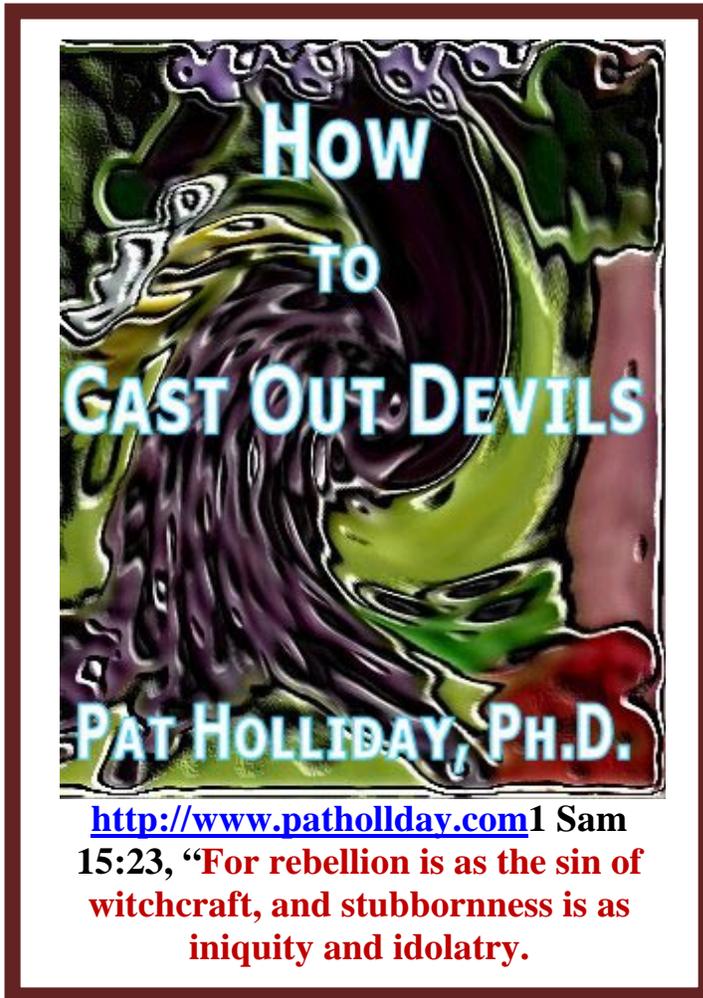


MIRACLE DELIVERANCE

OPEN DOORWAYS FOR EVIL SPIRITS

FROM HIS WORD! ~ PAT HOLLIDAY, PH.D.



REBELLION

Some Christians open themselves to demonic attack by backsliding. If a Christian backslides, grows cold in his allegiance to Christ, Satan will first tempt to sin and the door opens for an evil spirit to enter and take control of his life.

An evil spirit will not come in immediately, for God is merciful, but if the sin is continually indulged in after professed conversion, and not repented, then such a person is wide open to demonic oppression in its many forms.¹

DESPERATE PEOPLE WITHOUT ANSWERS

The author received a telephone call from an African lady who was being subjected to tormenting bondage from demons. Esther had attended many

¹ <http://www.patholliday.com> How to Cast Out Devils, Pat Holliday, Ph.D.

American Christian churches but decided to return to Africa to seek deliverance. She was studying to become a nurse but could no longer endure the painful, demonic attacks against her mind and body.

“Dr. Holliday, I have to return to Nigeria,” Esther said.”The American church leaders cannot help me. American pastors are spiritually blind concerning demonology and their power to torture a human being. They don’t believe casting demons out nor did they believe that Christians could have power to do spiritual warfare against them.”

“Also,” Esther continued, “they do not want to pray for people that are under demonic attack.” She said that in her country, pastors and their prayer warriors would spend all day and night praying with you if under demonic attack. “America Christians do not want to talk to you even for a few minutes. I am being harassed by demons day and night.”

JANICE

Janice called the author and reported that her husband was demonically controlled. He was drinking, going out with other women and abusing her verbally and physically. She consulted with her pastor seeking help. He told her that if her husband needed deliverance that she should go home and cast the demon out of him! She was shocked and confused, looking for help, found me on the internet.

TILLIE

Tillie was entrapped in a satanic coven. She was sixteen, attending a Baptist church with her parents when a young man, Allan asked her to go out for pizza after Sunday school. Her parents were thankful that she had met a Christian friend. After establishing a friendship, he invited her to go to a meeting with him in an isolated, darkly lit warehouse. She described a **rave/techno band**, “exploded electronic music, think a death metal with epic trance while strobe lights danced on the walls; 250 youths mostly in black robes, wearing white makeup, big hair and glow-bracelets, black lipstick and black fingernail polish.” She smelled strange fragrances in the air and candles flickered but the place was very dark.

Allan took Tillie by her hand and led her to the platform. He introduced her to the crowd as his princess, goddess. “Everyone bowed on their knees and began to worship them. It was the strangest feeling that I had experienced in my life.”

Allan was the leader of a Satanist group. She became his companion and regularly attended these satanic meetings.

Meanwhile, her parents never had a clue. She said, "They just thought her satanic boyfriend was a fine Christian boy and all the satanic posters and sinister paraplegia in her room were just a passing teenage fade." She had totally exchanged her Christian faith for Satanism and her mom and dad never made the connection.

Tillie alleged that this cult was into human sacrifices. "They killed babies and adults. They picked up who lived in the streets and sacrificed them and no one ever missed them." She continued to go to church with her parents and the pastor and congregation could not see her soul condition. She sank deeper into this lifestyle and became afraid that the group would kill her if she became a Christian. Remember, she met the Satanist in her church and recruited her right under the nose of her pastor and parents. She told me that, "I saw the group slice a woman from her breast bone to her pelvis because she had asked Jesus to save her."

PATTI

Another parent brought her thirteen-year-old daughter, Patti to the church. The strange tale that the Patti told her mother was extremely bizarre. She was born into a Charismatic Church. She said her new friend; Sandy invited her to go to her home after church. Sandy announced that she was a witch. Patti was shocked but thought she was just playing a joke on her; on the contrary, it turned out not to be a joke. Her new friend said that she could change her eye color, her hair color and make the furniture levitate. Then, she demonstrated these magical powers. Pat's new friend tried to get her to join her coven. "My mom is the queen of the coven and she uses me to invite kids from church and school."

She gave Patti some articles, black shoes, black scarf, a five pointed star and other witchcraft paraphernalia. Members of our church delivered Patti from the powers of witchcraft and then went to her home to throw away all the demonic articles. After disposing of those spell-bound articles and she was totally delivered by the power of Jesus Christ.

These are just a few testimonies. Over the years, I have seen many wizards and witches infiltrating American Christian Churches. They are there but no one can see them and they are soul scalping and snatching young people.

American's are finding a dry, lukewarm church and Jesus is no longer the center at her altars. People are looking for something more important than themselves. Something to live or die for; they are looking for supernatural force but they are finding cold, traditional oriented churches filled with self-centered backsliders without power of God. So, they are seeking esoteric experiences, apart from Jesus Christ. They need more than Christian rock bands, Christian bash pits, dancing, smoking and everything under the sun while the church people play their sick games.

The historical Jesus must become a living Jesus, sitting at the right hand of God the Father and able to have a relationship with His people. Some folks are seeking more than ritualistic, traditions of a dead faith. They must be introduced to Jesus as shown in the Bible.

WAR AGAINST POWERS OF DARKNESS

Christians can bind and loose supernatural powers according to the Bible. **“Verily I say unto you, whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven,”** (Matt. 18:18). Christians can be capable of freeing all areas from all influences of the Devil's power according to the Bible; nations, states, cities, communities, geographical areas, churches, families, individual members of family, relatives, professions, vocations, businesses, finances; education, physical and mental health. However, they must act upon the Word and join forces with Jesus.

“And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity. 13 And he laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. 14 And the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed on the Sabbath day, and said unto the people, There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day,” (Lk. 13:12). KJV

We are calling for a great war against the powers of darkness as Satan tries to bind and destroy the plans of Jesus. Christians have the authority from Jesus to command Satan's power to lose all controls from his dominance. Our spiritual power is the greatest energy in the universe because its source of power is God Himself. **“God has spoken once; twice have I heard this that power belongeth unto God,”** (Ps. 62:11).

This is what spiritual warfare is about. Jesus must be the center of a person's life. One must know Him from the stand point of the power of the Word of God, because of His triumph; His people can win their war. □

(Isa. 60:2), **“For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.”**

Jesus is coming soon!

JESUS' AUTHORITY

Through Jesus, believers gain an inheritance promised to Abraham and his spiritual seed; namely, the adoption as sons and the kingdom of heaven. Christians acquire all the privileges under the Mosaic dispensation and the possession of the Promised Land and put in possession of the blessings promised to Abraham and his spiritual seed, by faith. Without conversion to Jesus, one cannot get possession of these spiritual privileges.¹

God having determined to bring both Jews and Gentiles to salvation, not by works nor by any human means or schemes but by Jesus Christ, His salvation being defined, determined before in His divine mind and the means by which it should be brought about all being according to His purpose Who consults not His creatures. He operates according to the counsel of His Own Will that being ever wise, gracious, and good.²

“He went throughout all Galilee preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons,” (Mk. 1:39).

“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 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,” (Eph. 1:19-22).

CHRISTIAN AUTHORITY

“Say the word and my servant will be healed. For I am a man placed under AUTHORITY,” (Lk. 7:7-8). **“Behold, I give you AUTHORITY . . . over all the power of the enemy,”** (Lk. 10:17-19).

If you want the benefits of being a Christian, you must be holy. The Apostle Peter admonished the Body of Christ in (1 Pet.1:14-16), in this manner - **“As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: But as He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; because it is written, be ye holy; for I am holy.”** Is it possible nowadays for people, in the midst of this “adulterous and sinful generation,” to actually “be? Holy” in their behavior, ways, or manner of life?

Deliverance will help you to achieve your goal of holiness. Remember Mary Magdalene followed Jesus for the rest of her life after she was delivered from devils. She followed Him and He rewarded her. She preached the most important message that the world has ever heard. **“He has risen.”**

At the end of book, you will see demonic activity listed that pertains to your life. Then take authority over each spirit in commanding prayer in Jesus’ name. **Bind the power of Satan,** according, **“Verily I say unto you, whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven,”** (Matt. 18:18).

The strongman will be the spirit controlling demon highlighted in bold in this document which shows the type of offensive activity. You must bind the strongman according to (Matt 12:29), **“Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house.”**

Therefore, at the top of each category, you would bind the strongman, **“Abuse.”** The spiritual function of **abuse by the strongman** will be listed each of the designated demonic activity such as: **Emotional; physical; mental, verbal.** You may name the demons by the activity that is being pressed against you. For instance, **“I take authority over this emotional pain that you are causing me and I command the demon to leave in Jesus’ name.”** Each one of these demonic processes will cause an infliction the mind, body or spirit.

After you bind all the demons, then, you will **lose the will of God** over each of these situations by commanding the devils' powers to be bound and go to the feet of Jesus. The devils leave under pressure by you using the name of Jesus. They must obey when a stronger power arrives that will supersede and overcome all their power. You will reverse the powers of the Devil which will nullify his power. He must flee. Jesus said that this is giving the believer the keys to the kingdom.

“And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt be loosed on earth shall be loosed in heaven,” (Matt 16:19).

“And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name. 18 And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. 19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. 20 Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven,” (Lk. 10:17-20).

Jesus said, **“And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it, And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven,”** (Matt 16:18-19).

"Submit yourselves then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you," (Jam. 4:7-8).

“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,” (1 Jn. 4:4).

LIVING FOR JESUS

Then you must live for Jesus and abstain from returning back to the offensive activities of the past. You can be and stay free in Jesus. He said that whosoever the Son shall make free shall be free indeed. However if you return to your sin after deliverance, you will be seven times worse than before deliverance. **“Then he**

saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. 45 Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation,” (Matt 12:44-45).

It is true that Jesus is all powerful and able to protect Christians from the wiles of the Devil. However, Christian must walk in agreement with His Word. Once saved by His grace, you must abstain from sin. Sins are washed away by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. We are justified by his blood (Romans 5:9), we have redemption and forgiveness of sins through his blood (Eph. 1:7, Col. 1:14), and we have peace and reconciliation with God through the blood of the cross. Take away the blood of Christ and you present another Christ and another gospel.

You must believe that Satan and his demons are real before you can be effective in attacking their evil work. You have two spirits that are working for your soul, the Spirit of God and the spirit of the Devil. The Bible says, in 1st JOHN 4:1, **“Beloved, believe not every SPIRIT, but test the SPIRITS to determine whether or not they are of GOD, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.”**

Just as God inspired the Word of God, the Devil inspires his doctrines through the life and works of men. You must test the spirits to see if they are of God. According to Strong's Concordance, the Hebrew word for **"tested"** as found in Ps. 66:10 means: **to test , investigate: examine, prove, tempt, try (trial)**. The Greek word for **"tests"** as used in (1 Thess. 2:4), carries the following meaning: **to test, to approve, allow, discern, examine, try**.

A. W. Tozer writes, *How to Try the Spirits*: “Now our Lord Jesus that great Shepherd of the sheep, has not left His flock to the mercy of the wolves. He has given us the Scriptures, the Holy Spirit and natural powers of observation, and He expects us to avail ourselves of their help constantly. **"Prove all things; hold fast that which is good,"** said Paul (1 Thess. 5:21). **"Beloved, believe not every spirit,"** wrote John, **"but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world."** (1 Jn. 4:1). **"Beware of false prophets,"** our Lord warned, **"which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are raving wolves,"** (Matt. 7:15). Then He added the word by which they may be tested, **"Ye shall know them by their fruits."** From this it is

plain not only that there shall be false spirits abroad, endangering our Christian lives, but that they may be identified and known for what they are. And of course once we become aware of their identity and learn their tricks, their power to harm us is gone. **"Surely in vain is the net spread in the sight of any bird,"** (Prov. 1:17).²

“Briefly stated the test is this: This new doctrine, this new religious habit, this new view of truth, this new spiritual experience - how has it affected my attitude toward and my relation to God, Christ, the Holy Scriptures, self, other Christians, the world and sin?

Tozer goes on to say, “By this sevenfold test we may prove everything religious and know beyond a doubt whether it is of God or not. By the fruit of the tree we know the kind of tree it is. So we have but to ask about any doctrine or experience, what is this doing to me? Then we know immediately whether it is from above or from below.”

“See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ,” (Col.2:8).

It is learned by experience and it comes with spiritual maturity. (Heb. 5:14). Any person who truly desires to do the will of God **"shall now of the doctrine, whether it be of God."** (Jn. 7:17; Neh. 6:12-14). **The Holy Spirit "will guide you into all truth, for He is our Teacher,** (Jam. 16:13; 14:26; 1 Cor. 2:15; 1 Jn. 2:27). We can be trained to discern truth from error through sound teaching and knowledge of the scriptures. (Heb. 4:12; 11; 1Tim. 3:14 -16; Ez. 44:23).³

Paul made an amazing statement in his letter to the church in Corinth. **"It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife."** (1 Cor. 5:1). A son had taken his stepmother away from his father and was living with her in sin Paul said, **". . . When ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, to deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the**

² A. W. Tozer writes, *How to Try the Spirits:*

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day of the Lord Jesus." (Vs. 4, 5). He was saying, "My spirit is going to be there. I am going to see what you do."

When a person is ensnared by a false prophet, a satanic influence captures that individual's mind. The inspired demons will bind the person and put a **"gate keeper"** spirit in the mind that will direct the knowledge that is received. Of course, all information concerning the truth will be twisted. Deliverance is needed to extricate the person from spiritual bondage. It truly is important where you receive spiritual knowledge. It must be based on Jesus Christ as the foundation and the Word of God as truth.

Demons Bring False Doctrine.

"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; 3 Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth," (1Tim.4:1-4). They are trying to seduce the elect.

The Apostle John forewarns, **"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits, whether they are of God, because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby know we the Spirit of God, every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God, and every spirit that confesses not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh, is not of God and this is that spirit of antichrist whereof you have heard that it should come and even now, already is in the world,"** (I John 4).

Certainly, as we look at this text, we see that Christians should be discerning the times and seasons. Numerous Believers provide understanding to the involvement of the occult, cults. However they choose ignore the stunning fact that Satan is busily infiltrating many churches through supernatural New Age methods. These bewitching seeds of seduction have been etching themselves into the landscape of the American Christian Church for many years. The Church has ignored the subtlety of Satan tactics because the discerning of Christian doctrines and ministers has not been at the forefront of Christian teaching and preaching. The sideline of a great deal of preaching consists of teachings concerning

materialism, emotionalism and intellectualism. When biblical foundations are weakened, the church loses its purposes and becomes religious instead of being powerful and faithful guardians of the precious blood of Jesus Christ.

An excellent example of the sleeping church is shown in the book, *Trojan Horse, How the New Age Movement Infiltrates the Church*. Authors Brenda Scott and Samantha Smith expose of New Age/occult concepts and techniques that are being introduced into all major denominations should be read by every Christian. Their research concerns the popular New Age Author Madeleine L'Engle and this prolific writer's introducing New Age/occult concepts and techniques into the Church. Scott and Smith write, "L'Engle's influence has deeply penetrated mainstream Christianity under the guise of "Christian literature." They ask the Church these important questions. "How could it be that the Church, the Body of Christ, would be put into the position of having to debate the merits of practices and teachings condemned by God Himself? Through what door has this heresy entered the church, and how widespread is it?"⁴

We are looking at an end-time phenomenon within the Church. In light of all this activity, Apostle Paul says in (2 Timothy 4:1-5), ***"I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word, be instant in season, out of season, reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and . . . What? . . . Doctrine. "For the time will come when they will not endure sound . . . what? . . . Doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist make full proof of thy ministry."*** Notice verse one says, ***"I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ . . ."*** You've got to remember Paul is talking to a preacher!

Church leadership has been unwilling to challenge doctrines of devils and have ignored the power of these teachings. Seminaries have neglected to criticize the significance of the rise of New Age acceptance by Church leaders. Consequently, many are ignorant of New Age theories. We find mixtures of New Age ideologies into the isolated Scriptures twisting them to say things that are not true. Religious spirits sweep into numerous churches spawning multitudes of false doctrines and false teachers. Countless are flourishing inasmuch as they

⁴ , *Trojan Horse, How the New Age Movement Infiltrates the Church*. Authors Brenda Scott and Samantha Smith expose of New Age/occult

offer a nearly perfect counterfeit of Jesus, His salvation, His church and His gospel. The Apostle Paul forewarned the Church to watch out for Satan's infiltrating agent's when he wrote, ***“For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him,”*** (2 Corinthians 11:4).⁵

The Lord promised us that the gates of Hell will not prevail against His Church. Praise God for His revelation knowledge, many pastors and teachers and members of the Body of Christ are becoming aware that they are in a war zone and they are awakening to the reality of the need of intense spiritual warfare. The Bible warns us that Satan can get an advantage of us if we remain ignorant of his devices, (2 Corinthians 2:11).

Satan's strategy to rob the church of her authority and take the glory from Jesus Christ is breaking down. Many church leaders are becoming alive to the issue of spiritual authority and their right through the Word of God to take back the ground that Satan has stolen. They are attacking the devil and defending the faith that was once delivered unto the saints.

It is a misconception amongst Christians to think that a great revival is happening; in fact the Bible is very clear that the falling away must come first before the Anti-Christ is revealed and this is what we are seeing today! *“Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition,”*** (2 Thess. 2:3).**

“For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; in so much that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.” (Matt. 24:24).

The Bible declares that we are not warring against flesh and blood (human beings). ***“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,”*** (Eph. 6:12). Therefore, it is not people that we war against but what is motivating or inspiring the individual. If you follow a

⁵ *ibid, Trojan Horse, How the New Age Movement Infiltrates the Church*

demon possessed minister, psychic, astrologer, spiritualist, fortune teller, cultist, New Ager, etc., chances will be that you will be infected. You will need deliverance.

CLEAR BIBLICAL TEACHING - DEMONOLOGY – ABADDON

The "Destroyer" Released

Let's start by reviewing the event that will allow this powerful fallen angel entrance into the world. This occurrence is recorded in (Rev. 9:1-11). To rightly understand who this "**king of the bottomless pit**" is, it's vital to correctly interpret what this passage is saying. We must be guided by Scripture, not our imagination.

(Rev. 11:7 and 17:8), are clearly referring to **Abaddon** as the "beast" who will ascend from the "bottomless pit." What we see described in the first part of (Rev. 13:1), is a symbolic reference to the release of **Abaddon** from the Abyss. In Jewish thought, the Abyss was often associated with the ocean depths. Speaking of the Greek translation of the Hebrew Scriptures in use at the time of Christ, *The New Unger's Bible Dictionary* says: "The LXX renders Hebrew *tehom*, 'the primeval ocean' (Gen. 1:2; Ps. 24:2; etc.), as 'abyss'." (p. 18, "Abyss"). This identification of **Abaddon** as the primary "beast" mentioned in the book of Revelation will help us to learn more about his activities in the end time.

There is one other Scripture that enigmatically mentions the release of **Abaddon** from the **Abyss**. This obscure reference is found in (2 Thess. 2), where Paul discusses the "man of sin." **Abaddon** and **Apollyon** both mean "**destroyer.**" Who is this ruling demon called the "**Destroyer,**" who is released from the **Abyss** during God's wrath on mankind in the last days of this age?

Jesus told us the names of the demons that **Abaddon** ruled over. "**Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you, 20 Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven,**" (Lk. 10:19-20).

[Scorpions] The scorpion is an animal with eight feet, eight eyes and a long jointed tail, ending in a pointed weapon or sting. It is found in tropical climates, and seldom exceeds 4 inches in length. Its sting is extremely poisonous, and it is

sometimes fatal to life. **It is in Scripture the emblem of malicious and crafty (demons).** When rolled up it has some resemblance to an egg, (Lk. 11:12; Ezek. 2:6). The annexed cut will give an idea of its usual form and appearance.⁶

(Lk. 10:19), **[The enemy]** Satan. The meaning of this verse is that Jesus would preserve them from the power of Satan and all his emissaries—from all wicked and crafty men; and this shows that he had divine power. He that can control Satan and his hosts that can be present to guard from all their machinations, see all their plans, and destroy all their designs, must be clothed with no less than almighty power.

The Scriptures says, **“And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit. 2 And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit. 3 And there came out of the smoke locusts (demons) upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions (demons) of the earth have power. 4 And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads. 5 And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man. 6 And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them. 7 And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men. (Rev 9:1-9).**

This clearly shows that these demons are powerful ruler demons as shown in (Eph. 6:11-12), **“Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles (schemes/trickery) of the devil. 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.”**

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Principalities - Strong's 746 "*arche*" defined as: chief in various applications of order, time place or rank (cf, the English words: architecture, archangel) (Rom. 8:38, Eph 3:10, Col 1:16, Col 2:15, Titus 3:1).

Powers - Strong's 1849 "*exousia*" defined as: mastery; magistrate, superhuman, potentate: delegated influence, authority, and jurisdiction. (Lk. 12:11, Rom.13:1, 2, Eph. 3:10, Col. 1:16, Col. 2:15).

Rulers Strong's 2888 "*kosmokrater*" defined as: an epithet of Satan, a world ruler, (only use of this word in the NT). From 2889 (orderly arrangement) & 2902 (to use strength; i.e., to seize or retain).

High - Strong's 2032 "*epouranious*" defined as: above the sky; celestial; heavenly.

In (Rev 9:1-9), these supernatural beings are described as powerful warriors, terrorists and ready to kill en masse. They have shapes, forms, and minds. They have supernatural life to perform their evil deeds. They are described as an army that was being directed by a king, **Abaddon**.

“And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions,” And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle. 10 And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months. 11 And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon. 13 And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God.”

[Loose the four angels] These four angels bound in the Euphrates, are by some supposed to be the Arabs, the Saracens, the Tartars, or the Turks; by others, Vespasian's four generals, one in Arabia, one in Africa, one in Alexandria, and one in Palestine. These mighty host, wicked angels are being restrained for an appointed time of release by God. They are confined in the vicinity of the river Euphrates; there were mighty powers which had been bound or held in check, which were now to be let loose upon the world. They are principalities, angels that

had been bound should be suddenly loosed and suffered to go forth over the earth. They were commissioned to go forth to accomplish the work of destruction.⁷

“Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. 15 And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men,” (Rev 9:9-15).

In (Rev 9:15), probably no more is meant than that these four angels (evil spirits), were at all times prepared and permitted to inflict evil on the people against whom they had received their commission.⁸

(Rev 9:13-21), reveals exactly how demons work against people. When these violent forces are released, they are free to accomplish their evil work. They hate people and they come to rob, kill and destroy. The open door for them to be able to attack is sin.

These scorpions and their stings too, to hurt and kill the bodies of those who had been the murderers of so many souls.

Observe the impenitence of the anti Christian generation under these dreadful judgments (v. 20); the rest of the men who were not killed repented not, they still persisted in those sins for which God was so severely punishing them, which were,

- (1). **Idolatry;** they would not cast away their images, though they could do them no good, could not see, nor hear, nor walk.
- (2). **Murders;** (v. 21), which they had committed upon the saints and servants of Christ . . . is a bloody religion, and seems resolved to continue such.
- (3). **Sorceries;** they have their charms, and magic arts, and rites in exorcism and other things.
- (4). **Fornication;** they allow both spiritual and carnal impurity, and promote it in themselves and others.
- (5). **Thefts;** they have by unjust means heaped together a vast deal of wealth, to the injury and impoverishing of families, cities, princes, and nations.

⁷ Ibid, from Matthew Henry's Commentary

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These are the flagrant crimes of Antichrist and his agents; and, though God has revealed his wrath from heaven against them, they are obstinate, hardened, and impenitent, and judicially so, for they must be destroyed.⁹

Yes, demons are real and active and real Christians are the only ones who have been given power to defeat them. (Matt 16:19), **“And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”**

(Matt 18:18-20), 19 **“Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”**

The Word of God is true and powerful. It is divinely inspired. Divine inspiration does not mean that God simply used the writers like a tape recorder to take dictation. Instead, as explains, **“For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.”** The phrase “as they were moved” in Greek is *phero*, meaning “carried” or “borne.” This means, “moved” the biblical writers (ensuring the purity of the message) **without taking away their involvement in the writing process,”** (2 Pet. 1:21).

SPLIT PERSONALITIES

Any one who is periodically attacked by a compulsion-to act in a way which is contrary to his basic nature and personality should suspect demon activity.

Demon attack brings forth a behavior pattern that “can't be him.” It isn't. It is the personality of the demon spirit being manifested through him. Will be themselves at times, but reverts to strange behavior. Makes them unknown person, split personality or schizophrenia; **“Holding faith and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck: of whom in Hymanaeus and Alexander, whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme?”** (1Tim. 2:25, 26).

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God does not want judgment for you hidden sins, he wants mercy.

The Holy Spirit will convict your heart. If you do not listen to the Word of conviction He will send the prophets (ministers) to deliver you through the Word. If you continue to indulge yourself in your hidden sins; Spousal abuse, child abuse, self abuse; verbal abuse, un forgiveness, bitterness; rioting; raging; argument; anger, judging, sexual perversion, pornography, etc. Then judgment will fall in the form of curses on your finances; your job situation; etc. The tormentors (evil spirits) will come to nest in your life; then religious spirits will prevail instead of the Holy Spirit.

Frances Manuel gives us this useful summation: "We do have clear and plain teaching regarding the demons themselves. Demons in vast numbers constitute a part of Satan's hierarchy and fight in his army. They are spiritual beings without bodies of their own, hence they seek embodiment; they have supernatural power and strength. They are not omniscient, but are creatures of cunning intellect and given to deceits and wiles. They are unclean, corrupt, and bent on destruction and ruin. They degrade the bodies they invade and possess, whether of animals or men. They tremble at the Word of God and have to bow to the authority of Jesus Christ whether exerted directly by Him or by those to whom He delegated the authority to subject them."

FLESH AND MIND

If you do not subject your flesh, mind and spirit to the Word of God for cleansing; you will open for these tormentors. Nevertheless, we can drive them out. Yet, only you can correct your mind and flesh.

Human Problem Scripturally

1. **IMMATURITY:** 1 Corinthians 14:20-21: "Do **not be children in understanding ... in understanding be mature.**" Hosea 4:6. "**My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.**"
2. **SNARED:** Proverbs 7:21-23. "**With her flattering lips she seduced him. Immediately he went after her, as an ox goes to the slaughter, Or as a fool to the correction of the stocks, Till an arrow struck his liver. As a bird hastens to the snare, He did not know it would cost his life.**"

3. **BLINDED:** 2 Corinthians 4:3-4. "**But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.**"
4. **DEPRIVED** of rest: Matthew 11:28-30: "**Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.**"
5. **RETURN** to infantile behavior: Galatians 5:1-5: "**Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage ...**"
6. **THE ESCAPE:** 2 Timothy 2:24-26. "**And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will.**"

Scriptural References to the "Mind"

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"But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members." Romans 7:23.

"Our soul has escaped as a bird from the snare of the fowlers; The snare is broken, and we have escaped!" Psalm 124:7.

Isaiah 26:3. "You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You."

Mark 12:30. "And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment."

Romans 12:2. "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

Ephesians 4:23. "And be renewed in the spirit of your mind."

Philippians 2:5. **"Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus."**

Colossians 3:2. **"Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth."**

2 Timothy 1:7. **"For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind."**

2 Corinthians 13:11. **"Finally, brethren, farewell. Become complete. Be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you."**

Best of all; remember that Jesus came to **"set the captives free."** Nowhere is this truth illustrated better than with the maniac of Gadara. Mark 5:17, explains that the **townspeople " ... went out to see what it was that had happened ... and saw the one who had been demon-possessed and had the legion, sitting and clothed and in his right mind."** What the devil had taken from him, Jesus had restored. This part of Kingdom Ministry must be continued in the Church today!

ABILITY TO SEE THE HAND OF GOD

The key to practical faith is the ability to see the hand of God in the attitudes, actions and direction of those whom God places over our lives. Failure to discern God in rightly ordained authority will greatly decrease our awareness of Him and will greatly increase our conflicts and tensions with others.

Remember God made the first move toward David! He initiated the first step toward reconciliation. God told Nathan that David was forgiven He told the prophet to go to him with a message of reconciliation: When you tell David what I've told you, he'll think he's going to die on the spot. But you've got to tell him he's forgiven - that he's not going to die! God also said, **"Tell him also that I will walk with him through everything that comes upon him because of sin."**

Nathan told David **"Look at all that God has done for you, all the blessings."** Sin gives Satan the right to enforce curses upon you. He's given you The Lord was ready to give you all your heart's desires. You've killed an innocent man, and taken his wife as your own. You have despised the Lord, David. And the enemies of God are rejoicing over what you did. The sword is not going to leave your home. Your wives will be taken from you. God will do all this before Israel. You will be judged publicly. David's baby died.

There are consequences to your hidden sins; (Psa. 51) shows you David was afraid of his soul condition.

1. **"Take not thy holy spirit from me,"** (Psa. 51:11).
2. **"Renew a right spirit within me,"** (Verse 10)
3. **"Restore unto me . . . joy"** (Verse 12).
4. **"Cast me not away from thy presence . . ."** (Verse 11).
5. God sent Nathan to tell him: **"The Lord also hath put away thy sin; thou shall not die,"** (2 Sam. 12:13).

True ministers must cry out against sin and compromise. However a pure hatred for sin must come out of a heart that has been probed searched and judged itself.

David cried out against sin and compromise: **"Do I not hate them, O Lord that hate thee? and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee? I hate them with perfect hatred: I count them mine enemies,"** (Psa. 139: 21- 22). This bold statement came out of a repentant broken spirit. David had already examined his own heart! In the next verse he says, **"Search me, O God and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts and see if there be any wicked way in me"** (Verse. 23- 24).

Michael Harper gives the alert that, "Behind the facade of religious life there is a spiritual battle raging. There seem to be many who are not fully aware of this war far. From time to time there is a dramatic collision between the power of the Spirit and that of Satan. Success for the Christian will depend in a large measure on recognizing the work of the devil and knowing how to defeat and expel him from every situation . . . "So it is today there is fierce conflict and there are those who do not wish to pass this way. But we cannot avoid the battle for if we do not fight the enemy, he will still come at us. . . ."

Harper goes on to say, "These wicked beings can suggest evil, but cannot coerce the will of another creature. They may spread snares and devices to ruin the child of God, but cannot compel any other being to comply with their designs, nor can they employ God's creation other than as He decrees. They have never been able to defeat God, and actually God uses them as instruments to correct the erring saints."

Satan is the great, unseen instigator of every sin of the heart.

1. However, you must walk in agreement with him.
2. (2 Cor. 2:11) **"Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices."**

CAN CHRISTIANS HAVE DEMONS?

Is it possible for a born-again Spirit-filled to have a demon? Absolutely not- say some; the Holy Spirit cannot coexist in the same body with a demon! Say others, Slogans- not a Scriptural answer extra-scriptural piece of logic that stands alone; it rests on an assumption or Scriptural evidence.

Yes- Dangerous delusion to think Satan/demons adopt a hands-off policy to believers. They can affect and afflict believers as far as possible. They buffet them, oppose the, seek to tempt or deceive them or lead them astray. They look for and quickly seize any advantage to hinder believers.

Believer is inhabited by the Holy Spirit-not coexist within the same body. Proof text used is (1 Cor. 2:12), **"We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us."**

Jesus came to **destroy the works of the devil** (I Jn. 3:8). Indeed He did!

Problems caused by demons. Remedy - method. Cast out in His name. Believer is delivered from the power of Satan and his demons. Proof text (Col. 1:12, 13: Eph. 2: 1-3).

Like other promises, not automatic, it is as we voluntarily meet God's conditions for deliverance. Christian provided with complete protection from fiery darts of enemy (Eph. 6.) Armor is designed for defense from external-not internal enemies. Armor is not always in place. Christian-leaders- many times talk about problems but they do not give any solutions. Discouraged, despair- dropped by wayside, suicide experience inability to find a solution within the framework of their theological training or understanding.

For certain, experience not the basis for the interpretation of the Bible and if experience runs counter to an interpretation -seek to find the reason and be willing

to restudy interpretation under direction of the Holy Spirit. Also you must be prepared to make any necessary corrections to your beliefs so that your theological system will line up to full agreement with the Word of God.

Biblical doctrine of human corruption causes one to question that Holy Spirit would come into a person under any circumstance. Many charismatic writers -Pat Brooks, Don Basham and non Charismatic writers- Frances Manuel, Merrill Unger, Mark Bubeck, Robert Peterson, Hal Lindsay all agree that Christians can have demons.

Dr. Unger writes: "In demon influence, evil spirits exert power over a person short of actual possession. Such influence may vary from mild harassment to extreme subjection when body and mind become dominated and held in slavery by spirit agents. Christians, as well as non-Christians can be so influence. They may be oppressed, vexed, depressed, hindered and bound by demons."

Unger is forthright to say that he had written in 1952, "To demon possession, only unbelievers are exposed." Twenty years later-"This statement was inferred, since Scripture does not clearly settle the question. It was based the assumption that an evil spirit could not indwell the redeemed body together with the Holy Spirit.

Missionaries from all over the world wrote to him telling of cases to the contrary and as the author notes, the claims of the missionaries "appear valid."

The late Dr. Hobart Freeman wrote, "As a result of erroneous teaching and beliefs, which are based neither upon Scripture or experience, Satan has deluded many concerning the question, can a Christian be oppressed by Satan or possess evil spirits?"

Yes-both questions-Supported both by experience and Scriptures- Believers can be oppressed, vexed, depressed, hindered, bound, and afflicted by Satan or suffer infestation by demonic spirits.

There are three types of demonic activity that will work against Christians. **Possession** ~ life, will come totally under the domination and control of Satan. **Oppression** ~ infestation- brings spirits of infirmity, fear, resentment, doubt,

depression. Obsession ~ Temptation-driving in the mind. Demonic Dwelling Places.

Jesus came as **"... the way the TRUTH AND THE LIFE,' and he said, Ye shall know the TRUTH, AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE,"** (Jn. 8:32).

Being Willful

King Saul gets totally demon possessed with a spirit of murder because he disobeys God and lives by his own will. He tries to kill David.¹⁰

David was his deliverance minister. Whenever he played his harp, the evil spirit would lift and leave King Saul. David's music was anointed because he used his harp to praise God. Anointed Sacred music is used in spiritual warfare.

Saul, determined to do his "own thing by willful sin," attracting the evil spirit to return. Of course, each time he received deliverance, and backslide, seven more evil demons would return. Soon, he became a jealousy raving monster. He threw the javelin to kill David.

"And Saul sought to smite David even to the wall with the javelin; but he slipped away out of Saul's presence, and he smote the javelin into the wall: and David fled, and escaped that night." (1 Samuel 19:10).

1 Samuel 19:10

[David fled] This was the beginning of David's life as a fugitive and outcast, though for no "offence or fault" of his own (Ps 59:3).³ He became King Saul's number one enemy. He searched for David to kill him.

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1 Samuel 19:11-17

Saul also sent messengers unto David's house, to watch him, and to slay him in the morning: and Michal David's wife told him, saying, If thou save not thy life tonight, tomorrow thou shalt be slain. 12 So Michal let David down through a window: and he went, and fled, and escaped. 13 And Michal took an image, and laid it in the bed, and put a pillow of goats' hair for his bolster, and covered it with a cloth. 14 And when Saul sent messengers to take David, she said, He is sick. 15 And Saul sent the messengers again to see David, saying, Bring him up to me in the bed, that I may slay him. 16 And when the messengers were come in, behold, there was an image in the bed, with a pillow of goats' hair for his bolster. 17 And Saul said unto Michal, Why hast thou deceived me so, and sent away mine enemy, that he is escaped? And Michal answered Saul, He said unto me, Let me go; why should I kill thee? ¹¹

Saul's further design of mischief to David.

When David had escaped the javelin, supposing he went straight to his own house, as indeed he did, Saul sent some of his guards after him to lay wait at the door of his house, and to assassinate him in the morning as soon as he stirred out, v. 11. Josephus says the design was to seize him and to hurry him before a court of justice that was ordered to condemn him and put him to death as a traitor; but we are here told it was a shorter way they were to take with him: they were ordered to slay him. Well might David complain that his enemies were bloody men, as he did in the psalm which he penned at this time, and upon this occasion (Ps.), when Saul sent, and they watched the house to kill him. See v. 2, 3, and 7. He complains that swords were in their lips. ¹²

[But he slipped away] He found he could not trust Saul; and therefore was continually on his watch. His agility of body was the means of his preservation at this time.

¹¹ ibid

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1 Samuel 19:11

[To slay him in the morning] When they might be able to distinguish between him and Michal his wife; for, had they attempted his life in the night season, there would have been some danger to Michal's life. Besides, Saul wished to represent him as a traitor; and consequently an attack upon him was justifiable at any time, even in the fullest daylight...¹³

So Michal let David down through a window: and he went, and fled, and escaped.” (1 Samuel 19:12).

[Let David down through a window] As Saul's messengers were sent to David's house to watch him, they would naturally guard the gate, or lie in wait in that place by which David would come out. Michal, seeing this, let him down to the ground through a window, probably at the back part of the house; and there being neither entrance nor issue that way, the liars in wait were easily eluded. ¹⁴

MICHAL IDOLARY USING WITCHCRAFT

“And Michal took an image, (idol) and laid it in the bed, and put a pillow of goats' hair for his bolster, and covered it with a cloth.” (1 Samuel 19:13).

1 Samuel 19:13

[Michal took an image] (Idol) °Ethhat-raapiym, the teraphim. The Hebrew word appears to mean any kind of image, in any kind of form, as a representative of some reality. Here it must have been something in the human form; because it was intended to represent a man lying in bed indisposed. ¹⁵

[A pillow of goats' hair] Perhaps she formed the appearance of a sick man's head muffled up by this pillow or bag of goats' hair. So I think the original might be understood. The goats' hair was merely accidental; unless we could suppose that it was designed to represent the hair of David's head, which is not improbable. ¹⁶

¹³ ibid

¹⁴ ibid

¹⁵ ibid

¹⁶ ibid

Ezekiel 13:17-23

Most ancient interpreters and many modern interpreters have understood the "pillows" (or charms) and "kerchiefs" (or veils), as appliances to which the sorcerers had resort in order to attract notice. The veil was a conspicuous ornament in the east-women whatever their "stature" (or, height) putting them on-and it was worn by magicians in order to seem more mysterious and awful. ¹⁷

II. David's wonderful deliverance out of this danger. Michal was the instrument of it, which Saul gave him to be a snare to him, but she proved to be his protector and helper. Often is the devil out-shot with his own bow. How Michal came to know the danger her husband was in does not appear; perhaps she had notice sent her from court, or rather was herself aware of the soldiers about the house, when they were going to bed, though they kept so still and silent that they said, Who dost hear? Which David takes notice of, (Ps 59:7)?

She, knowing her father's great indignation at David, soon suspected the design, and bestirred herself for her husband's safety. 1. She got David out of the danger. She told him how imminent the peril was (v. 11): To-morrow thou wilt be slain. ¹⁸

As Josephus paraphrases it, she told him that if the sun saw him there next morning it would never see him more; and then put him in a way of escape. David himself was better versed in the art of fighting than of flying, and had it been lawful it would have been easy for him to have cleared his house, by dint of sword, from those that haunted it; but Michal let him down through a window (v. 12), all the doors being guarded; and so he fled and escaped. And now it was that, either in his own closet before he went or in the hiding-place to which he fled, he penned that fifty-ninth Psalm, which shows that, in his fright and hurry, his mind was composed, and, in this great danger, his faith was strong and fixed on God; and, whereas the plot was to slay him in the morning, he speaks there with the greatest assurance (v. 16), **I will sing aloud of thy mercy in the morning.** ¹⁹

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¹⁸ Ibid

¹⁹ ibid

2. She practiced a deception upon Saul and those whom he employed to be the instruments of his cruelty. When the doors of the house were opened in the morning, and David did not appear, the messengers would search the house for him, and did so.

But Michal told them he was sick in bed (v. 14), and, if they would not believe her, they might see, for (v. 13) She had put a wooden image in the bed, and wrapped it up close and warm as if it had been David asleep, not in a condition to be spoken to; the goats' hair about the image was to resemble David's hair, the better to impose upon them. Michal can by no means be justified in telling a lie, and covering it thus with a cheat. God's truth needed not her lie. But she intended hereby to keep Saul in suspense for a while, that David might have some time to secure himself, not doubting but those messengers would pursue him if they found he had gone. The messengers had so much humanity as not to offer him any disturbance when they heard he was sick; for to those that are in this misery pity should be shown; but Saul, when he heard it, gave positive orders that he should be brought to him sick or well: Bring him to me in the bed, that I may slay him, v. 15.
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It was base and barbarous thus to triumph over a sick man; and to vow the death of one who for aught that he knew was dying by the hand of nature. So earnestly did he thirst after his blood, and so greedy was his revenge, that he could not be pleased to see him dead, unless he himself was the death of him; though awhile ago he had said, Let not my hand be upon him. Thus when men lay the reins on the neck of their passions they grow more and more outrageous. When the messengers were sent again, the cheat was discovered, v. 16. But by this time it was to be hoped that David was safe, and therefore Michal was not then much concerned at the discovery.

Saul chides her for helping David to escape (v. 17): Why hast thou deceived me so? What a base spirit was Saul of, to expect that, because Michal was his daughter, she must therefore betray her own husband to him unjustly? Ought she not to forsake and forget her father and her father's house, to cleave to her husband? Those that themselves will be held by no bonds of reason or religion are ready to think that others should as easily break those bonds. In answer to Saul's chiding,²¹

²⁰ ibid

²¹ ibid

Michal is not so careful of her husband's reputation as she had been of his person, when she makes this her excuse: He said, Let me go, why should I kill thee? As her insinuating that she would have hindered his flight was false (it was she that put him upon it and furthered it), so it was an unjust unworthy reflection upon him to suggest that he threatened to kill her if she would not let him go, and might confirm Saul in his rage against him. David was far from being so barbarous a man and so imperious a husband, so brutish in his resolves and so haughty in his menaces, as she here represented him. But David suffered both from friends and foes, and so did the son of David.²²

1 Samuel 19:14-16

And when Saul sent messengers to take David, she said, He is sick.

1 Samuel 19:17

And Saul said unto Michal, Why hast thou deceived me so, and sent away mine enemy, that he is escaped? And Michal answered Saul, He said unto me, Let me go; why should I kill thee?

[Let me go; why should I kill thee?] That is, if thou do not let me go, I will kill thee. This she said to excuse herself to her father: as a wife she could do not less than favor the escape of her husband, being perfectly satisfied that there was no guilt in him. It is supposed that it was on this occasion that David wrote the Ps 59; Deliver me from mine enemies, etc.²³

1 Samuel 19:18

So David fled, and escaped, and came to Samuel to Ramah, and told him all that Saul had done to him. And he and Samuel went and dwelt in Naioth.

[David fled, and escaped, and came to Samuel] He, no doubt, came to this holy man to ask advice; and Samuel thought it best to retain him for the present, with himself at Naioth, where it is supposed he had a school of prophets.²⁴

1 Samuel 19:18-24

Saul Prophecies before Samuel. (B.C. 1058).

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²³ ibid

²⁴ ibid

18 So David fled, and escaped, and came to Samuel to Ramah, and told him all that Saul had done to him. And he and Samuel went and dwelt in Naioth. 19 And it was told Saul, saying, Behold, David is at Naioth in Ramah. 20 And Saul sent messengers to take David: and when they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing as appointed over them, the Spirit of God was upon the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied. 21 And when it was told Saul, he sent other messengers, and they prophesied likewise. And Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they prophesied also. 22 Then went he also to Ramah, and came to a great well that is in Sechu: and he asked and said, Where are Samuel and David? And one said, Behold, they be at Naioth in Ramah. 23 And he went thither to Naioth in Ramah: and the Spirit of God was upon him also, and he went on, and prophesied, until he came to Naioth in Ramah. 24 And he stripped off his clothes also, and prophesied before Samuel in like manner, and lay down naked all that day and all that night. Wherefore they say, is Saul also among the prophets?

1 Samuel 19:19

And it was told Saul, saying, Behold, David is at Naioth in Ramah. 20 And Saul sent messengers to take David: and when they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing as appointed over them, the Spirit of God was upon the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied. [The company of the prophets prophesying] Employed in religious exercises.²⁵

[Samuel standing as appointed over them] Being head or president of the school at this place.

[The Spirit of God was upon the messengers] They partook of the same influence, and joined in the same exercise; and thus were prevented from seizing David.

1 Samuel 19:21-22

And when it was told Saul, he sent other messengers, and they prophesied likewise. And Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they prophesied also.

1 Samuel 19:23

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And he went thither to Naioth in Ramah: and the Spirit of God was upon him also, and he went on, and prophesied, until he came to Naioth in Ramah. [He went on, and prophesied] The divine Spirit seemed to have seized him at the well of Sechu; and he went on from that prophesying-praying, singing praises, etc.-until he came to Naioth.

1 Samuel 19:24

And he stripped off his clothes also, and prophesied before Samuel in like manner, and lay down naked all that day and all that night. Wherefore they say, is Saul also among the prophets?

1 Samuel 19:24

[He stripped off his clothes] Threw off his royal robes or military dress retaining only his tunic; and continued so all that day and all that night, uniting with the sons of the prophets in prayers, singing praises, and other religious exercises, which were unusual to kings and warriors; and this gave rise to the saying, Is Saul also among the prophets? By bringing both him and his men thus under a divine influence, God prevented them from injuring the person of David. See the notes at 1 Sam 10:6, etc ²⁶

1 Samuel 19:18-24

Here is I. David's place of refuge. Having got away in the night from his own house, he fled not to Bethlehem to his relations, nor to any of the cities of Israel that had caressed and cried him up, to make an interest in them for his own preservation; but he ran straight to Samuel and told him all that Saul had done to him, v. 18. 1. Because Samuel was the man that had given him assurance of the crown, and his faith in that assurance now beginning to fail, and he being ready to say in his haste (or in his flight, as some read it, Ps 116:11), All men are liars ("not only Saul that promised me my life, but Samuel himself that promised me the throne"), whither should he go but to Samuel, for such encouragements, in this day of distress, as would support his faith? In flying to Samuel he made God his refuge, trusting in the shadow of his wings; where else can a good man think himself safe? 2. Because Samuel, as a prophet, was best able to advise him what to do in this day of his distress. In the psalm he penned the night before he had lifted up his prayer

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to God, and now he takes the first opportunity of waiting upon Samuel to receive direction and instruction from God. If we expect answers of peace to our prayers, we must have our ears open to God's word. 3. Because with Samuel there was a college of prophets with whom he might join in praising God, and the pleasure of this exercise would be the greatest relief imaginable to him in his present distress. He met with little rest or satisfaction in Saul's court, and therefore went to seek it in Samuel's church. And, doubtless, what little pleasure is to be had in this world those have it that live a life of communion with God; to this David retired in the time of trouble, (Ps. 27:4-6).²⁷

1 Samuel 19:18-24

II. David's protection in this place: He and Samuel went and dwelt (or lodged) in Naioth, where the school of the prophets was, in Ramah, as in a privileged place, for the Philistines themselves would not disturb that meeting, ch. 10:10. But Saul, having notice of it by some of his spies (v. 19), sent officers to seize David, v. 20. When they did not bring him he sent more; when they returned not he sent the third time (v. 21), and, hearing no tidings of these, he went himself, v. 22. So impatient was he in his thirst after David's blood, so restless to compass his design against him, that, though baffled by one providence after another, he could not perceive that David was under the special protection of Heaven. It was below the king to go himself on such an errand as this; but persecutors will stoop to anything, and stick at nothing, to gratify their malice. Saul lays aside all public business to hunt David. How was David delivered, now that he was just ready to fall (like his own lamb formerly) into the mouth of the lions? Not as he delivered his lamb, by slaying the lion, or, as Elijah was delivered, by consuming the messengers with fire from heaven, but by turning the lions for the present into lambs.²⁸

1 Samuel 19:11-17

1. When the messengers came into the congregation where David was among the prophets the Spirit of God came upon them, and they prophesied, that is, they joined with the rest in praising God. Instead of seizing David, they themselves were seized. And thus, (1.) God secured David; for either they were put into such an ecstasy by the spirit of prophecy that they could not think of anything else, and so forgot their errand and never minded David, or they were by it put, for the present, into so good a frame that they could not entertain the thought of doing so

²⁷ Ibid Matthew Henry

²⁸ ibid

bad a thing. (2.) He put an honour upon the sons of the prophets and the communion of saints, and showed how he can, when he pleases, strike an awe upon the worst of men, by the tokens of his presence in the assemblies of the faithful, and force them to acknowledge that God is with them of a truth, 1 Cor. 14:24,25. See also the benefit of religious societies, and what good impressions may be made by them on minds that seemed unapt to receive such impressions. And where may the influences of the Spirit be expected but in the congregations of the saints? (3.) He magnified his power over the spirits of men. He that made the heart and tongue can manage both to serve his own purposes. Balaam prophesied the happiness of Israel, whom he would have cursed; and some of the Jewish writers think these messengers prophesied the advancement of David to the throne of Israel.²⁹

1 Samuel 19:18-24

2. Saul himself was likewise seized with the spirit of prophecy before he came to the place. One would have thought that so bad a man as he was in no danger of being turned into a prophet; yet, when God will take this way of protecting David, even Saul had no sooner come (as bishop Hall expresses it) within smell of the smoke of Naioth but he prophesies, as his messengers did, v. 23. He stripped off his royal robe and warlike habiliments, because they were either too fine or too heavy for this service, and fell into a trance as it should seem, or into a rapture, which continued all that day and night. The saints at Damascus were delivered from the range of the New-Testament Saul by a change wrought on his spirit, but of another nature from this. This was only amazing, but that sanctifying—this for a day, that forever. Note, Many have great gifts and yet no grace, prophesy in Christ's name and yet are disowned by him, Matt 7:22, 23. Now the proverb recurs, Is Saul among the prophets? See ch. 10:12. Then it was different from what it had been, but now contrary. He is rejected of God, and actuated by an evil spirit, and yet among the prophets.³⁰

INNER CONFLICTS

²⁹ ibid

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There are two main causes for a person's inner problems. The first issue is as the Word of God calls it, "the flesh, or the 'old man,'" and the old man that part of the person who is living in the carnal nature of the person's flesh. It is the rebellious person's will that is being influenced and tempted by Satan. The second cause for inner problems is the working of evil spirits. Demons will tie themselves to the person's mind or flesh or emotions. This bondage will cause terrible physical manifestations. These demons will not relinquish their evil hold unless compelled to do so by a Christian who is empowered by Jesus.

Sin is the reason for the lack of peace in the mind of men and women. We cannot counsel the demons out of their minds. We cannot change their lives with psychology. We must return to the basic of the Word of God and Jesus Christ as Lord. We must depart from this global explosion of false religious peace of a strange, new, universally accepted Jesus that is being introduced into the Christian Church, a "Jesus" who resides in Buddhist and Shinto Temples and shrines. This is a "Jesus" who approves homosexuality and never condemns.

Texe Marrs says it is the global explosion of religious blasphemy that has women dancing and mentally having sex with a dreamy "Jesus." Through the spiritual powers of this blasphemy; people are holy laughing hysterically in churches, barking like dogs, roaring like lions and screaming like hyenas.

The stage is being set to bring the Antichrist to power. Will this new Jesus deceive the whole world? Is the Great Apostasy as prophesied in (2 Thess. 2), the end-time stage in which the full powers and miraculous works of Satan's Antichrist come to fullness?

It is very evident that the natural "psyche" men and women do not understand the things of God. Also will not understand the things of Satan. If the spiritual person is a believer and understands the things of God that person should also understand the things of the spirit of the devil. While many have received instruction concerning the Holy Spirit, only a few have been taught about the wiles of the unholy spirit, The Bible is a supernatural book inspired by God and shows the reality of the transference of spirits.

The apostle Paul shows us in (1Cor. 2:11), **"For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the**

spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But 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."

Consider (2 Kin. 6:13), the king of Syria sends his army to Dothan to capture Elijah. His servant saw the city besieged with chariots and horses. He feared for his master's safety. He asked, **"How shall we do?"** Elijah replied, **"Fear not."** What was the real reason for him not to fear? Clearly Elisha could spiritually see and his servant was supernaturally shown the answer after Elijah prayed for his eyes to be opened. The servant then said, **"For there be more with us than they that be with them."** The servant's spiritual eyes became 20/20. The veil was parted and he could peer into the spiritual realm. The mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha. The Bible says that, **"The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him,"** (Psa. 34:7).

Again, we see in (2 Kin. 2:11), it was a chariot with spirit horses that came for Elijah. **"My father, My Father, the chariot of Israel and the horsemen thereof,"** his servant, Elisha, saw something the prophets from the nearby school of the prophets did not see. They saw the physical body of Elijah going up vs. 7, but no record that they saw the chariot and horses of fire. God had anointed Elisha's eyes to see what was happening between two dimensions. It is here that Elijah's mantel fell upon Elisha and he received a double portion of Elijah's anointing for the Spirit of God. The Bible also records spirit-riders on spirit horses coming to earth to investigate conditions on earth (Zech. 1:7-12; 6:1-8). Jesus Christ, in His return with Saints will ride upon such horses, (Rev. 19:11, 19, 21). The armies of heaven ride upon white horses in verse 14.

"Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said . . . Be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods."

Daniel 3:16, Daniel 3:18

The narrative of the manly courage and marvelous deliverance of the three holy children, or rather champions, is well calculated to excite in the minds of believers firmness and steadfastness in upholding the truth in the teeth of tyranny and in the very jaws of death.

Let young Christians especially learn from their example, both in matters of faith in religion, and matters of uprightness in business, never to sacrifice their consciences. Lose all rather than lose your integrity, and when all else is gone, still hold fast a clear conscience as the rarest jewel which can adorn the bosom of a mortal. Be not guided by the will-o'-the-wisp of policy, but by the pole-star of divine authority.

Follow the right at all hazards. When you see no present advantage, walk by faith and not by sight. Do God the honour to trust Him when it comes to matters of loss for the sake of principle. See whether He will be your debtor! See if He doth not even in this life prove His word that "Godliness, with contentment, is great gain," and that they who "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, shall have all these things added unto them." Should it happen that, in the providence of God, you are a loser by conscience, you shall find that if the Lord pays you not back in the silver of earthly prosperity, He will discharge His promise in the gold of spiritual joy.

Remember that a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of that which he possesseth. To wear a guileless spirit, to have a heart void of offence, to have the favour and smile of God, is greater riches than the mines of Ophir could yield, or the traffic of Tyre could win.

"Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and inward contention therewith." An ounce of heart's-ease is worth a ton of gold. ³¹

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NECESSITY FOR DELIVERANCE

Some of the most common symptom of demons dwelling in a person: Emotional Problems -- Disturbances in the emotions which persist or reoccur. Some common ones are ~ resentment, hatred, anger, fear, rejection, self-pity, jealousy, depression, worry, inferiority, insecurity.

Mental problems – Disturbances in the mind or thought life.

³¹ Charles Spurgeon Commentary

Some common ones ~ mental torment, procrastination, (put off), indecision, compromise, confusion, doubt, rationalization, and loss of memory. Mental life (soul), seeks to dominate the spirit.

- Speech problems~ Outbursts or uncontrolled use o the tongue, lying, cursing, blasphemy, criticism, mockery, railing, gossip.
- Sex Problems ~ unclean thoughts that recur regarding sex; fantasy sex, fantasy sex experiences; masturbation, lust, perversions, homosexuality, fornication, adultery, incest, and harlotry, provocative.
- Addictions~ Nicotine, alcohol, drugs, medicines, caffeine, food, diet pills, diet regimes you cannot come off; Pepsi, Coke.
- Physical infirmities ~ Many diseases, and physical afflictions are due to spirits of infirmity (Lk. 13:11). When a demon of infirmity is cast, there is often the need to pray for a healing of whatever damage has been done. Always recognize, refuse and ignore imagination.
- Religious Error ~ Involvement to any degree in religious error can open the door.
- False religion ~ eastern, pagan religions, and philosophies and mind sciences
- Yoga, Karate, Jujitsu, and all the martial arts.
- Christian Cult~ Mormonism, Jehovah' Witness, Witness Lee Christian Science, Unity, Rosicrucian's, Theosophy. . . and many more.
- All those deny the necessity of the Blood of Jesus as the way of atonement for sin and salivation. Some cults include certain lodges, societies and social agencies, such as, Masonry, and all cults that use the Bible but deny the deity of Jesus Christ and His blood atonement.
- Occult & Spiritualism~ Séances. Witchcraft, magic, Ouija boards, levitation, palmistry, handwriting analysis, divination, automatic handwriting, EST,

horoscope, astrology, and any method of seeking supernatural power or wisdom or guidance or knowledge apart from God is forbidden, (Deut. 18:9-15).

- False Doctrine I Timothy warns of a great increase of doctrinal error promoted by deceiving spirits and seducing spirits in the last days. They are sent to attack both the humanity and deity of Jesus. They will deny the inspiration of the Scripture. They will distract Christians from the move of the Spirit. They will cause disunity in the body of Jesus Christ. They will cause confusion in the Church through strange doctrines. They will foster emphasis on fleshly activities as a gateway to the supernatural.

Derek Prince Expelling Demons, "The New Testament Greek word for demon is *daimonion*...in the KJV...often translated 'devil.' Associated in the NT with noun *daimonion* is the passive verb *daimonizomai*. The literal meaning of this verb is 'to be *demoned*,' that is, in some way under the influence or power of demons. In the KJV this verb is usually translated by some phrase such as 'to be possessed' or 'to be vexed' by demons or by evil spirits. However, there is no distinction in the original Greek text to support these (translated) distinctions. We dare not rest a theological distinction about the work of demons on a distinction in language which does not exist in the original.



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