire to overcome Satan and his demon host must have the strength and fellowship of Christ's Body. As the rest of the world comes more and more under the dominion and control of Satan, the Church will be the only place of refuge and safety. The life, power and wisdom of God will be found only in Christ's body, for he will be in the midst.

ECCLESIA

The Greek word for church means called out assembly. The same word was used to denote a town council meeting at the time of Christ. It was the legal assembling together of the due representatives of the people to transact and carry out the business of the town. But, of course, what we are concerned about here is that body of redeemed men and women that constitute his earthly dwelling place.

Since the church, in the universal sense is composed of indwelt believers everywhere, both living and dead, our interest here, of necessity, must be confined to the local church or assembly. Though we have been taught to think of the church in a universal sense, I am convinced our great need is to think in terms of the local

assembly, for this is the place where we must come to meet with God's people. This is the place where the individual must serve, find fellowship and submit to Christ's authority. This is the place where we actually meet with Christ our Lord in his body.

BODY OF CHRIST

As long as we think of the church as a building or a great mystical body or people scattered everywhere, we will never apprehend the truth of his body. The church "is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all." Eph. 1:22-23. It is not just a group of people, but the earthly dwelling place of our Lord, the physical tabernacle he lives in and the body through which he expresses himself. Paul says, "for we are members of his body, of his flesh and of his bones." Eph. 5:30.

Another thing we need to see is that the church in any given place is not just a part of one great body, but is actually the body of Christ in that place. This doesn't mean there are many bodies of Christ but simply that every local group joined together by the Spirit is Christ's body in that place. The one great Christ is not divided and he can fully express himself through many local assemblies at the same time.

Paul said, "Unto the church of God which is at Corinth ...", I Cor.1:2. Please note, he does not say, "a church of God" or "part of the church", but, "the church of God." In I Cor. 12:27 he says, "Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular," not part of the body or a body, but "the body of Christ." Every local church where Christ dwells by the Spirit is the body of Christ in that place.

PLACE OF AUTHORITY

As the body of Christ, the church is God's seat of authority in a given place. There is no higher nor greater authority than the church. This, of course, is divine authority and is particularly applicable to believers in Christ. Many people say, "If I ever find a perfect church I will recognize its authority and become subject to it." Let me hasten to add that regardless of how imperfect, incomplete, carnal or how much disorder prevails, the church is Christ's body and as such it is his authority. Poor or imperfect authority is better than no authority at all. Authority as a principle must be restored to the church before it can be perfected. And if we were all perfect, we wouldn't need authority. The church at Corinth was full of strife, division, drunkenness, fornication, general disorder and carnality, yet, it was the body of Christ and responsible to exercise Christ's authority. I Cor. 3:1-4, 5:1-13, 6:1-4, 11:18-22.

TWO OR THREE

The simplest form of a local church, provided there are no more, would be two or three. The church is the witness of Christ in the earth. The local church is the witness of Christ in a particular place. In Deuteronomy 17:6, we find that a legal witness has to be two or three. Jesus says in Matt. 18:20, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Think of it! The mighty Christ, not just a little finger, a hand or a foot, but all of him, "in the midst."

A church of a thousand members could not have any more or a greater Christ than a local church made up of two or three members. As such, a two or three membered church would have the same rights, privileges and authority as a thousand membered church. Two of them agreeing on earth as touching anything

could loose or bind even as a church of a thousand members.

NOT IN MIDST

However, I must qualify this lest someone make the same mistake here that most of us have in time past. At various and sundry gatherings of Christians we have heard Matt. 18:20 quoted as a proof-text that the Lord was in the midst, but, sad to say, there has been little loosing and binding and here is the reason why. Such a gathering is not a church. The people often come from several groups, believing different things and some not even converted. And of those who are converted, they have little or no revelation of the church being Christ's body. They know little or nothing of the authority of the church and certainly nothing of discipline and judgement. Though some individuals in such a gathering would surely be conscious of the presence of Christ, they could not, by any means, claim the corporate presence of Christ, as a church walking in the light of Matt. 18:15-20.

DISCERN THE LORD'S BODY

The promise of verse 20 presupposes that the two or three are walking in the light of the whole context of scripture found in Matt. 18:15-20. They are a true church practicing discipline and judgment. They recognize and honor the voice of authority when the church speaks. They likewise recognize and respect the line of demarcation drawn by the church in separating the offending brother from the fellowship of the church. Such an attitude and practice would also mean they realize that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump. I Cor. 5:6-8. They would indeed discern that the church is the Lord's body. I Cor. 11:29. Walking in the light of this, they would have Christ in their midst to confirm their deliberations in loosing and binding on earth.

WILL COME BACK

Either the Word of God is true or the Bible is a fairy tale. If it is true, there is a reason the church is not doing the works Christ promised. Matt. 16:19, John 14:12. I believe it is true and the same works will be done when the church finds its way back to divine order. Restored foundational truth that the early church walked in must bring her back to her original purity, power and pristine glory.

Though it seems impossible at times, complete restoration must come before the church can finish its work and be ready to meet the heavenly bridegroom. Eph. 5:27, Acts 3:19-21, Rev. 19:7-9 and Matt. 24:14. The way seems slow and tedious now, but the work is going to be greatly accelerated before long and what is now almost a dream will become a manifest reality. Through the word that is being revealed, we must prepare ourselves and get ready. The evening time light of Zech. 14:6-9 must shine more and more unto the perfect day. Prov. 4:18.

Every step the church has taken away from her early glory must be regained one by one until the glory and power of Pentecost is once more resting upon her shoulders. Along with restored truth will come judgment and purging until the church is without spot, wrinkle or blemish. I believe she will be fully restored and manifest his glory while the spirit of anti-Christ is also in full manifestation upon the earth. The two powers will both reach their zenith of glory at the same time. Is. 59:19 and 60:1-2.

Anti-Christ will take over his kingdom in a way he has never done before. II Thess. 2:1-12. Likewise, Christ must take over Zion, Is. 59:20, Joel 3:17, 2:32 the

true church. This Zion is not a Jewish nation but Mount Sion, the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem and church of the first born. Heb. 12:22-23.

The only place of refuge and safety when the great tribulation breaks upon the world will be in fellowship and harmony with the body of Christ, his church. This is where the light (Christ) will be found. Is. 4:5-6. This will be the secret place of the most high that Psalm 91 is talking about. All these scriptures must be fulfilled in the church.

This restored church will indeed, in the strictest sense, be Christ come in the flesh of his body, the church. I John 4:2-3. "The Lord also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the Lord will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel. So shall ye know that I am the Lord your God dwelling in Zion, my holy mountain: then shall Jerusalem be holy, and there shall no strangers pass through her anymore." Joel 3:16-17.

Every spirit will be forced to choose Christ or anti-Christ. In fact, I believe these choices are already being made. The die has been cast for many and others are on the verge. The valley of decision is coming closer for all mankind. Joel 3:14. May God help us.

WHAT NOW?

To the believer who has this vision and desires to follow the Lord in these momentous days, may I humbly suggest a few things.

If you are with a group and satisfied, stay right where you are regardless of the light they have. If the Holy Ghost has given you this revelation, you are being prepared and must be willing to follow the Lord at all cost. However, you need to be slow about joining any individual or splinter group that would attempt to start a church. The splits have been splintered and split again and again until all we have left is sawdust.

If this thing is of God, nothing can stop it, but we must remember Satan always confuses an issue with counterfeit moves. On every hand we have observed this as Satan moves in to monopolize every genuine spark of revival or spiritual life. Though we need to move when the Lord leads, we need to be cautious and prayerful lest we kindle our own fire and walk in the sparks thereof. Is. 50:10-11.

PLAYING CHURCH

Individuals or little splinter groups need to be slow about attempting to start a church. Can't you imagine the kind of house a group of children would build if they started building with such tools and materials as they could find? In fact, I have observed many a little shack built by ambitious youngsters who had visions of grandeur to begin with. The world has also witnessed the building of many spiritual shacks that were also blown away with the wind, rain and flood. Only that built upon the rock will be able to withstand the onslaughts that are soon going to break upon the world.

Any group without a true foundational ministry to lead them will not accomplish much. The idea of people getting together themselves and then calling a pastor is completely foreign to scripture. In fact, people always have some spirit to lead them either good or bad. They don't just get together without any leadership at all. Someone leads whether they are recognized as a leader or not.

I knew one group that outwardly had a good man in charge of the group, but

actually, his wife, controlled by the devil, had enough influence over him to wreck the whole thing. So we see that strong foundational ministries must lead if any group is to be established. As long as the hiring and firing method of the apostate modern church is used, you will continue to build Babylon which must be torn down. The same spirit that was behind the people rejecting Samuel and wanting a king like the other nations is responsible today for people starting them a church and getting them a pastor. I Sam. 8:6-7.

RIGHT FOUNDATION

This is why it is well nigh impossible to do anything with a group already formed. No doubt, this is the reason Paul would not go where Christ was named lest he build upon another man's foundation. Romans 15:20. Laying a right foundation is vital to the success of any group. Eph. 2:20, speaks of the church as being "built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone."

Even a preacher under the harlot system suddenly coming into this foundational truth cannot convert his present group and lead them as a body into any semblance of New Testament order. In the first place, they are put together wrong with much material that cannot fit into a New Testament building. In simple language, many of the people brought together under the old harlot methods cannot and will not receive apostolic truth nor submit themselves to the ministry of Christ that is forming his body. Though men and ministries are used, let's remember the spirit of Christ is forming and preparing his people.

It is the anti-Christ spirit in men that is responsible for the harlot apostate church system, and it is this same anti-Christ spirit in men that will not submit to any true move of the Spirit. The test is whether or not men will hear the church and submit to it. Matt. 18:17, I John 4:2-3.

Some write and ask me what to do about those who do not have the vision or revelation of Christ and his body. Nothing can be done if the Holy Spirit does not see fit to reveal it to men's hearts. However, we need to bear witness to such truth as we have opportunity without trying to get people to accept it.

This business of getting men to accept Christ, accept certain teaching and join our church is one of the great contributors to the present apostate church system. If the Holy Spirit does not reveal Christ or his body to men, you better leave them alone. Our business is to simply give the truth out and leave the results to God. "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it." Psalm 127:1. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." Zech.4:6.

If you are one of two or three in a certain area that has been brought into this revelation by the Holy Spirit, then you need to begin to meet together looking to Christ, your head, being subject to one another in recognition of the authority of the church when it speaks or rules.

In the absence of true foundational ministry to teach and set in order, you do nothing in the way of organizing or electing officers. Titus 1:5. If you can share one with another on a mutual basis with an absolute willingness to abide by the rule of the body, then do so. I Peter 5:5. Always remember that one who is offended and gets a bad spirit is wrong. And, of course, in such a group, you would pray and look to Christ your head to send you such ministry as is needed to teach and set things in order.

Where women have husbands who are not willing to leave their church, they

must, of course, continue to honor their husbands as their head and only participate to the extent the husband is willing. Eph. 5:24, I Cor. 11:3. In such cases, participation in a prayer band is about all the wife could have. No true ministry or New Testament group should ever violate the plain teachings of God's word in such matters. And as long as even an unsaved husband desires to live with a Christian wife, she must honor him as her head. I Cor. 7:13, I Peter 3:1-6.

TRUE LOCAL CHURCH

Such a group (two or three) understanding and abiding by these principles would constitute a true local church, perhaps not perfect nor complete by any means, but there has to be a beginning and two or three are sufficient to be a legal witness in the earth. This is what Jesus is teaching in Matt. 18:15-20.

The day is going to come when the only place of refuge and safety will be in harmony with Christ's body, the church. During the time of great darkness that must cover the earth when anti-Christ takes the reins of world government through the harlot church system, Rev. 17, the only place of light will be the church. Is. 60:1-22.

Those not willing to wear his yoke in being a part of his body will wear the yoke of anti-Christ. I might add that many are already sold out to anti-Christ and have his mark in their forehead and in their right hand. Rev. 13:16.

Which side are you choosing?

Chapter 12

The Battle of the Ages

“And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, everyone that shall be found written in the book.” (Daniel 12:1).

“And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, and prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

“And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

“And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

“And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony, and they loved not their lives unto the death.

“Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.” Revelation 12:7-12.

At this present time two great armies are being prepared for The Battle Of The Ages. This will be the showdown between the kingdom of God and His host and the kingdom of Satan and his host. The winner will take all. The loser will be dethroned and banished forever. We already know who is going to win. Hallelujah! Rev. 11:15. But the battle must be fought just the same.

In both the scriptures quoted above it will be noticed that Michael the fighting angel and leader of God’s angelic host is arrayed against Satan and his angels. I believe these two scriptures have reference to the same time and the same battle. And though man is in the middle and definitely a part of the titanic struggle it is spiritual warfare that is fought in the heavenlies. God is pulling the veil back and showing us that the real battle is in the invisible realm.

This is what Paul is talking about in Ephesians 6:12. “For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.”

DELIVERANCE

At this time everyone of God’s people are going to be delivered. According to Daniel 12:1, it is everyone whose name is written in the book. This I believe is the Lamb’s book of life. Those whose names ARE NOT written in the Lamb’s book of life are going to fully embrace Lucifer as he enthrones himself in man. Revelation 13:8.

This deliverance precedes the coming of Christ and the resurrection. The resurrection and the change of our vile bodies from mortal to immortality is the grand climax of our deliverance. But before this takes place there will come a great deliverance such as the church has never experienced. The chains of Babylon and the world system including Satan and his demon host must be broken from around God's people.

They will be set free to worship him in Spirit and truth before they are presented to their heavenly Bridegroom. Until this time most of Satan's energy has been directed against the church. To a great extent he has kept it bound, fettered and blind. Like blinded Samson grinding away at the mill while the Philistines laughed and mocked, the Church has been a reproach in the earth. The devil knows far more about the power and authority of the Church than the church knows itself.

GREAT USURPER

This is why Satan and his legions of demons have directed most of their attention to God's people. When the church breaks his chains and rises up into the heavenlies with Christ the head where he is seated on the Father's throne, Satan's day will be over. Satan is the great usurper, and the power and authority he exercises in the earth does not belong to him. It is by lying deception he blinds and rules mankind.

As Christ our glorious head met Satan on the mount and defeated him, Matthew 4:1-11, his body the church must likewise overcome. Christ actually won the victory at Calvary and the church must enter into that victory by faith. It is her birthright. Our Lord who is reigning now must reign till every enemy is put under his feet (part of the body the church). I Corinthians 15:20-28, Hebrews 10:12-13.

Isaiah tells of this glorious day in these words. "And I will turn my hand upon thee, and purely purge away thy dross, and take away all thy sin: And I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy counsellors as at the beginning: afterward thou shalt be called, The city of righteousness, the faithful city." (Isa. 1:25-26).

"In that day shall the branch of the Lord be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel.

"And it shall come to pass, that he that is left in Zion, and he that remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, even every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem.

"When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgement, and by the spirit of burning.

"And the Lord will create upon every dwelling place of mount Zion and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night: for upon all the glory shall be a defense." (Isa. 4:2-5).

Joel speaks of this day in these words. "Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, spare thy people, O Lord and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God?"

"Then will the Lord be jealous for his land, and pity his people. Yea, the Lord will answer and say unto his people, Behold, I will send you corn, and wine, and oil, and ye shall be satisfied therewith: and I will no more make you a reproach among the heathen." (Joel 2:17-19).

Hallelujah! The reproach is going to be removed. "The glory of this latter

house shall be greater than of the former, saith the Lord of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of hosts.” (Haggai 2:9). “And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the Lord, two parts therein shall be cut off and die: but the third shall be left therein.

“And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The Lord is my God.” (Zechariah 13:8-9).

NOT THE JEWS

This is also the meaning of Isaiah 52:1-12, 60:1-4 and many other Old Testament scriptures that are usually applied to the Jewish nation. The thing that dispensationalists cannot see is that Israel was a chosen vessel to bring forth a spiritual seed that has its fulfillment in Christ and the Church.

Things, places, tribes, experiences, ordinances, commandments, offerings, and the nation Israel under the law are all types that point to some eternal, spiritual reality. Even as the tabernacle was an earthly type of the true tabernacle which the Lord pitched and not man, so are these other things. Hebrews 8:1-2 and 10:1. For instance, earthly Zion points to and is fulfilled in spiritual Zion, Hebrews 12:22, likewise earthly Jerusalem, Revelation 21:10.

It is because of the religious world’s belief in a Jewish earthly millenium that they cannot believe the simple teaching of Christ and the apostles relative to his coming. Matthew 24:37-39, 25:1-13, Luke 17:28-30, I Thessalonians 5:1-3, II Thessalonians 1:7-9, 2:1-12, and II Peter 3:1-13. This is one of the great deceptions of Babylon that God’s people must be delivered from if they are to be prepared for his coming. As long as men think they have a thousand years with the Jews becoming great missionaries to all the world, they are in no hurry.

As the Jewish nation degenerated religiously and lost a true knowledge of God, so has the organized church world. As there was only a little remnant who was able to recognize his first coming, there is only a remnant today that will understand and be prepared for his second coming. Daniel 12:10.

As the blinded Jews rejected and crucified Christ at his first coming, the blinded religious world today despises and rejects the true end time move of our Sovereign God.

NEW TESTAMENT ALSO

The deliverance and perfecting of the Church at the end of this age is born out in the New Testament also. This is the very purpose of the ministry given by Christ to the Church. “And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ; Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.” Ephesians 4:11-13.

According to Ephesians 5:26-27, it will be a glorious Church not having spot, wrinkle, or blemish, when it is presented to Christ. This cleansing and sanctifying work will be done by “the washing of water by the word.” This is the restitution of all things that Peter says must take place before Christ comes. Acts 3:19-23.

“Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that

she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.” Revelation 19:7-8.

MANY BOUND

At this time, many of God’s elect are bound by Satan. Many are afflicted in mind and body. Some are demon possessed. Many of his servants are bound by unbelief through traditions of men and doctrines of devils. But praise God! Deliverance is on the way. Michael is now standing up and the battle is starting.

BABYLON’S FALL

Babylon’s fall is the beginning of the end for the whole world system. It is also the beginning of the deliverance of God’s people. There are three aspects, facets, or manifestations of the spirit that is called Babylon. It is the false religious, political and materialistic concept given to man by Satan and his demon host. Many think of Babylon as being religious only, but this is wrong: it includes the whole world system.

666

This is the meaning of the mark of the beast, Revelation 13:18. Six is the number of man. It is man without God. It is the natural man with all of his natural attributes as given to him by his infinitely wise Creator, but it is still man devoid of God however wise and brilliant he might be. The numbers 666 in the forehead and right hand simply means mankind will be possessed by the spirit of Anti-Christ as it is manifested in these three areas.

Man has about reached his zenith of power and glory in these three fields. Science has given him push-button luxury with every conceivable material convenience. He has weapons to destroy the world and is now fixing to explore and conquer God’s universe. Transplanting hearts, kidneys, and other organs of the human body, he hopes to soon control life itself.

Politically, he has tried everything and now has the organized machinery to set up a super one-world government through the United Nations. Our own great society government through Social Security, Medicare, and multitudinous programs is delivering us from the need of faith in God.

The apostate religious world is now beginning to see that they are all brothers with the same father and therefore no need to be divided. The Catholics, Jews, and Protestants are becoming very fond of each other and are swapping ideas and pulpits. Their hearts are beginning to bleed for the one great Church. They are rich and increased with goods and have need of nothing, except to get together.

This is Babylon, which already has the mark of the beast and doesn’t know it. They are slaves in mind (mark in forehead) and gladly cooperate (mark in hand) with the Satanic world system as manifested in these three areas. And they do have the same father (Lucifer). And they are going to the same place (hell).

NOW FALLEN

The first aspect of Babylon’s fall is spiritual and it is past tense with God. By supernatural vision one of our young ladies saw the exact same vision of Isaiah 21:7-9. She also heard the words spoken exactly as they are in the text. “... Babylon is fallen, is fallen, and all the graven images of her gods he hath broken unto the ground.”

Though there will be a literal destruction of Babylon (whole world system) by fire, this aspect of the fall of Babylon is spiritual. It is now taking place. Most of Revelation chapter 14 exactly as John saw and heard it was also given in a vision. The angel which said, "... Babylon is fallen, is fallen ..." was seen and heard in this vision.

We were told by the angel of the Lord that these Bible visions were coming forth that we might know what is taking place in this hour. This fall of religious Babylon simply means God is through with her. Her day of grace and mercy has come to an end. Her space to repent has ended. Rev. 2:21. She has reached the end of her tether and her day of reckoning is at hand.

Divine judgment upon Babylon results first in her fall in the eyes of God's elect as the scales of spiritual darkness are pulled from their eyes. They are beginning to see the vain, lifeless, dead form of ecclesiastical Babylon and are turning to the Lord for help. This is why little groups of hungry saints are springing up all over the world.

A vision came forth this morning while in prayer through one who knows nothing about what I am writing. They saw a beautiful church with affluent people in it. There was a shield of light completely covering the church. The light turned into a large man that began to smash the church with his hands.

As the roof and walls of the church began to cave in, the people started pouring out of it. Two groups of figures (angels and demons) appeared and took the people by the arms and led them off. Black figures took most of the people by their left arms and went in one direction, while figures of light took the minority of the people by their right arms and led them off in another direction.

This vision is a picture of what God is doing in this hour as he removes his protective grace (shield of light) and begins destroying Babylon's confines (creeds, doctrines, traditions). His people are being led by angels of light to his Church, the body of Christ. The unregenerate are being led by demon forces into the camp of Anti-Christ. This is the separation of the wheat from the tares. Matthew 13:23-30, 36-43.

Deliverance of God's people, which is already underway, will be effected through four principle means. They are as follows: judgment, restoration of divine knowledge, outpouring of the Spirit, and the ministry of angels. It doesn't necessarily follow in the order I have given above. Fact is some of these things are coming simultaneously. However, we will briefly mention them in the order given above.

JUDGMENT

Judgement will be effected two ways. Firstly, some of God's people have to be dealt with severely. They are stubborn and rebellious and have to be chastened and scourged before they will get down to business with God. Hebrews 12:5-11, Revelation 3:19 and John 15:2. The Lord alone knows what it will take to break the stubborn wills of his children. It might be the death of a loved one, a sickness, captivity by demons, or other things.

And then, there is the Spirit of Judgement and the Spirit of Burning spoken of by Isaiah 4:4, also Malachi 3:2-3. This definitely is in connection with the cleansing and purification of the Church as will be noticed from the context. This is a powerful work of God's Spirit that is beginning already where people are seeking the face of God. It is the beginning of the last great outpouring of the Spirit before the coming of Christ. Joel 2:28-29.

EVENING TIME LIGHT

The next thing used of the Lord to deliver his Church is the last day revelation of his word, or restoration of divine knowledge. In addition to the restoration of apostolic truth buried under a morass of apostate Christianity, God is revealing truth reserved for this end time. The little book of Revelation 5 is being opened. These are the things Daniel was not allowed to open and reveal in his day. Daniel 12:4.

It is the evening time light of Zechariah 14:7. It is the hidden manna of Revelation 2:17. It is the light that shineth more and more unto the perfect day. Proverbs 4:18. It is the perfect expression of God's wisdom and knowledge that does away with that which is in part. I Corinthians 13:9-10.

WORKS UNDER DARKNESS

This restoration of divine knowledge is absolutely necessary to defeat Satan and to deliver God's people. In Hosea 4:6 the Lord said, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge" Satan and his demon host can only work under the cover of darkness. The darkness of prejudice, bias, superstition, sin, and ignorance. Pour light into the minds of men and women and you set them free. The entrance of God's word gives light. His word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our pathway. This is why perfect light will result in Satan being literally put under Christ's feet (Church).

Truly, God's people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge. Expose Satan and his works and he loses his power. Satan and his host have to camouflage themselves when they deceive and lead men astray. Seldom do demon possessed people know they are literally possessed by evil spirit beings that intend to destroy them. This is why Lucifer and his fallen angels are called the power of darkness. Acts 26:18.

The evening time light will shine brighter and brighter until everyone whose name is written in the book is delivered. At the same time the wicked will not be able to see nor apprehend what is taking place. Daniel 12:10. One of our teenage girls had a remarkable vision a few days ago which illustrates this truth.

BODY OF CHRIST VISION

She saw the world covered in great darkness with a few people dressed in white and a large number dressed in black. A beam of light began to shine upon the earth until the entire earth was illuminated. With this illumination of the earth those in white came together into one great body in the form of a man whose head and shoulders reached into the heavens. Ephesians 1:10, Isaiah 52:8 and 60:5.

This great light that brought the small group dressed in white together into one great man (Christ) did not affect those dressed in black. They were unaware of what was taking place. After the flowing together into this one great man was accomplished, fire began to fall upon the earth. As the earth was enveloped in flames the Church was seen going up through the clouds into heaven.

This gathering together into one is, first of all, a spiritual work that must be accomplished in the hearts of God's children. Heaven is ready and waiting for this. The short quick work of Romans 9:28 pertains to that part of Christ's body that is upon the earth at the end of this age. "... because a short work will the Lord make UPON THE EARTH."

Satan and his demon host has used every conceivable thing to keep the body

of Christ divided. It is when we see and understand that the many devil inspired walls of division are torn down. This is the meaning of Isaiah 60:5 which says, "Then thou shalt see, and flow together..."

The greatest factor used to keep Christ's body divided is Satan's influence over the ministry. The great work that is going on now is purging and perfecting the ministry. Malachi 3:3 is now in process of being fulfilled. God always works from the top down. This is why so many of God's servants are being purged and purified through many fiery trials at this time. The Lord is perfecting the ministry.

"Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing for they shall see eye to eye, when the Lord shall bring again Zion." Isaiah 52:8.

This is the end of the dispensation of the fullness of times. The Lord is gathering "... together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him." Ephesians 1:10.

OUTPOURING OF SPIRIT

Actually the outpouring of the spirit accompanies judgment, restoration of divine knowledge and the ministry of angels. However, I might add that the beginning of this last day outpouring, called the latter rain began with Pentecost and the latter is simply the climax of the church or Holy Ghost dispensation.

"Former" (Hebrew, *Yowreh*, Hosea 6:3) means first sprinkling of the autumnal showers or first rain.

"Former" (Hebrew, *Mowreh*, Joel 2:23) means teacher, teaching, or the early rain.

"Early" (Greek, *proimos*, James 5:7) means the dawning, early, or beginning of the autumnal rains. It is the beginning of the rains that develops the crops before they can ripen for the harvest. From these scriptures, it is evident that the last day outpouring begins with the spirit of revelation, or teacher rain, to teach God's people and bring them back to true divine order.

This aspect of the latter rain is a return to the apostolic truth of the early Church. This is a preparation work that gets God's people ready for the great effusion of the Spirit before the coming of the Lord.

This teacher rain has been falling for several years now. Of course, the depth of revelation is increasing by the hour. And it will increase until the perfect light of God is restored to the Church. His body will be full of light when it overcomes Satan and goes to meet her heavenly bridegroom.

MINISTRY OF ANGELS

The last thing we consider in the deliverance of God's people is the ministry of angels. Angels have always been more active in the work of the Lord than we realized. Most of us believe in angels to some degree. We know the Bible records many instances of angels appearing to people. Some of us have heard of angels who appeared to people outside the Bible. And a very few believe angels actually appear to some people today.

The sad truth is most of mankind is in such a state of unbelief they do not literally believe in angels at all. Fact is, they do not believe in angels, healing, miracles, or any other supernatural manifestation of God. It is this same unbelief that keeps men from believing in demons also. However, before this age is finished God's people are going to become very much alive to the existence of God's angels and Satan's demon host.

This is the time for the showdown between God's kingdom and Satan's kingdom. Most of the war between Satan and the Church has been skirmishes up until now. God has purposed to bring it to a close. The Battle of the Ages is at hand. Michael is now standing up. Daniel 12:1. Warfare in heaven is beginning. Revelation 12:7-9.

WAR IN HEAVEN

The heaven that John is speaking of is not some geographical heaven located somewhere in outer space. This is carnal reasoning. Heaven is more of a state than some physical, tangible place located in God's material universe. Jesus told Nicodemus, "And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven." John 3:13.

Although he stood before Nicodemus in a flesh and blood body he said he was in heaven. Most of the religious world would be miserable wretches if they went to heaven in their present condition. Heaven would be hell to them. The presence of the Lord, the saints, praise and worship in that holy blessed state would make them most miserable.

What God desires to do is bring heaven to earth in the hearts of men. This will happen when his kingdom comes and his will is done in earth (man) as it is in heaven Matthew 6:10.

Positionally, we are now in Christ seated in heavenly places. Ephesians 1:3, 2:6 and 3:10. The reality of our exalted position in him has not dawned upon us because of our carnal unbelief. We live more like earth dwellers than citizens of heaven. We can, "NOW", overcome and sit down in the Father's throne. Revelation 3:21.

The heaven that Satan must be cast out of is God's dwelling place, the Church. This is God's habitation or dwelling place. Ephesians 2:19-22. Since the church is a many membered body it means Satan and his demon host must be cast out of the hearts and lives of every one of God's children. This is really what the battle is all about. When the last member is delivered, Satan's place will be found no more in heaven.

Since the fall in the garden, Satan has accused us before the Father day and night. Once again, let me say, this is not a geographical thing. Since God fills the universe, anywhere Lucifer accuses us is before God. It simply means the devil and his demon host has intimidated, charged, accused, deceived, and lied to us to destroy our faith and hope in God.

This is how he has accused us before the Father day and night. What could Satan hope to accomplish by literally accusing us to God? Since God knows he is a liar and the father of it, he doesn't receive Satan's lies against us. It is to our own conscience and heart that he speaks and accuses us.

When we learn what Paul is talking about in II Corinthians 10:3-5, Satan will be cast down and Revelation 12:10 will be fulfilled. "And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ; for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night." Revelation 12:10.

THE LOOSING OF SATAN

This will also result in the loosing of Satan for the little season before the final destruction of the whole world system ruled over by Anti-Christ. The loosing of Satan at the end of this age simply means he is going to give unfettered attention to

lost unregenerate humanity. It is in and through a world abandoned by God to strong delusion, II Thessalonians 2:9-12, that Satan is going to be loosed.

Hitherto Satan and his demon host have been mostly occupied with harassing, deceiving, and fighting the Church. After being cast out of God's people, it is going to be "woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time." Revelation 12:12.

By the mouth of God's angel we have been told that Satan is loose already like never before. And we know this is true as we observe the tremendous increase in crime, immorality, violence and a great falling away. As the little remnant of God's people leave the confines of Babylon (organized religion) and band together to seek his face, Babylon will become indeed "the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird." Revelation 18:2. This means complete demon control of religion.

As already stated we have been shown by supernatural vision that Babylon is fallen. God has removed his condescending protective grace and the door has been opened to Satan and his demon host. At the same time those whose names are written in the lamb's book of life are coming out of the camp and beginning to seek the face of the Lord. This is the time of the separation of the wheat and the tares. Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43.

This is also why we are experiencing the visit of God's angels. They are very active in ministering to God's people in the earth realm at this time. However, let me warn you to not seek a visit of angels. Seek the Lord alone. The devil knows about those who are getting down to business with God, and he has power to transform himself as an angel of light and deceive you if your heart is not right with God. II Corinthians 11:13-15. Believe me, for I know what I am telling you to be true. Satan has already come and tried this in our group. But the Lord was with us and his subterfuge was discovered.

There are, no doubt, other little groups that are being watched over by God's host of holy angels at the time. But the angels have not as yet manifested themselves to these groups. They will, if need be, when they are ready for it. The holy angels of God are in complete obedience to the Lord and only do what he tells them to do.

The great work at this time is to teach and get God's people ready for the coming of the Lord. These are not things I have conjured up in my own mind but I have received them from the heavenly messengers of the Lord. Through the two messengers which have manifested themselves to our group we have received much help and instruction.

Being filled with much unbelief like most of God's people, we have been very fearful and suspicious of these messengers from another realm. We have also tested them with many questions and fully believe they are from God. They honor God, the blood of Jesus Christ, and the Word of God.

Yes, beloved, we are experiencing the most unusual visitation of our entire lives. We know that many will not understand nor believe it. In fact, the angels themselves told us this. But we have also been told that God would bless this message and it would cause some to seek his face. This is what we are after. God bless you to seek the face of the Lord with all your heart, mind, and soul. The coming of the Lord is very near.

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