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JESUS IS THE DELIVERER

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MAKING A DIFFERENCE

The Church of Jesus Christ has to be the difference in every community. Jesus' Saints are His instruments on this earth because He is sitting at the right hand of God waiting and willing to give the power too win every spiritual warfare.

Donald Grey Barnhouse wisely advises the Church, **"If we are going to understand the Word of God, we must have a spiritual attitude toward it.** The Lord said that "the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned," (I Cor. 2:14).

Barnhouse warns, **"God refuses to reveal Himself to just any casual passerby.** The Lord indicated this when He said in the Sermon on the Mount: "Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you," (Matt. 7:6). This same thought must have been in His mind when He prayed saying, "I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes. Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight," (Matt. 11:25,26).

He goes on to issue a challenge to the Church, "The fact that one must have a spiritual attitude that comes from spiritual life in order to understand the deep things of the Word of God is also the true meaning of the great verse which we quote in a paraphrase: "For whosoever hath [new life in Christ], to him shall be given [knowledge of the divine plan and revelation, [and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not [the new life in Christ], from him shall be taken away even that [common sense and deep learning that might make him one of the world's leaders of the world's thinking] he hath," (Matt. 13:12).¹

He gives a spiritual armor and weapons. Our weapons are prayer, using His name, His blood, His Word and His power. Paul shows this transference of His in power to usward who believe in (Eph. 1:19-22) "And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to usward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead and set him at His own right hand in the heavenly places. Far above all principality and power and might, and dominion, and every thing that is named not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church." The problem

is, some Saints never understand their position in Jesus Christ.”

The Bible says, “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children,” (Hos. 4-6).

HIS AUTHORITY

All authority is vested in Jesus Christ, yet He has given His authority to us to overcome all the power of the enemy.

(Matt 7:29), “For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.”

(Mk. 1:27), “And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this? what new doctrine is this? for with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him.”

Christians today must return to the basics of their faith. Preachers should teach them the foundations of the Scriptures. Spiritual knowledge is power! “So will they fear the name of the Lord from the west and East. His glory from the rising of the sun; when the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord will lift a standard against Him,” (Isa. 59:1).

(Jn. 1: 12, 13), “But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.”

(Jn. 17: 2-3, 4), “As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.”

THE NAME OF JESUS

The name “Jesus” is the legal right of absolute authority. His power is “Far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come,” (Eph.1: 21). His power is above all power.

(Mk. 16:17-18) And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; 18. They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.”

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CHRISTIANS HAVE SPIRITUAL POWER

We may pray something like this, “Satan, we bind you in the name of Jesus. You can no Longer exercise dominion over this person. Jesus gave His Church the authority with this promise, ‘Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on shall be loosed in heaven’,” (Matt. 16:19).

This powerful scripture is repeated by Jesus in (Matt. 18:18). These Scriptures are the basis to give to us our divine power to bind evil powers in Jesus’ name, and to loose those who are subjected to bondage. When it comes to binding the strong man, Jesus does not leave us with only vague ideas about what is meant.

In (Lk. 11:21-22), he goes into very precise detail as to what it means and how it is to be done. “When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace: 22 But when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him all his armour wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils.”

This scripture shows the strongman (Satan), fully armed while he guards his own house (body of the person). When someone stronger attacks and overpowers him (a believer with Jesus living within) the believer has the power to successfully take away the protective covering (amour) that the demon has depended upon and take forces apart his territory. Demons get their “authority” from Satan. Therefore, we bind the strongman’s (Satan’s) power.

Knowing your spiritual authority enables one to enter into spiritual warfare with faith to overcome. Each Christian must learn that he has power over come any and every demonic strong man. We as true believers in the Lord Jesus Christ can bind and cast out demons. “I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you,” (Lk. 10:19).

The believer in Christ has not only the spiritual ability of the Holy Spirit in him, but also the authority of the name of Jesus. “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given unto me, therefore go . . . ” (Matt. 28:28). He gave the

power and authority to go.

DEMONIC POWER

We have seen many Christians who are bound by demonic powers. If they are seeking religious experiences to feel good, they can be open to receive evil spirits. If they live double lives, unholy, without true commitments to the Lord, they will be demonized. If they find themselves under a religious cult, they will need deliverance. If they are following a person, instead of being led by Jesus Christ and His Word, they will receive spirits of religious confusion, Antichrist, rebellion, idolatry, and many others. The Bible tells us, "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; 2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron," (1 Tim 4:1-2).

Real Christians are people who believe that Jesus Christ is God. They follow Him and His Word. They live holy lives and are sanctified. They will try to live for God's approval. Christians must live a defensive life that realized that they have an enemy. Satan is their enemy and he uses human vessels to make them fail. Hosea said, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth," (1 Tim. 2:15).

BEING VICTORIOUS

Joining the battle scripturally, we can be victorious also. Doing the Word of God will enable you to chase the devils and they will flee from you, (Jam. 4:7).

[Submit yourselves therefore to God] That is, in his arrangements for obtaining his favor. Yield to what he has judged necessary for your welfare in the life that is, and your salvation in the life to come. The duty here enjoined is that of entire acquiescence in the arrangements of God, whether in his providence or grace. All these are for our good, and submission to them is required by the spirit of true humility. The object of the command here, and in the succeeding injunctions to particular duties, is to show them how they might obtain the grace which God is willing to bestow, and how they might overcome the evils against which the apostle had been endeavoring to guard them. The true method of doing this is by submitting ourselves in all things to God.²

[Resist the devil, and he will flee from you] While you yield to God in all things, you are to yield to the devil in none. You are to resist and oppose him in whatever way he may approach you, whether by allurements, by flattering promises, by the fascinations of the world, by temptation, or by threats. (See 1 Pet. 5:9). Satan makes his way, and secures his triumphs, rather by art, cunning, deception, and threatening, than by true courage; and when opposed manfully, he flies. The true way of meeting him is by direct resistance, rather than by argument; by steadfastly refusing to yield in the slightest degree, rather than by a belief that we can either convince him that he is wrong, or can return to virtue when we have gone a certain length in complying with his demands. No one is safe who yields in the least to the suggestions of the tempter; there is no one who is not safe if he does not yield. A man, for example, is always safe from intemperance if he resists all allurements to indulgence in strong drink, and never yields in the slightest degree; no one is certainly safe if he drinks even moderately.³

BINDING THE STRONG MAN

Jesus instructed His followers to "*first bind the strong man,*" (Matt. 12:22-33). Satan is not going to let you take his kingdom without putting up very strong resistance. The enemy must first be neutralized before we can release his captive. "Or, again, how can anyone enter a strong man's house and carry off his possession unless **he first ties up the strong man?** Then he can rob his house," (Matt. 12:29). King James reads: "bind the strong man."

(Matt 12:29),

[Else how can one enter into a strong man's house] Men, through sin, are become the very house and dwelling place of Satan, having of their own accord surrendered themselves to this unjust possessor; for whoever gives up his soul to sin gives it up to the Devil. It is Jesus, and Jesus alone, who can deliver from the power of this bondage. When Satan is cast out, Jesus purifies and dwells in the heart.⁴

Binding the strong man is a basic principle of spiritual warfare. Before any warfare against Satan can be won against the nation, city, individual, family, the strong man must be won. Once bound, Jesus enters freely into his house

and carries off Satan's possession.

When a person is delivered and Satan loses control. The King James says, "*spoils*," (Matt. 12:29). Greek words for spoil occur in two forms, *Diapazo* and *harapzo*. These words mean "an intensive spoiling, plundering and snatching away."

The Greek word, *Skulon*, denotes "arms stripped from a foe." Satan is stripped of his weapons. All that he has previously captured is reclaimed.

The Greek word *Deo* means to literally tie or fasten. To restrain or immobilize. When a demon is bound he is prevented from carrying out his assignment. This is why the Bible tells you to reach for biblical protection. "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil," (Eph. 6:11). Defense is an important part of Christian living.

We must teach Scriptures concerning protection and spiritual dominion through living and using the Word of God. Christians have spiritual enemies. The Bible warns us to be aware of the strategies of Satan and his demons.

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist steadfast in the faith," (1 Pet. 5:8). (1 Pet 5: 8, 9). "Resist the devil and he will flee from you," (Jam. 4:7). "Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also. 21 But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me," (Jn. 15:20-2).

We have all the authority and power needed too win in spiritual warfare. The Devil knows it, all his demons know it, but Christians must be taught the reality of their strength to know it. God's spiritual dominion is the most astonishing power in the universe. God has always worked through humans to accomplish bring His kingdom to the earth. We must take heaven by force. Just as God gave the people of Israel the promise then told them to take it by force. The Apostle Paul gave the Church the apocalyptic knowledge of the powers and principalities in Eph. 6. He disclosed that the church was in spiritual warfare gave us the keys to spiritual warfare by using our spiritual weapons. Jesus Christ also told us in (Matt. 11:12), "The kingdom of heaven suffereth violence and the violent take it by force."

CHRISTIAN AUTHORITY

Use your authority-Satan must obey. Demons don't have a choice. They tremble and run when we talk and agree with the Word of God. It is God's will for you to be free from every evil influence of the devil.

1. Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
2. Provisions made by His Word.
3. Through blood of Jesus.
4. Through His delegated authority.
5. Through the power of the Holy Ghost.

"In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when you are gathered together, and my spirit with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, to deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus" (1Cor. 5: 4, 5).

[In the name of our Lord Jesus] Who is the head of the church; and under whose authority every act is to be performed.

[And my spirit] My apostolical authority derived from him; with the power, sun *dunamei*, with the miraculous energy of the Lord Jesus, which is to inflict the punishment that you pronounce: (1 Cor. 5:4).⁵

THINGS TO BIND AND LOOSEN

Things to bind are shown in (Eph. 6:12), principalities, powers, rulers of the darkness of this world, and spiritual forces of wickedness in high places (heavenlies); and "whatever" in (Matt.16: 19).

Things too loose from Satan's power according to (Lk. 13: 12): nation, state, city, community, geographical areas, and etc. church.

Jesse Penn-Lewis declares the satanic forces described in (Eph. 6:23) as: "**Principalities** - force and dominion dealing with nations and governments: Powers - having authority and power of action in all the spheres open to them; **World Rulers** - governing the darkness and blindness of the world at large; **Wicked Spirits** in heavenly places - the forces being directed in and upon the Church of Jesus Christ in wiles, fiery darts, onslaught, and every conceivable

deception about doctrine which they are capable of planning.”⁶

Penn-Lewis continues: “All ‘teachings’ originating from deceiving spirits weaken the authority of the Scriptures: distort the teaching in the Scriptures; add to the Scriptures the thoughts of men; or put the Scriptures entirely aside . . . the test of all thought and belief therefore is its harmony with the written Scriptures in its full body of truth and the attitude to the cross and sin.”⁷

BOUND BY THE POWERS OF DARKNESS

Many Christians are prone to be unbelieving with respect to the existence of spirits and demons. However, demons do exist and they are responsible to Satan for deceiving curious humans. Yet, the Bible says that the demons are real. “And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them. 25 And there followed him great multitudes of people from Galilee, and from Decapolis, and from Jerusalem, and from Judaea, and from beyond Jordan,” (Matt 4:24-25).

The occult is defined as secretive-hidden knowledge or wisdom beyond human understanding. It could also be described as supernatural detection from sources other than God. “The secret things (hidden knowledge) belong to the Lord our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us,” (Deut. 29:27).

There are only two sources for supernatural power: Jesus or Satan. Seeking power beyond the Word of God and Jesus Christ finds one stepping into the world of the Occult. “Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils,” (1 Cor. 10:21).

The occult is very religious and that seeking it hopes to for find a reason for their existence and to fill a void in their soul. Instead, they will enter a door that very few ever return back. Once entrapped by the Devil, the person's mind, body and spirit will be totally bound by the powers of darkness. The only way out of this dark chamber, is through the grace of God and the Blood of Jesus Christ!

Many ask this question, can a Christian be made subject to occult powers? Christians can be subjected only if they engage in the demonic activity that Satan has to offer them. There are many spiritual authorities who believe Christians can and are becoming subjected to occult powers! For sure, dabbling in the occult and even reading books on the black arts can bring much distress and demon possession. Anyone, who wishes to learn about these demons, should consult only books written by evangelical Bible scholars for their information. The Apostle Paul teaches, “Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: Ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table and of the devils. Do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? (1 Cor. 10: 21,22). Are we stronger than he?”

Others are experiencing demonic activity because they have participated in sins that invited the demons to come to them. Open doors for devils can afflict them in body, soul, spirit. The demons can set into action problems in their minds, wills, emotions, and spirits being bound by the powers of darkness. “And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. 15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works. (2 Cor 11:14-15).

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DEMONIC DOORWAYS

How does a person open "doorways" into their lives that allows demons to possess or afflict? When these evil powers take dominion, what will the outward result be? Christians open these demonic doorways by becoming lukewarm in their faith in Jesus. They also step into sin. The result is shown listed below.

Demonic Problems: Resentment, hatred, anger, fear, rejection, jealousy, depression, worry or insecurity.

Social Problems: Procrastination, indecision, doubt, confusion, compromise or loss of memory.

Language Problems: Lying, cursing blasphemy, criticism, mockery, railing or gossip.

Sex Problems: Fantasy Sex, masturbation, lust, perversions, homosexuality, lesbianism, fornication, incest, harlotry or child, conceived out of wedlock.

Addictions: Nicotine, alcohol, drugs, medicines, caffeine or food, etc.,

Occult Involvement or Religious Error: Witchcraft, spirit guides, horoscopes, false religions, eastern religions, minds sciences, false doctrines, yoga, martial arts, yoga, reincarnation.

Physical Infirmities: Many diseases and physical infirmities are due to spirits of infirmity, unclean spirits or evil spirits to loment and ancestral bloodline spirits.

God created us as three-part beings. We have bodies that are physical and spiritual, and then we have our eternal soul. At death, the physical and the spiritual [personality] die and ceases to exist. However, the eternal soul goes back to God.

DOUBLE EXISTENCE

The Apostle Paul gives us some special insight on this matter. Each person has a physical and spiritual Body -- "There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body," (1 Cor. 15:44). In the next passage, Paul tells us that the physical body itself consists of two parts, body and spirit. He tells us that we are temples for God to dwell. "What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?" (1 Cor. 6:19). This Scripture reveals a three-part construction of each human being!

The problem for Satan is that he cannot just come in, without invitation or speaking in legal terms, he must be given "**legal authority**" to come into the inner soul of a person, by some action or inaction on the part of that person. Demons cannot just hop into people whenever they want. There is a spiritual wall placed there by God so that demons cannot get it unless we break down the wall of God's protection.

GOD HAS PROMISED AN FIVE-PORTION BLESSING

***The blessing is rightfully yours.** Get ready to come out of the world's system to accept your blessing! Expect God to set you high above all nations of the earth! (Deut.28: 1). The problem for Satan is that God has promised dispensations of blessing that include:

*** AUTHORITY AND DOMINION**

(Deut. 28:13) "And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them."

*** PROSPERITY**

(Deut. 28:8) "The LORD shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee."

*** BLESSINGS ON THE FAMILY**

(Deut. 28:4) "Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep."

* **VICTORY OVER ADVERSARIES**

(Deut. 28:7) “The LORD shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways.”

* **FREEDOM FROM DEBT**

(Deut. 28:11) “And the LORD shall make thee plenteous in goods, AND VERSE 12 The LORD shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow.”

(Col 1:9-18). “For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; 10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; 11 Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; 12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: 13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: 14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: 15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: 16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: 17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.”

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