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OVERCOMING SPIRITUAL DARKNESS

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Eph 4:18-19

"Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:

19 Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. "KJV"

The Scripture reveals Him in 'power and authority,' "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 seet him at His own right hand in the heavenly places," (Eph. 1:10).

How wonderful! He gives the Believer us His Heavenly power!

"That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: 18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to usward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,

21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: 22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over

all things to the church, 23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all," KJV

Our inheritance is that we have power over all Satan's power!

However look at this.

"And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus," (Eph. 2:6).

Praise the Lord! We exercise the power that He gives us, (His power), sitting in Heavenly places with Jesus! Satan is truly under our feet.

DEFENSIVE CHRISTIANS

America is becoming more pagan and heathen every day. These spirits are daily replacing our beloved Jesus and Christian faith. The marks of paganism are idol worship, *ritualis* ~ strange religious and they are prevailing. Ignorance concerning God and spiritual darkness are the distinctive features of paganism, (Eph. 4:18).

This brand of paganism is causing inhuman acts, Barbarous behaviors, "do whatever feels good spirit." It's a spirit of lawlessness is pervasive in the Church today. We find indulgences of the animal appetites, (Eph. 4:19).

Even some Christians are into lustful living, free love and perversions. There is a lack of respect for womanhood, such as cursing, smoking, and drinking. Christians are seeking for "Bible teachers" to teach them the Word of God instead of seeking God and reading the Bible. Many have created Christian Star idols. Countless of these Christian stars have needed to be taught the Word of God themselves. People are ignoring His Bible and refusing His true message revealing Jesus as the center of the Word.

The world is professing that Jesus is dead! Unfortunately they ignore the reality of the spiritual being called the Devil. He no longer flees from Christians, he has joined them. He attacks them from within the church and outside of the Church. They still desire to remain spiritually blinded to his tactics.

"For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: 6 Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: 7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in

store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men." KJV

The Apostle Timothy said, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (2 Tim. 2:15). "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil," (Eph. 6:11). The Apostle Peter added, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist steadfast in the faith," (1 Pet. 5: 8,9). Then James places a cap on the power of the Saints with the results when you do the Word of God. "Resist the devil and he will flee from you," (Jam. 4:7).

CHRISTIANS --- DEMONS?

One of the most tormenting dilemmas we face today is discovering peace of mind. The Bible speaks of God's promises of love, joy, peace, abundant life, and hope. Harassing evil spirits are driving many Christians to search for God's promises to be fulfilled through the power of man-manufactured psychology and New Age Religion. Christians must return to the basics of the Bible by living for Jesus Christ and living in the scope of the challenges as shown in the Word. Let secular people search for answers to the problems in the man-made knowledge of psychology and the New Age but Christians should seek a relationship with Jesus Christ.

The Apostle Paul warned, "But I fear lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For it he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom, we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him." (2 Cor. 11: 3-4).

PERFECT CHRISTIANS

Have you ever seen a perfect Christian?

Christians have problems also. Particularly if they are trying to serve Jesus with their past baggage of sins lingering and driving them daily to sin. As Bishop Kanco from Ghana Africa says, "We kill their past when they get saved." He says that we

cancel all generations' curses as is shown in Deuteronomy 28 and restore them with all the blessings through the blood sacrifice of Jesus."

"They have a chance to live for Jesus if they receive deliverance at their New Birth," he said. "Jesus drove the evils spirits out of Mary Magdalene before she became a lifelong believer. In Africa that's what we do, they come out of deep idolatry and sin and we clean them with the deliverance power of Jesus. Deliverance is enjoying the freedom to serve Jesus."

Bishop Kanco goes on to say, "The real evidence that you have received real DELIVERANCE is that your life is different. Those things (demons) that were controlling your life by being harassed, driven or tormented are gone. If you stole, you will not steal. If you smoked, you will not smoke. If you were addicted to drugs or alcohol, you will not be addicted. If you were depressed, fearful, sick, these symptoms will leave and you will live in peace as you follow Jesus."

"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," (1 Tim. 4:1).

"However at that time, when you did not know God, you were slaves to those which by nature are no gods. But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how is it that you turn back again to the weak and worthless elemental things, to which you desire to be enslaved all over again." (Gal. 4: 4-9).

"And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will," (2 Tim. 2:26).

"They began to murmur against God and complain against Moses...So the Lord sent poisonous snakes among them to punish them, and many of them were bitten and died." Look at the parallel between the snakes in this scripture and demons. Demons are released among us for the same reasons and with the same results. "And supper being ended, the devil now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him," (Jn. 13:2).

"And after the sup Satan entered into him. Then said "Jesus unto him, that thou doest, do quickly," (Jn. 13:27).

"And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?" (Lk. 13:16).

"Neither give place to the devil," (Eph. 4:27).

"And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, the word of God with boldness. And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common. And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them ALL. Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, and laid them down at the apostle' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need. But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession, and kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet. But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?" (Acts 4: 31-35; 5; 1-3).

"And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God: and the twelve were with him, and certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdelene, out of whom sent seven devils," (Lk. 8:1).

A person has no resistance at all to demons without Jesus! "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." (Phil. 4:13), "The natural man without Christ, is spiritually weak and highly susceptible to infestation by

demons. There is little he can do about fighting off demons if Christ is not dwelling within him." is little he can do about fighting off demons if Christ is not dwelling within him.

GOOD AND EVIL

It is recorded within us for we are like computers; thoughts fed into our subconscious minds affect us, for good or for evil. The Apostle Paul warned us what to think on in (Phil. 4:8, 9). "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things?" Those many Christians are totally unaware of the reality of the subliminal world of demons. They are invisible to the natural eye but they are real!

The Bible says that my people perish for a lack of knowledge. Multitudes are tormented because people choose to ignore the power to cast out devils. Jesus had great compassion for the possessed. He used His power to free them. Then the first assignments that He gave His followers were empowerment to cast out devils.

However, remember that every problem is not because of demons. Some problems come from the person's willful sin life. The scriptural answer to the sins of the flesh is complete surrender to Jesus, (Rom. 6: 6-11). If the problem is caused by the person's submission to the sins of the flesh, then counsel must direct that person to commitment to the Lord, His Word and abstain from sin. If it is a demon, then we must cast it out. "The things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you," (Phil. 4:9).

For our own good, we need to heed this warning in the scriptures and rid ourselves of subconscious contamination. If one seeks after another god, then one would be cursed, the children are cursed, grandchildren are cursed, and great grandchildren are cursed.

"Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; 6 And shewing

mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments," (Ex. 20:5-6). KJV

The Bible shows that the mind can be manipulate by supernatural forces. "But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same veil taken away in the reading of the old testament; which veil is done away in Christ," (2 Cor. 6:14). These devils use deception to transference spirits through the mind. "Satan disguises himself as an "angel of light," (2 Cor. 11:14), appearing to men as a messenger of that which is good and wholesome to indicate that truly he comes from God.

JESUS comes to abide in your spirit, when you are born again as a Christian,

The Bible shows that a person is a triune being. You have a body, soul and spirit. Then you have a soul which consists with mind, will and emotions. Experience bears witness to the fact many Christians become sick with cancer. . . This author has cast many cancer demons out to see the victims recover. To what degree is high blood pressure, heart trouble can involve demonic activity?

To what extent do you believe that your soul can be affected by demons in the realms of your emotions? Do you have a bad temper? Is there mental illness in your family background? Do you have a bi-polar personality? Do you have rejection, hate, unforgiveness, isolation, visiting you daily? Are you harassed by the powers of darkness?

Do you come across the problem that your spirit has trouble serving the Lord JESUS the way the bible tells you to do and you can't pray or read the Bible? The demons have your spirit surrounded and bound.

Clearly, correct diagnosis is of major importance. We must discern what we are dealing with each case. Is the problem being caused by oppression of the flesh? If this is the reason, then we must counsel the person to totally commit his/or life to Jesus Christ. (Gal. 5:24). "And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts." If it a question of demon possession, then we must cast it out according," (Mk. 5, 8, 16:17 and Acts 8:7), and only born again

Christians have this supernatural ability. Remember, you cannot cast out a person's flesh nor can you crucify an evil spirit!

Do you know what happens to Christians that are having demonic problems? They are falling through the cracks and are being sent to psychologist or psychiatrists. They are being drugged and some even sent to the mental wards. Have mercy Lord Jesus.

Many children of God and sick in bodies, sick in minds, can't seem to serve God, can't read the Word of God, can't go to church, can't pay tithes, gripe about the preacher, their spouse or the people in the church. Christian people swing and dance, sing and eat but many are luke warm in their commitment to Jesus!

DEMONS CAUSE SERIOUS PROBLEMS

Could it be . . . demons? Yes, I believe that most of the time that it is demons that are causing these serious problems. JESUS said in (Jn. 10:10) "Satan has come to kill, steal and destroy, but that He (JESUS) has come to give life and life abundantly. JESUS also came to destroy the works of the devil," (1 Jn. 3:8).

However, many Christian leader simply teach, that Christians cannot have devils! Believe me, I've ministered to thousands backsliders who were demon possessed, pastors, leaders, and believers among them.

A local minister, I'll call him Jerry, had a big church. Many people in his church were dabbling in New Age occult activity. He let them hold occult séance classes in his church. He followed them. One day Jerry attended a local Christian men's luncheon where he repented and received Jesus. He got so excited about the Lord and started preparing Bible studies concerning salvation for his congregation. "I've been preaching since I was seventeen-years-old but I was never born again." He told them that he had truly met Jesus at a Christian men's luncheon and that it was important for them to know Jesus from His Word."

After preaching Jesus to the people, they ran him out the church. Later Jerry was sent the mental intuition. He was being harassed by evil spirits. He was

pronounced a schizophrenic; given powerful drugs and released. After his discharge, his wife heard about Pat Holliday and brought him to my prayer meeting.

Jerry told me his story. "I was very successful in the pulpit before I found Jesus. Honey, I could get the people to give money and they were very happy with my messengers. I became involved with their psychic activities. I loved it and thought that we were actually reaching God. I spoke to my dead mom in those meetings and felt so much joy each time."

He told me after attending the Christian men's luncheon; his congregation told him that he was not talking to his mom but a demon that was impersonating her. Jerry said, "The Christian men ministered to me and lead me to Jesus. Those demons attacked me day and night after I lost my church. But, I know that Jesus is real and I've hung on to Him."

This preacher was a janitor at a Christian retreat. No one knew how to set him free from the tormenting demons that he had invited into his life.

I ministered deliverance and Jerry was set free. It is so dangerous to play around with the New Age because there are so few people that have been trained to cast demons out. I'm telling you, untold numbers of people are ensnared by the power of darkness because the American Christian Church chooses to remain ignorant of God's Word. Jesus said that He came to set the captives free, John 8:36, "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed," KJV In addition, He gave His disciples the power to stand in His anointing and set the captives free. Mark 16:17-18, "And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; 18 .They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover," KJV

Jesus says in Mark Chapter 7 beginning at verse 21, "For from within, [that is] out of the hearts of men, come base and wicked thoughts, sexual immorality, stealing, murder, adultery; 22). Coveting (a greedy desire to have more wealth), dangerous and destructive wickedness, deceit; unrestrained

(indecent) conduct; an evil eye (envy), slander (evil speaking, malicious misrepresentation, abusiveness), pride (the sin of an uplifted heart against God and man), foolishness (folly, lack of sense, recklessness, thoughtlessness).

23) All these evil [purposes and desires] come from within and they make the man unclean and render him unhallowed."

These names that shown above are all names of demons. Look at these early Christians that had backslide and how the Apostle Paul dealt with them. "In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when you are gathered together, and my spirit with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, to deliver such an one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus" (1 Cor. 5:4, 5). Apostle here deals with disobedient and sinful believer in the church at Corinth. (Verse 10), specifically emphasizes that he is speaking not about evildoers of the world but in the church. (Verse12), Again it is made clear.

Use your authority-Satan must obey. Demons don't have a choice- They tremble and run when a believing, Christian will command and agree with the Word of God. It is God's will for you to be free from every evil influence of the devil. "And these attesting signs will accompany those who BELIEVE: in My Name they will cast OUT demons..." (Mk. 16:17).

- 1. Provisions made by His Word.
- 2. Through blood of Jesus.
- 3. Though Prayer
- 4. Through His delegated authority.
- 5. Through His Armor.
- 6. Weapons
- 7. Believing Christians

UNFORGIVENESS

JESUS said in the scriptures that if we don't forgive the people who have hurt us then He will not forgive us. That's not anything to play around with. I want to be forgiven and if that person who hurt me is going to keep me from God then I will quickly forgive them. (Matt. 6:12), "And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven (left, remitted and let go of the debts, and have given up resentment against) our debtors."

(Matt. 6:14-15), "For if you forgive people their trespasses [their reckless and willful sins, leaving them, letting them go, and giving up resentment]; your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their trespasses [their reckless and willful sins, leaving them, letting them go, and giving up resentment], neither will your Father forgive you your trespasses."

If you will forgive the people who have hurt you, then you will be able to receive DELIVERANCE. Demons work in legalities and unforgiveness is a legal hold that gives the legal right to stay and torment. Unforgiveness can bring cancer, arthritis or a host of other illnesses. I minister to many people who have bitterness and unforgiveness cause these diseases and they repent from unforgiveness, the bitterness demons leave and God heals them.

"To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me," (Acts 26:18).

To choose unforgiveness is a choice to allow someone other than the Lord to control our life.

It is a choice to be a victim when Christ wants to set us free.

Gives ground to the enemy so he can set up a fifth column base (operation of hidden enemy from (inside) in our lives, (Eph. 4:26:27).

"And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil," (Lk. 11:4).

Hurt can control your life Forgiveness says,

- 1. "I will accept the hurt as part of the price of forgiving."
- 2. God will heal the hurt when you do things His way.

'Who forgiveth al thine iniquities, who healeth all thy diseases?" (See Matt. 6:14; Acts 5:31; Acts 13:38;1 Jn. 1:9).

Acts of the Will,

"And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you," KJV (Eph. 4:32).

Sin of unforgiveness.

"In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace," (Eph. 1:7).

'Who forgiveth al thine iniquities, who healeth all thy diseases," (See Matt. 6:14; Acts 5:31; Acts 13:38; 1 Jn. 1:9).

Root of Bitterness established from unforgiveness.

"The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity, but a wounded spirit who can bear?" (Prov. 18:1-4).

"The words of a talebearer are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly," (Prov. 18:8).

Goes inside and attacks minds, bodies and spirit.

Wounded spirits, broken hearts and malicious words cause unbearable wounds.

Words are powerful and accomplish good or evil. (Prov. 17:22) says that "a merry heart does good like a medicine but a broken spirit dries the bones; produces spiritual and physical sickness."

(Psa. 6:2), "Have mercy upon me, O LORD; for I am weak: O LORD, heal me; for my bones are vexed."

FREEDOM

I believe that Christians can live free from mental torture, panic, envy, hatred, pride, self-pity, addiction, gluttony and all other forms of bondage, oppression and defilement! The Christian life is called a race in Hebrews. This race begins at the New Birth, (Jn. 3:3). It begins when the Christian offers himself to Christ, (Rom. 12:1,2). It begins when a purging takes place, (2 Tim. 2:21). Every Christian must

learn that the race has rules. It must be run with your eyes on Jesus Christ, (Heb. 12:2). It must be run with Heavenly affection, (Col. 3:2). It must be run with your feet shod with the gospel, (Eph. 6:15). This race has a definite course. It consists in contending for the faith, (Jude 2), It consists in abounding in the Lord's work, (I Cor. 15:58). It consists in holding forth the Word, (Phil. 2:16). This race has a goal. The goal is not to become a castaway, (I Cor. 9:27). The goal is to fulfill our high calling, (Phil. 3:14). The goal is treasures in Heaven, (Matt. 6:20).

Every Christian will tell you that this race has hindrances. There is a hindrance of lack of faith, (Matt. 14:21); a lack of love, (Lk. 7:47), the hindrance of unconfessed sin, (Rev. 2:5). However the Christians' race will be rewarded. We will have an incorruptible Crown for all runners; (I Cor. 9:25), a Crown of Life for faithful Christians, (Rev. 2:10), a Crown of Glory for faithful pastors, (I Pet. 5:4). This successful Christian life must be one of yielded life to Jesus.

(Matt. 18:32-35), "Then his master called him and said to him, you contemptible and wicked attendant! I forgave and canceled all that [great] debt of yours because you begged me to. And should you not have had pity and mercy on your fellow attendant, as I had pity and mercy on you? And in wrath his master turned him over to the torturers (the jailers), till he should pay all that he owed, so also My heavenly Father will deal with every one of you if you do not freely forgive your brother from your heart his offenses."

There is torment involved with unforgiveness. According to this scripture, God allows these demons to torment us if we do not forgive.

PRAYER

A sample prayer is as follows:

Father, in JESUS' name, I confess that I have not loved but have felt bitter about certain people who have hurt or disappointed me and I held unforgiveness in my heart. I call upon You, Lord, to help me forgive them. Father. Forgiveness is not a feeling. It happens as an act of my free will. I am having a problem forgiving them. I know that a demon is involved and blocking me. Father, in JESUS' name,

my will is to forgive them. I will forgive my mother, father, brothers, sisters, uncles, aunts, grandparents, teachers, friends, bosses, ex-spouses, and anyone else who has hurt me. Amen."

If any name comes to your mind then speak their name. For example, a stepfather, or the preacher or any one from the church or churches you have attended.

I give these people to You Lord JESUS and ask You to save their souls. I forgive myself and receive your forgiveness for my trespasses. Thank You for delivering me from bitterness, unforgiveness and all sicknesses attached, including all the tormentors, in Jesus Name. Amen

I ask You to forgive me for gossiping and slandering them because of the hardness of my heart. If they are not saved, I ask You to save them. If they are saved, I ask that You forgive them and I will forgive them and pray for them. In Jesus name.