

# **Spiritual Warfare: Freedom from Demonic Influence**

## **Teaching Notes Part 3: Demonology Introduction**

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Introduction:

When it comes to demons the Bible tells us a lot. Experience of life and deliverance ministry tells us more and still there is more that we just don't know. Because it is so very important to know all we can about how demons operate I will give you information that cannot be proven by the word but rather comes from deliverance ministry experience either mine or someone else's. However; I will not tell you anything that is contrary to the word of God. Many things that are true are not recorded in the Bible; however we do not put experience higher than the word of God if the words says something is not true.

The church leadership have not done their job to teach the truth about the kingdom of darkness and how it operates and how we can live in greater victory over it. God people perish for a lack of knowledge. Truth makes us free. Amanda story

Dan 10:12-13 MKJV Then he said to me, Do not fear, Daniel; for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and to chasten yourself before your God, your words were heard. And I have come for your words. (13) But the ruler of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days. But lo, Michael, one of the chief rulers, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.

Dan 10:20 MKJV Then he said, Do you know why I come to you? And now I will return to fight with the ruler of Persia. And when I have gone out, lo, the ruler of Greece shall come.

### **I. Demonology Facts**

- Satan's kingdom is set up much like a military unit with higher ranking demons being assigned over nations and regions. Lesser ranks being assigned to individual people or families. Daniel 10: 12-13,20
- Satan is the prince or the ruler of demons. They obey him. John 14:30
- Demons have different strengths. Mark 9:28-29 speaks of the deaf and dumb spirit that the disciples could not cast out and Jesus said this kind comes out only by prayer and fasting. He cited that their faith was not strong enough.
- Demons have different assignments. Mark 9:29
- They are called or referred to by their assignment for example a spirit of infirmity causes infirmity. Luke 13:11
- They work to tempt us to sin.

- Demons work on the premises of divide and conquer in churches, families, marriages, friendships, among other relationship. They also work to divide the church as a whole with denominationalism. They work to divide other groups of people amongst themselves and against others like races and nations. They want humans to destroy each other and themselves.
- One of their main weapons against us is fear. Fear is the opposite of faith and stops us from being able to receive from God. Plus fear us torment. They want to torment us.
- They work to corrupt minds with evil. 2 Corinthians 11:3
- They can cause natural disasters if God allows them to for divine purpose. Job 12:1-6
- They fight good angels in the heavenlies. Revelation 12:7, Daniel 10:13
- They can delay our prayers from being answer. Daniel 10
- They can indwell animals and affect their behavior. Mark 5:8-14
- They can give humans supernatural strength. Mark 5:3
- They can cause humans to hurt themselves. Mark 5:5
- Demons that are in a human can see what the human sees and hear what they hear. Mark 5:6-7
- Demons recognize and fear people of spiritual authority (believers who are walking with God.) Mark 5:6-7
- Demons are assigned to areas and do not want to leave those areas (Mark 5:10), perhaps because they will be punished for not following orders or accomplishing their assigned tasks.
- Satan and demons plots evil against us. Ephesians 6:13
- Demons shoot “flaming arrows” at us. (Ephesians 6:16) This can be words spoken into our minds or through people to tempt, discourage or harass us. Our faith will extinguish these arrows.
- Our struggle is never with people but with demons working through people. Ephesians 6:12
- God has given His children armor against Satan and His demons. (Ephesians 6) We will study this in detail in a later lesson.
- For God's people, He has provided a way out of evil demonic attack.
- Demons can quote scripture and present it to us out of context in order to deceive us. (doctrines of demons)
- When demons lie, they may present a truth with subtle lies in it so that it sounds right but it is still a lie and will still lead people astray.
- There are times when God allows demons to exercise power over humans for divine purposes, for example to punish evil nations (Psalm 78:49) or to bring judgment on individuals. (Judges 9:23, 1 Samuel 16:14)
- They are limited in power and authority. They are under Satan's authority but they also must obey the laws and boundaries that God has set for them. They can't do just anything they want to us.
- They cannot violate our free will so they work to trick us into doing what they want mostly through the lust of the flesh, ignorance and lies.
- They work to gain entry into a human. That is considered their house.
- The more demons that gain entry into a person the more power and control they gain.
- It is a demons desire to gain enough power in a person to control them.
- Demons are deliberate and organized in all their work Ephesians 6:10-11
- They work to hinder people from believing in God and understanding and following the correct pathway into His kingdom by blinding the minds of unbelievers. 2 Corinthians 4:4

- They work to hinder spiritual growth, work and progress of Christians and of God's kingdom in the earth
- They work to hinder us from fulfilling our God given purpose and destiny
- They work against us to steal our peace and joy.
- They desire to plant as many "evil seeds" in us as possible. "Evil seeds" can be demons themselves, it can be hurtful wounds, and it can be wrong thinking or attitudes, evil desires, false doctrines and wrong beliefs. Evil seeds bring fourth evil fruit. (Sin, hatred, anger, depression, every evil hurtful thing). Deliverance, inner healing and hearing the wounds is what gets rid of all evil seeds that has been planted within us.