

50 On Demons and Deliverance

We are told in Col 1:16 that there are four principle ranks of demons whom all the lower ranks serve. We are told these four are the rulers we wrestle with (Eph 6:10), the lower ranks serving the will of these rulers, We are also told in Col 1:16 that they were originally created by God. We are told elsewhere they rebelled against God and were cast out The Kingdom of God.

At Calvary, Jesus defeated these demonic leaders and publicly humiliated them to their spiritual brethren (the other angels created when they were created). (Col 2:15). He now rules them from heaven (1 Pet. 3:22).

One day all will bow before God and give an account of what they did (Dan 7:9) including demonic authority (thrones, the rulers of demonic kingdom).

It does not matter what demonic rank you face: Thrones, dominions, principalities or powers, all were defeated by Jesus at Calvary and all must obey when commanded to in Jesus Name in accordance with The Will of Jesus. It is only when you command in accordance with The Will of Jesus that you are able to express the authority delegated to you.

God will use the church to show the greatness of His plans for creation, showing to the demons how wrong they were to reject God and His purposes for them (Eph 3:10)!

God originally created demons as angels. They rebelled under their leader, Satan, and became the enemies of God. Because they are created beings, God sustains them and gives them the ability to do what they do, He does not do this because He condones what they do but in accordance with His principles. He is sustaining all life (good or evil) until the Great White Throne Judgment when final judgment and punishment is made on all that ever lived.

How do demons perform apparent miracles or guide us to reject God and these principles (sin).

As our faith expressed through our prayers of 'belief in what God can do, or through our delegated authority against Satan, appear to release God's power and authority, so our lack of faith or trust in God or our acceptance of what Satan offers appears to allow Satan to do things to release his apparent miracles and power.

God will not go against our free will, neither can Satan, which is why our consent, either spoken or implied by our attitude, seems to be necessary before God or Satan can do anything to or for us! I am talking here about things we have a choice in and not things that are necessary for The Kingdom of God and which must be done for the purposes of The Kingdom of God even though we do not know they needed to be done.

Even though Satan is an escaped prisoner and has no rights the fact we accept what he offers still allows him to do things to or for us!

God and Satan both watch us to see what we will allow them to do to us! what they can do in our life is up to us! The prayer of faith and the command to cast out Satan or to do miracles, allows God to work in your life. Fear of God and lack of trust in His love, or Lusting after what Satan has offered you allows Satan to work in your life!

The Holy Spirit guides us to accept what God wants to give us or do for Him. Satan deceives us accept what he wants us to accept or do.

For us to sin, Satan has to persuade us to accept his way of thinking. If we refuse to accept what he places in our mind and cast them to the throne of Grace the moment they are placed in it we will not knowingly sin (2 Cor 10:5).

Proper Lordship and holiness defeats the attack of Satan.

Because we must reject what The Holy Spirit desires us to understand or do for God and accept what Satan offers if we are to sin, we have no one to blame but ourself if we end up in hell with him as our ruler!

Satan is defeated (Eph 4: 8, Col 2:15)

Satan has no right to the earth or anything on it, He was defeated by Jesus at Calvary and was imprisoned, He has no legal rights to people, animals, insects or anything else on the earth, in the atmosphere or in it. Satan's former kingdom and possessions (except hell) now belong to Jesus.

He is an escaped prisoner. Any demons out of the prison God has made for them have no rights and can be sent back to the prison (in the delegated authority Jesus has given to us) and punished. We do not need to know where this prison is just that they are out of it so we can send them to The Throne of God for Jesus to judge and punish.

Satan can be cast out of anything (except hell and the prison of demons) as he has no right to be anywhere else and can be punished for what he has done while out of hell or that prison Gal (6:7-8).

The only danger in casting Satan out of non-Christians is that seven worse demons will enter the person along with the original one so it is best to bind demons in non-Christians so that they cannot do anything and cannot attack or influence the non-Christian in any way.

In Christians, you must always ask the Holy Spirit to replace the demons that have gone as that stops any demons replacing the ones that have been cast out!

Hell

God is love and has done all He can for people to be saved and not go to hell. People are in hell by their own choice because they rejected all God did to try and stop them going there. It is not a good place to be in.

Satan was cast out and given rulership of hell and is in charge of all that happens there. God is not responsible for what happens there as He is not its ruler. He has given the stewardship to Satan to rule. It is Satan's dominion and he is lord of it and it is his base of operations. All the tortures he does there are of his own doing as and God has nothing to do with them as He is not ruler of hell.

Those in hell are there because they resisted the prompting of God (The Holy Spirit) and embraced what Satan offered them so when they die they go to where he rules and are rewarded in the only way Satan knows how: Torment, hatred and lovelessness.

Satan is the lord of hell and can do anything he wants to his subjects (the people in hell) and God will not do anything to stop him as Satan is legally lord of hell and God will not go against Satan's free will.

God cannot punish Satan for what he does in hell as he is lord of it and the laws of God do not apply to hell so Satan gets to say what happens there without the interference of God.

Outside of hell Satan can be attacked as those areas belong to Jesus and Satan has no legal right to be there, neither does any demon under his command.

The punishments in hell are not designed by God. Hell was designed by God as a prison and not a place of torture. God does not torment people but Satan does! Satan has no concept of love or mercy only lovelessness and hatred so his reward for all who follow him are the torments of hell.

People end up in hell because they reject the redemption and salvation Jesus offers, preferring the pleasures that Satan offers instead. By listening to Satan they have made Satan their ruler and when they die they go to his spiritual kingdom and are rewarded with his tortures.

Our delegation to defeat demons (Mark 16:17)

The delegation is found in Mark (16:17). Casting out demons is at the top of the list of signs that Jesus said would be done by those who truly believed in who He was as it is so important to be free from demons to effectively live the Christian life.

The early church used to put people through deliverance before they admitted them to church membership.

The Kingdom of God comes forcefully through the removal of the opposition of Satan and his demons and the only weapons we have to do this is the delegated authority of Jesus.

We are not given The Holy Spirit partially when we are marked by Him as belonging to Jesus, neither are we given partial delegation over Satan and his demons. The delegation is complete, over every demon, or it would be useless for the battle. Satan is defeated and the delegated authority of Jesus is an expression of this victory over him so he has to obey it!

The Battle, a strategy.

The strategy of God is to fight the demonic leaders and their plans (Eph. 6:10).

If you fight the lower ranks they are just replaced when cast out but remove the leaders then there is no one to plan the attack, or to order replacements or direct the attacks of the lower ranks of demons!

What can you do to demons who escape from their prison?

The Geneva convention does not apply to escaped demons so many things can be done as long as it is in accordance with the guidelines of Jesus in Gal 6:7-8, (that you reap what you sow). Jesus is their judge and has the final say in their punishments.

Because they are escaped demons, they can be commanded in Jesus' Name to leave a person and go back to Jesus to be judged. It does not matter where they are, what they are doing or what rights they say they have. They have escaped from prison and are being sent back to Jesus and to be punished for that alone.

In Conclusion to this section

Satan was defeated at Cavalry and when commanded to go in the Name of Jesus He must go. He has no option. If he is stubborn Just ask The Lord Jesus to carry out His delegated authority.

Voices in the head.

God gives His guide, called The Holy Spirit, and Satan tries to imitate Him!

The Holy Spirit is one and usually places thoughts, impressions, images and even emotions in your mind. When He is speaking there is only person in your mind. You will know it is Him because you will have peace when He places things in your mind. If you do not have peace or there are two or more voices or ideas inputting in to your mind at the same time then you know there are demons and not The Holy Spirit which demons need to be cast out.

The Five Steps to Victory and the reasons for them

This is how I deal with temptation in case I need deliverance in the area of temptation.

These steps are not to be said as a magic formula as they are not one. They are only a framework of principles to use. They are a giving in your heart of these areas to Jesus for Him to be Lord of repenting of any wrong done in these areas, removing Satan from them and all the damage he did in these areas.

First I give the step and then the reason for the step.

Step 1. Give the area, weakness, circumstance, event, oppression, sin or temptation to Jesus to be Lord over it, along with all the events leading to these things as well as the consequences resulting from these things.

What Jesus is Lord over, He can help you with and protect, so that Satan cannot use it against you. When Jesus is Lord of an area of your life Satan cannot use it to try and convince you to sin as you do not want to accept what he offers. To control any area Satan needs to deceive you so you will accept his control over it.

Step 2. Repent of any wrong attitude in you, either known or unknown to you, or any wrong thing done by you. Forgive all those who have offended you as well as of repent of any bitterness, root of bitterness anger and wrong attitudes in your heart (whether you know of them or not) towards anyone (including yourself).

Repentance is a turning away from the things of Satan to the things of God and is a confirmation of your decision to give Jesus Lordship in that area repented of. Repentance is usually of a blanket type of the area of temptation when using The Five Steps and does not need to be specific (unless specific things are being given to Jesus or The Holy Spirit calls specific things to your remembrance). It is the heart attitude that is important not the words.

It is necessary to forgive yourself and others or The Father in heaven cannot forgive your sins and you do not go to heaven. If you keep bitterness, root of bitterness, anger or any other wrong attitudes in your heart you are in unforgiveness.

You may have to pray "*Lord forgive. Help me to forgive please*".

Step 3. Command Satan in Jesus' Name to leave the areas or things given to Jesus and to go to The Throne of God and be judged.

It is a battle of kings, so you address the enemy king and tell him to leave control of the territory (in your soul) that has just been given to Jesus, otherwise he will not go. That is why prayer alone is ineffective, as it still leaves the demons around since you have not commanded them to leave. As the area is delivered from the control of the kingdom of Satan all that is in there of Satan (demons, illness caused by them) must go.

Jesus has the prerogative to heal illness when it is best for the purposes of His Kingdom so if healing does not occur ask why and you may find it is a timing issue (for the purposes of The kingdom) or more repentance needs to be done.

Step 4. Command healing and restoration in Jesus' Name off the areas delivered and if necessary, the healing of the sound mind, the wounded spirit, the soul and the 'heart of flesh given to you by Jesus as well as any integration that is needed of the personality because areas of the mind and personality were previously blocked off and controlled or badly influenced by demons that have now been removed from these areas.

This removes damage demons have done to you.

Step 5. Ask The Holy Spirit to fill you and to take the place of any demon(s) that have left.

This replaces demons that left your soul (house) with The Holy Spirit. Our spirit is filled by The Holy Spirit, so demons cannot get into it, and they complain about this bitterly. Our soul (house) is where demons live, so as they leave, you need to replace them with The Holy Spirit. If you do not do this, seven worse demons will replace them very quickly and the person will be more worse off than before.

Satan cannot make you do anything you do not agree to do. He has to deceive you into agreeing to do what he wants you to do. So, the first line of defence is to reject what he offers. When you are attacked ask The Holy Spirit if you are being attacked from within you or outside of you. If attacked from within you then deliverance is needed. If attacked from outside of you then cast it out in Jesus' Name to The Throne of God to be judged.

Most demons have names that are foreign to us so it would be nearly impossible to cast them out by their names. As long as we can identify them by their activity then we can cast them to in Jesus' Name to The Throne of God to be judged

If you are attacked in an area often or have a weakness you are having trouble overcoming then you probably have a need for deliverance in that area.

When you are tempted and feel you need deliverance use the framework of the five steps above:

Any emotion, attitude or feeling that is negative is not from God but is either a suggestion from a demon or a demon playing on hurts reactions (habits) in you.

Accordingly, you will either cast out a demon from inside you using the five steps or command an external demon to leave using steps 3 to 5 of the five steps.

Whenever I get any wrong thought sensation, feeling or emotion, I command the demons behind it to leave and go to in Jesus' Name to The Throne of God to be judged.

In summary:

If the thought is from God, you obey it.

If the thought is from you. Unless it follows the guidelines of The Bible, ensure it is given to God or dealt with as He tells you to. It may also be a need for deliverance in that area.

If the thought is from Satan, reject it after determining if either deliverance is needed (demons inside you) or just casting out of the demon is required (external demons attacking) then do what you need to cast Him to in Jesus' Name to The Throne of God to be judged.

This is why we need an attitude of holiness which rejects all that Satan's world offer you.

The key is to take the thought, emotion or sensation captive to Jesus (2 Cor 10:5). In other words the demon placing the thought in your mind, sensation or emotion is cast to in Jesus' Name to The Throne of God to be judged.

Just resisting the thought does nothing. It is capturing the source of it that removes the demon and the temptation.

If you give the area etc., all the events leading to it and all the consequences of it to Jesus you should also catch the root cause. Sometimes a specific event may need to be repented of and if you cannot hear what it is from The Holy Spirit then find someone who can. But first attack Satan and stop him blocking you and see if that allows you to hear what you need to repent of. It is does not then seek these people.

How does Satan attack?

Satan attacks you by placing thoughts in your mind, emotions on your personality or feelings/sensations in your body. He also tries to deceive you from the truth of a situation or distract you from what Jesus wants you to do.

In reality the temptations of Satan ca Nonoy deserve or side track you.

Thoughts

Satan will try to tell you things are different to what they really are. He has to make you accept his lies so he can use you for his purposes or hinder your being used by Jesus. He has to convince you that something you have, you really do not have or something you really do not have, you have. If you are sane, he may

suggest you have mental problems etc. He will often suggest the opposite of what you are in the hope you believe him and he can then mould your thinking as he wants you too.

If you are saved, he will throw thoughts into your mind that question that to the stage you will wonder if you are saved. If you have been given a God given ministry, he will make you question that it is the correct one until you look elsewhere for the ministry, he suggests you should have. If you are sane, he may try and get you to believe you are mentally unstable etc.

He places emotions on you like sensual pleasure to try and get you to sin either sexually or other sensual ways or distract you from the self-control God wants you to have so that you sin and like the pleasures he has given you more than what God wants you to do.

He can place moods on you like fear, anxiety and depression so that you do not have the joy of God and wonder what is wrong with you that you have these things for no apparent reason.

Remember, Satan does things subtly and will use doubt about things, especially the things of God to have you start to question the truths of God. If he can get you to do that, he can then either use you or hinder your walk with Jesus.

He has to have you think a certain way so he can use it for his purposes and uses all he can to do this. This is why when you have anything negative in your mind you are to cast it to in Jesus' Name to The Throne of God to be judged

Jesus drove demons out of three classes of people:

Those so possessed they did not know what they were doing

People under the 'age of reason' who had a guardian that asked Jesus to deliver the child.

People who were not under a guardian and asked Jesus to deliver them

All who confessed Jesus was the Messiah (Lord), believed in and followed Him and obeyed Him as Lord were delivered.

Deliverance is only for those who confess (believe/declare) Jesus as their Lord and so deliverance can only be for the followers of Jesus, namely Christians. Non-Christians have salvation when they make this confession/declaration and deliverance then follows, firstly from Satan's control and then (if they believe in it) from the effects of Satan on them. Non-Christians are under Satan's control and Jesus cannot deliver them unless they reject this control and turn to Jesus as their Lord.

The right Satan has appears to be an agreement to accept the demon offers either to the person they enter or granted to an ancestor of them as Satan cannot force His way into a person but needs an access of some sort to be granted Him by a person.

Those who deal with demons will use what is provided for them by God to use:

The Authority released through the death of Jesus at Calvary (Rev 12:11) delegated to us (Mark 16:17)

His gifts of The Holy Spirit

The Truths of Jesus found in The Bible.

Our relationship to Jesus is important as it is the basis for being able to fight demons. We fight demons for three reasons:

Defence of the things of our King (His subjects)

Our self-preservation

As a responsibility of ours since we are a citizen of The Kingdom of God being used to expand His Kingdom (evangelism etc.).

Anyone belonging to God and in a correct relationship with God will be fighting his enemy on a regular basis as they will do what their ruler requires of them:

Defend Him and His territory

Set people free from the enemy

Keep themselves from the influences of the enemy

Anyone not doing this cannot truly be said to belong to the King unless they are resting from the battle, training for it or are still spiritually a child too young to fight, learning how to fight and who must be defended by more mature Christians.

The fact God gives you weapons to fight demons shows they are a real threat and that He expects you to fight them and that their threats and activities do need to be dealt with.

Summary

God does not lie and what He says goes. He says in the New Testament that there are demons and they oppose Him and his people as well as who try to destroy them. He states we can defeat them and take back their territory (people and places) from them. If God does not appear to work then He is not to blame but people are because their concept of His ethics is wrong in some way. This means

that their belief in or understanding of His ethics is incorrect in some areas and that is this preventing God from using them to deliver people as He would like too. This is assuming these people want to follow His ethics for if they do not, they are on the side of His enemy by default in which case, unless they change sides, there can never be true deliverance for them and they may even lose their salvation.