

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

## **Teaching Notes: Part 5 Demonology Part 2**

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### **Introduction:**

*1Pe 5:8 MKJV Be sensible and vigilant, because your adversary the Devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking someone he may devour;*

- The church has not properly taught about our enemy, how he wars against us and how we can more successfully defend ourselves against him. Most people in the church don't even take the spiritual realm seriously.
- Darkness is real
- We are in a real battle
- There are real casualties of this war. Lots of wounded soldiers and many, many people in captivity. People die before their time because they do not realize they have an invisible enemy. The church has really failed in teaching truth in this area and other areas as well.
- It doesn't have to be this way. God has given us everything we need to be victorious in this war. One important thing we need is knowledge of our enemy and how he wars against us.

### **Levels of Demonic Influence:**

- I. **Fiery Darts** (Ephesians 6:16) from the outside at our mind and body.
  - A. Lies from every direction spoken through people that Satan is using: TV Programs, songs, movies, internet, media, government, colleges, schools, Medical professionals, Church
    1. Strong holds. Works to put chains on us or keep them on us.
      - Especially concerning the occult and sex and religion
      - It is contrary to God word, it is a lie reject it.
      - Satan is using people to speak for Him. The whole world is hearing doctrines of demons. His voice is loud and clear,
      - Openness to the occult starts very early in children and sexual promiscuity and perversion is close on its heels. Satan is discipling a generation. But where is the true word and power of God...not even in the church much less in the world.
  - B. Thoughts: Negative, fearful, tormenting thoughts. Satan wants to discourage us to steal our faith, steal our hope, He plants negative

seeds. If we accept it as truth it brings forth a negative crop like anger, depression, hopelessness, fear, confusion, temptation to sin.

- a. First person; for example: I hate my life, Nobody likes me, I wish I was never born, I might as well just give up, I shouldn't have been born, I should kill myself; who would care, things will never get better, I am evil, (provokes emotions, discouragement, depression, fear, temptation, hopelessness.) All of these work to steal your faith.
  - b. Lies that undermines our relationship with God. God wants to steal all my fun, He doesn't really love me. If I follow Him my life will be boring.
  - c. Lies that tempts us to sin. They know sin puts their chains of us.
  - d. Lies that tare us down personally, tries to make us feel horrible about ourselves. Self-hatred, you are a loser. Anything that tares us down and stops forward movement in the Lord. They try to separate us from God.
  - e. Lies that torment us with fear, anxiety and that tares down our faith in God. He wants us to focus on the bigness of our problems rather than on the bigness of our God.
  - f. Lies that separate you from the people that God wants in your life. Lies that bring division, strife, rejection. Divide and Conquer. Always seek God council. Discernment. Pray for yourself.
- If thoughts that come into our head are negative and defeating then we should reject them.
  - If thoughts come that make us feel offended and want to fight or argue we should recognize it is the enemy causing discord.
  - Never agree with the devil. It gives him both power and authority over us. It is a door opened. Agreement is powerful.
  - Agree with what God says about you. That is faith and it give God power and authority in your life to bless you with every spiritual blessing.
  - Knowledge of God helps us to recognize the lies. Knowledge is our first line of defense. God's truth.
  - God's word is our anchor of truth. Know the word, stand on the word with faith in God.

*2Co 10:3-5 MKJV For though walking about in flesh, we do not war according to flesh. (4) For the weapons of our warfare are not fleshly, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds, (5) pulling down imaginations and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought into the obedience of Christ;*

- C. Fiery darts of Pain in our Body: He is offering you sickness or disease. (Joes example) Satan is trying to get us to come into agree with a devil of sickness or disease. Reject it, command the pain to go. Just say no. Stand on it. Submit to God resist the devil. Demons are behind many sickness and diseases but not all.
- D. Fiery darts of nightmare or night terrors: Trying to incite fear, torture, and torment. Especially children. Plead the blood of Jesus, command they go in Jesus name. Again submit yourself to God resist the devil and he will flee. Invite the Holy Spirit to come. Pray over your children. Issue commands in your children's bedrooms concerning the torment. Take authority, bind demonic activity and invite the Holy Spirit to come and fill your home. Ask God that His angels come and guard over your children in the night. Put on some worship music in their room.
- E. Fiery darts of circumstances to bring harm and or temptation. (from the outside)**

*Matthew 16:23 MKJV But He turned and said to Peter, Go Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you do not savor the things that are of God, but those that are of men.*

*1Th 2:18 MKJV Therefore we desired to come to you, truly I, Paul, both once and twice; but Satan hindered us.*

- a. He will bring wrong people wanting to enter into relationship with you to separate you from God and your commitment to him.
- b. He will use people attack who you are in Christ. Especially if you become very dedicated to God or begin to move into the power works of God.
- c. Uses people to cause rejection: we all are rejected from time to time. Jesus was. If we don't see and deal with it correctly it can cause soul wounds and even be door openers to demons. We must know who we are in Christ and accept His opinion of us as truth. Know that God loves us and loving ourselves makes the difference, not putting stock into the opinions of man. If we do feel pain from rejection going to God quickly for healing, releasing forgiveness and pain to God will shut down the enemy's activity.
- d. Satan uses people to tempt you to sin. The enemy knows your weaknesses. Submit and resist the devil and he will flee.
- e. Satan will incite people to abuse you. Inciting others to attack you mentally or physically. Rape, incest, verbal abuse, physical abuse, sexual abuse. These things create all kinds of soul wounds and are demonic door openers as well.
- f. Other types of trauma: accidents, witnessing things like murder, robberies. Things happen to everyone. It rains on the just and the

unjust. But the enemy can influence such things through others for example drunk driver. Inciting a father to kill the mother in front of the children.

- II. **Demon indwelling human bodies:** (another strategy of the enemy and level of demonic influence) they have managed to gain entry into our body.
  - a. This is their preference.
  - b. They always seek to indwell humans.
  - c. They must have a right of entry. If they are given a right of entry they will enter, even a child.
  - d. They influence the person but they do not control them.
  - e. They have a greater advantage and position to torment, afflict, and manipulate
  - f. They will try to go undetected so you will think all your issues are just you.
  - g. They are patient and will work slowly for years to accomplish their assignment against us.
  - h. They may lie dormant for years waiting on your moment of weakness.
  - i. Each one has his special assignment against you.
  - j. Even if they cannot do anything with you at all because of your love for God and your self-discipline they will not leave until they are made to go.
  - k. Most Christian's problems will be light if they were saved early and walked with God.
  - l. The deeper you were in sin and the longer you were in it the more demons will have gained entry. Plus the more trauma a person has experience will greatly affect how many they have. One person can have many.
  - m. Once discovered, they may be easily cast out by a Born-again Christian that knows who they are in Christ and has knowledge of demons and deliverance.
  - n. The more indwelling demons the stronger they are as a whole because they work together so the more able they are to cause problems.
  
- III. **Possession:** They have inhabited a person to the point where they are strong enough to take over the persons will. They control the person.
  - a. If they have possessed the person, they are many.
  - b. They have much strength.

- c. This is demons goal to have enough power to take over a person will. (I had a demon during deliverance ministry tell me that he could not be born until she died.)
- d. This person may well love evil, love the sin and may even love the power that they get from the demons. There are people that invite demons in and do things like murder, sacrificing, drinking blood and other things to gain more demonic strength. But what they realized is that their hosts hates them and will use them and destroy them. The gain power but will lose all power to the will of Satan.