

Spiritual Warfare

Lecture 6 of "Praying To Get Results"

Spiritual Oppression

- ▶ Christians cannot be fully possessed by the Devil (because they have the Holy Spirit) but they can be oppressed, hindered and harassed.
- ▶ Such spiritual oppression often stems from things such as involvement in the occult, false teaching, and sexual immorality, or from keeping idols or magic books in the house (Deut. 7:24-26).
- ▶ Oppression can also come from outside through curses and witch-craft or from within ourselves because we harbor hatred, bitterness, malice and unforgiveness in our hearts (Matthew 18:21-35, Ephesians 4:25-32)

Symptoms

- ▶ 1. Hopelessness, despair, loss of confidence, spiritual anguish and struggle, the constant feeling of accusation or of being 'unclean' in some way.
- ▶ 2. The sense of being cursed or of being the victim of some malicious spiritual force. A feeling that hatred, malice or envy is being directed at you in order to destroy you.
- ▶ 3. An out-of-control thought life, very vivid fantasies and daydreams, being unable to think straight. Numerous fears.
- ▶ 4. A sense of being 'blocked' or stifled in one's Christian life. A pronounced loss of enthusiasm for spiritual things.
- ▶ 5. Addictions, compulsions, lying, impulsiveness, habitual folly, excessive materialism, being hyper-critical, outbursts of anger, a long line of broken relationships.
- ▶ 6. The feeling of being attacked, strangled or seduced by spirits during one's sleep. Seeing dark shapes. Hearing seducing, accusing or very demanding voices.
- ▶ 7. Unusual, even bizarre accidents and illnesses, constant financial problems, a continual lack of success in life despite one's best efforts.

Idols In The Temple

- ▶ At times idols were set up in the Temple, the Holy of Holies remained intact but foreign gods, abominations and demons dwelt openly in God's house!
- ▶ 2 Chronicles 33:7 - Manasseh
- ▶ Daniel 9:27 - the abomination of desolation
- ▶ Ezekiel 8:1-18 - the extensive idolatry within the Temple before the Babylonian invasion
- ▶ Christians are temples of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 3:16,17, 6:19)
- ▶ Christians should have nothing to do with idols! (2 Cor 6:14-18)
- ▶ Our homes, churches and even our bodies can become dwelling places of evil if we make "pacts" with it and allow it to come in!
- ▶ However Christ in us remains intact!

Cannot Take Away Our Salvation

- ▶ Totally Protected: John 10:28,29 | John 5:18,19
- ▶ The True Eternal Self: | Jn 3:9, Rom 7:17,20; Col 3:1-4, | Jn 3:1-3
- ▶ Christ In You The Hope of Glory: Col 1:27, Rom 8:9-11, | Cor 6:19
- ▶ The Devil CAN Cause Afflictions: | Peter 5:8,9
- ▶ Affliction Is Part of The Godly Life: | Thess 1:6, 3:3, 2 Tim 1:8, 3:11, 4:5
Heb 11:25,37
- ▶ Affliction Can Be Glorious: Col 1:24, 2 Cor 4:15-18
- ▶ The Devil Can Only Touch The Outer Man: Job 1,2
- ▶ The Outer Man Is Decaying Anyway: 2 Cor 4:16
- ▶ And The World Is Passing Away: | Jn 2:15-17, 2 Pet 3:10, Js 1:10,11
- ▶ Nothing Can Separate Us From God's Love: Romans 8:31-39
- ▶ The Resurrection Is Our Victory: | Corinthians 15:48-58

Acts 19....

- ▶ Read Acts chapter 19 and list all the seven kinds of spiritual warfare taking place in Ephesus at this time...
- ▶ V. 1-7 _____
- ▶ V.8-10 _____
- ▶ V. 11 _____
- ▶ V.13-17 _____
- ▶ V.18-20 _____
- ▶ V. 21-27 _____
- ▶ V. 28-41 _____

Ephesus City of Spiritual Warfare

- ▶ Acts 19 tells us that Ephesus was full of occult activity such as Jewish exorcists, magicians, idol manufacturers and above them all a gigantic temple to Diana (also known as Artemis).
- ▶ The apostles Paul and John both ministered there and the epistles of Ephesians and 1 John (both written to the church in Ephesus) tell us much about how to combat spiritual oppression.
- ▶ Another center of spiritual warfare was Pergamos (where Satan's throne, the temple and altar to Zeus) was.

Christ's Conquest!

- ▶ 1. The powers of darkness are real (Ephesians 2:2, 6:12)
- ▶ 2. But Christ has conquered them (Ephesians 1:19-23, 4:8, Colossians. 2:15) and they must submit to His Name (Philippians 2:10,11)
- ▶ 3. Jesus Christ has ascended into Heaven (Ephesians 1:19-23, 4:8-10) and Christians have been seated with Him in the heavenly realms (Ephesians 2:6) so we also have spiritual authority (1 Corinthians 6:2,3).

Our Protection

- ▶ (1 John 3:8 NKJV) He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.
- ▶ (1 John 4:4 NKJV) You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.
- ▶ (1 John 5:18 NKJV) We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him.

We CAN Deal With Demons!

- ▶ (Luke 9:1 NKJV) Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases.
- ▶ (Luke 10:1, 17-24 NKJV) After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to...Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name." {18} And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. {19} "Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. {20} "Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."

Steps To Victory!

- ▶ 1. If we admit our situation and honestly confess our sins we will be forgiven and the blood of Christ will cleanse us from all sin (1 Jn 1:7-9)
- ▶ 2. So we see that through Christ we have a right to spiritual cleansing. (Hebrews 9:14)
- ▶ 3. We must renounce the hidden deeds of darkness (Ephesians 5:11-14) including the occult, sexual immorality & covetousness (Ephesians 5:2-5) and all hatred (1 John 2:9-11) and decide to walk in the light as He is in the light (1 John 1:5-7, Ephesians 5:8-10). This is often called removing the ground the enemy has in our lives.
- ▶ 4. After this we should then ask for the filling of the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 5:18) and put on each piece of the whole armor of God by prayer (Ephesians 6:10-20)

Destroy All Occult Objects!

- ▶ Deuteronomy 7:25,26; 18:9-14, 32:7
- ▶ Leviticus 19:31
- ▶ 1 Chronicles 14:12
- ▶ Micah 1:7
- ▶ 1 Kings 15:13
- ▶ Isaiah 47:13
- ▶ Acts 19:18-20
- ▶ 1 Corinthians 10:14
- ▶ Occults associated with idolatry, false religions, the occult, and with divination (crystal balls, ouija boards etc) should be burned.
- ▶ They are accursed and they bring a curse on the house they are in!
- ▶ God has tremendous wrath towards such objects and practices: Deut 11:16,17; 29:22-29, Micah 5:12-14, 2 Chronicles 24:18

Binding & Loosing

- ▶ Power to bind and to loose has been delivered over to God's church (Matthew 16:18-19)
- ▶ And can be exercised by any two or three Christians coming together in agreement before God (Matthew 18:18-20).
- ▶ Because of the authority we have been given on the basis of the completed work of Christ we can come against Satan as "someone stronger" and overpower him, binding his activities (Matthew 12:29), neutralising his weapons (Luke 11:22) and taking back the things he claims ownership of. (Luke 11:22).

In The Name of Jesus

- ▶ (John 14:13-14 NKJV) "And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. {14} "If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.
- ▶ (John 15:16 NKJV) "You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you
- ▶ (Luke 10:17-19 NRSV) The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" {18} He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. {19} See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you.
- ▶ (Acts 16:18 NRSV) {18} She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

Scripture Ref	Satan's Trick	Our Victory
John 10;10	Steal, Kill, Destroy	Take hold of the abundant life in Christ
I Timothy 3:6,7	Pride leading to condemnation	Wise appointing of those in spiritual authority
Rev 12:10,11	Accusation	The blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony..testifying to what the blood of the Lamb has done for you.
Luke 4:1-13	Temptation through misapplied Scriptures that seem to validate fleshly desires for physical appetite, specialness to God and power.	Knowing the Scriptures so well that you can spot the lie and counter it with a more appropriate Scripture.

I Timothy 4:1-7	Deceptive false teachings	Reject fanciful tales, teach the Scriptures, sound doctrine, thankfulness, prayer
James 2:17-26 Matthew 7:15-28	False assurance of salvation	A godly life of good works based on Jesus teaching is evidence of having true faith.
Deut 7:25, 18:10-13, 32:7, Lev 19:31 Isaiah 47:13,Acts 19:19 I Corinthians 10:14	Ensnarement in the occult , divination astrology, and the worship of false gods.	Destroy all objects associated with it. Complete disassociation from it.
2 Corinthians 10:3-5 Ephesians 6:10-21 Romans 8:4-6, 12:1,2 Philippians 4:8 Colossians 3:1-4.	Strongholds made of thoughts that oppose God -especially prideful thoughts and unbelief. These thoughts can control the life and emotions of a person, church or country.	Biblical apologetics, renewing the mind. Setting the mind on the things of the Spirit Use of our spiritual armour combined with faith, the word of God, prayer in the Spirit and humble submission.

Matthew 23:17,19,24,26 Luke 4:18 John 9:39 Romans 10:7-10,25 2Corinthians 3:14-17, 4:3,4 Ephesians 4:17-24, 1 John 2:10,11	Blinding the minds of unbelievers. Especially those who stubbornly refuse Christ.	Turning to Christ. Having a willingness to accept the light and seek it further. Renewal of the mind. Loving your brother in Christ Good teaching and intercession can "open the eyes of the blind".
1 Corinthians 10:14-22	Religious ceremonies that appear "cultural" but are in fact demonic.	Awareness of the spiritual realities that undergird such things. Not participating in them.
Matthew 12:27-29, 16:19, 18:18-20, Luke 11:19-22	Unrestrained Satanic activity. Spiritual wickedness in the heavenly realms. Spiritual "strong men" occupying a person, place or nation.	Binding and loosing in Jesus name which may often have a corporate dimension to it.

Matthew 9:32-34 Luke 13:11-16 Matthew 8:16,17 Mark 9:14-29	Disease caused by demons (not all disease is meant)	Healing. Prayer and fasting. Faith. Use of command prayers in the name of Jesus.
Luke 10:17-19 Acts 16:16-18 Mark 5:1-20, 9:14-29 Luke 11:20-26 Acts 5:16, 8:7	Demon-possession	Use of the name of Jesus with authority. Command the demons to leave. Sometimes it may help to identify the demons. Then the delivered person must live a Holy Spirit filled life. Faith and prayer are necessary and sometimes fasting.

A Prayer – Part 1

- ▶ *I honestly confess my sins (list them) including any occult involvement of my parents and ancestors (list them) (Exodus 20:5, Deuteronomy 5:9, 2 Samuel 21:1)*
- ▶ *I renounce the Devil and all his works. (this may include destroying occult objects such as magic books & idols) (Acts 19:17-20, Deuteronomy 7:24-26)*
- ▶ *I forgive others (list their names) just as Jesus Christ has forgiven me. (Ephesians 4:32, Matthew 6:12-15,)*
- ▶ *I claim my spiritual cleansing by the blood of Jesus Christ whom I confess to be my Savior and my Lord. (1 John 1:7-9, Hebrews 9:14)*

A Prayer – Part Two

- ▶ *I now give any ground that Satan may have had in my life over to the Lordship of Jesus Christ and I ask for God to fill me with the Holy Spirit and with joy. (Ephesians 5:1-18)*
- ▶ *I take up my spiritual authority as one seated in heavenly realms with Christ Jesus and in the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth I command Satan and all his demons to depart from me. (Ephesians 2:6, 1:20, Mark 3:15, 16:17,18; Luke 9:1)*
- ▶ *I claim that all curses spoken and written against me are broken by the cross of Jesus Christ. (Galatians 3:10-14, Colossians 2:13-15) and that I have all the spiritual blessings in the heavenly realms (Ephesians 1:3) including the blessings of Abraham (Galatians 3:14,29) for God has out-blessed the curse (Psalm 109:28) and turned it into a blessing (Deuteronomy 23:5)*
- ▶ *And I now prayerfully put on each piece of the full armor of God (name each piece see Ephesians 6:10-20) and I will walk in the light as He is in the light (1 John 1:5-7). In Jesus' Name. Amen.*

The Process

- ▶ Many people have found that it is very helpful to pray the prayer for spiritual cleansing twice a day for about two or three weeks. (“Spiritual Antibiotics”)
- ▶ As you pray you will begin to feel ‘lighter’ spiritually and the heaviness of the spiritual oppression will fade away.
- ▶ God may bring things to mind that you have to do, such as apologizing to someone or repaying a debt. As you follow these leadings of the Holy Spirit you will find relief.

Precautions!

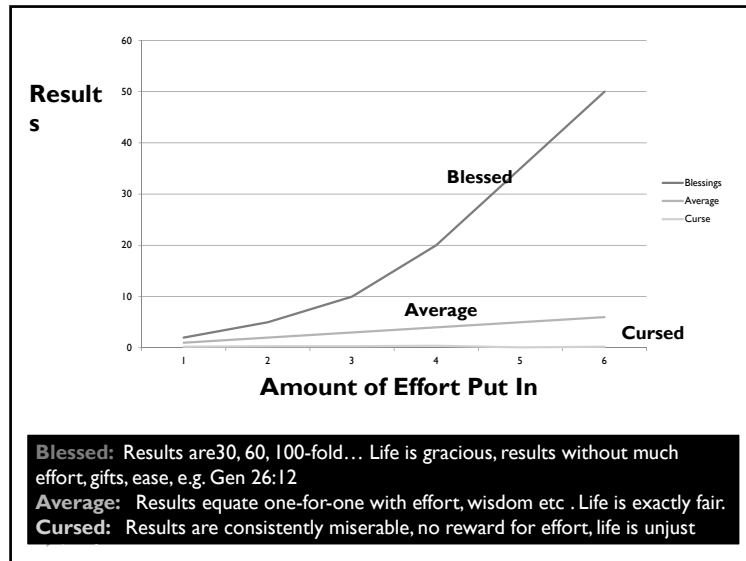
- ▶ Have a prayer covering before, during and afterwards.
- ▶ Minister in teams of two or three with at least one experienced person in the team.
- ▶ Never minister deliverance alone with a person of the opposite gender
- ▶ Always obey the Spirit’s leading in every detail
- ▶ Use the name of Jesus, not power objects or rituals
- ▶ Be cautious about laying hands on a person who is manifesting instead “cast them out with a word..”
- ▶ Use the spiritual cleansing prayer first. “Remove the rubbish and the rats will leave”
- ▶ Do not use physical force, do not do anything illegal or sexual
- ▶ Do not give legal, medical or financial advice
- ▶ Never tell anyone to alter their medications

Malign Spiritual Influences

- ▶ The Kingdom of darkness operates via “spiritual forces” and sometimes is almost “mechanical” in nature.
- ▶ Occult practitioners utter words to harm people (curses) use magic diagrams often in the shape of a hexagon (hexes) and create influences on the mind/ spiritual situation (spells) they may also try love magic, prosperity magic, binding magic, magic that drives away evil influences and so on.
- ▶ Sometimes these can lead to a Christian being visited by an evil spirit to damage their health or even to seduce them (incubus and succubus).
- ▶ While there is some power in these things, Satan is a defeated foe who has been disarmed upon the Cross (Colossians 2:13-15) so we have the resources in Christ to revoke and break the power of all of these devices.

Blessings & Curses

- ▶ **BLESSINGS** start in Genesis 1:22,28 and involve supernatural abundance through grace and the power of God. The three fundamental are:
Be Fruitful – your work prospers, life is abundant
Multiply – you increase numerically in an exponential way
Have Dominion – your will is accomplished, you lead and dominate, you are the head not the tail
- ▶ **CURSES** begin with the Fall in Genesis 3:14-17 and involve supernatural hindrance and humiliation through divine judgment and opposition.
Toil Without Production – hard work, thorns, thistles, sweat, have to earn everything the hard way, even the basics of life are hard
Pain in Child-Bearing – everything is an agony, no increase in numbers, futility, intimate relationships move from equal to dominating
Eat The Dust – removal of status, humiliation, being the tail not the head, ultimate defeat, being crushed under the feet.



The Power of Spiritual Words

- ▶ Words spoken in or from the spirit have extraordinary power. God used them to create the world and still uses them to sustain the world (Genesis 1, Hebrews 1:1-3, 11:1-6)
- ▶ In the word of a King there is power (Eccl 8:4)
- ▶ Life and death are in the power of the tongue (Prov. 18:21)
- ▶ Isaac's irrevocable blessing of Jacob (Gen 27:25-30)
- ▶ "When thy sayings come to pass..." (Judges 13:17)
- ▶ "Say to this mountain..." (Matthew 21:21,22)
- ▶ "Rise up and walk..." (Acts 3:6, 12, 16)
- ▶ "Be blind for a season..." (Acts 13:8-12)

The Blessings of Abraham

- ▶ **FRUITFUL** – a son, the land, great wealth, a great nation
- ▶ **MULTIPLY** – as the stars of the heaven, dust of the earth
- ▶ **DOMINION** – made a great prince, victory over the gates of his enemies (Gen 22), I will bless him who blesses you and curse him who curses you, God as Defender.
- ▶ Isaiah 51:2, Genesis 12:1-3, 14:19,20; 17:15-22, 18:18, 22:15-18; 24:1, 34,35; 26:1-4,23-25;
- ▶ Christians inherit the blessings of Abraham including his spiritual blessings (Galatians 3:6-29)
- ▶ Christians inherit ALL the blessings in the heavenly realms (Eph 1:3)
- ▶ Christians are freed from all curses, including the curses of the Law, through the cross of Jesus Christ. (Galatians 3:10-14, Col 2:13-15)

Curses In The Bible - 1

- ▶ Original Curses: Genesis 3:14,17; 4:11,12; 5:29; 8:21
- ▶ Curses On a Whole Lineage: Genesis 9:25, 49:7
- ▶ Curses on Enemies: Genesis 12:3, 27:29, Deut 30:7, Isaiah 34:5
- ▶ Religious Curses For Marital Unfaithfulness: Leviticus 5:11-21
- ▶ Balaam Being Hired To Curse Israel: Numbers 22:1-11
- ▶ Curses For Idolatry: Deut 7:26, 11:26,27
- ▶ Curses For Disobedience in Battle: Deut 13:17, Joshua 7:10-15,22:20
- ▶ Curses Turned Into Blessings: Dt 23:5, 24:9,10 Nh 13:2, Ps 109:28, Zech 8:13
- ▶ Curses For Breaking The Law: Deut 27:13-26, 28:15-68, Jer 4:20-23, Dan 9:11
- ▶ The Curse on Jericho: Joshua 6:26
- ▶ The Curse on the Gibeonites: Joshua 9:22-27
- ▶ Goliath's Ineffective Curse: 1 Samuel 17:42-47
- ▶ Elisha's Curse On The Disrespectful Youths: 2 Kings 2:23,24

Curses In The Bible - 2

- ▶ Cursing The Day: Job 3:1-9, Jeremiah 20:14,15
 - ▶ The Curse On The House Of The Foolish Man: Job 5:1-4
 - ▶ The Choice of God And Curses: Ps 37:21-24, Prov 3:33
 - ▶ The Inward Curse: Ps 62:4
 - ▶ The Proud Are Cursed: Ps 119:21
 - ▶ Stingy People Are Cursed: Prov 11:26
 - ▶ Those Who Approve The Wicked Are Cursed: Prov 24:24
 - ▶ A Causeless Cause Will Not Come: Prov 26;2
 - ▶ Ignoring The Poor Brings Many Curses: Prov 28;27
 - ▶ Injustice Curses The Entire Land: Isaiah 24:1-12
 - ▶ Those Who "Trust In Man" Are Cursed: Jeremiah 17:5
 - ▶ Curses Rest on Those Who Do God's Work Badly: Jer 48:10, Mal 1:13,14; 2;2
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Curses In The Bible - 3

- ▶ Scroll of Curses: Zechariah 5:1-4
 - ▶ Family Disharmony Brings a Curse: Malachi 4:6
 - ▶ The Selfish Are Cursed: Matthew 25:41
 - ▶ The Curse on The Fig-Tree: Mark 11:12-26
 - ▶ Preachers of A False Gospel Are Accursed: Galatians 1:8,9, 2 Pet 2:14
 - ▶ Jesus Ends The Curse: Galatians 3:10-14
 - ▶ Christians Are Not To Curse: Matt 5:44, Lk 6:28, Rom 12:14, Jas 3:9
 - ▶ There Will Be No Curse In The New Heaven & Earth: Rev 22:3
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Removing A Curse

- ▶ Repent – change the attitude or behavior that brought the curse, and destroy objects that bring the curse.
 - ▶ Adopt righteous behavior e.g. generosity instead of stinginess
 - ▶ Trust in Christ who breaks all curses on the Cross.
 - ▶ Pray the prayer for Spiritual Cleansing mentioned earlier
 - ▶ You may need to make restitution
 - ▶ A dramatic example: 2 Samuel 21:1-9
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Magic Spells & Sorcery

- ▶ An Abomination: Deut 18:9-14, Exodus 22:18, Lev 19:26, 2 Chr 33:6
 - ▶ Practice Therof: Job 3:8
 - ▶ Deceives Leaders (those who love power): Rev 18:23
 - ▶ No Protection Against God - Isa 47:9-15
 - ▶ Magicians of Egypt: Exodus 7:8-8:19, 9:11 2 Tim 3:8
 - ▶ Ineffective Against God's People: Numbers 23:23
 - ▶ Magic Bands To Ensnare Souls: Ezek 13:18-20
 - ▶ Destruction of Magic Items: Acts 19:19
 - ▶ Daniel Better Than The Sorcerers of Babylon: Daniel 2
 - ▶ Judgment On: Micah 5:12, Mal 3:5, Rev 18:23, 21:8, 22:15
 - ▶ Simon Magus Infiltrates The Church: Acts 8:9-24
 - ▶ A Sorcerer Is Blinded by Paul: Acts 13:6-12
 - ▶ A Work of the Flesh: Gal 5:20, Rev 9:21,
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Power Encounters

- ▶ Elijah vs Prophets of Baal (1 Kings 18)
- ▶ Elijah vs The State (2 Kings 2:9-16)
- ▶ Moses vs Egyptian Magicians (Exodus 7,8)
- ▶ Daniel vs Babylonian Magicians (Daniel 2)
- ▶ Peter vs Ananias & Sapphira (Acts 5:1-11)
- ▶ Peter vs. Simon Magus (Acts 8)
- ▶ Paul vs. Elyamas (Acts 13)
- ▶ Power Encounters in Ephesus (Acts 19)
- ▶ Baalam vs the Abrahamic Blessing (Numbers 22,23)
- ▶ The Two End Times Prophets vs. the Anti-Christ (Revelation 11)
- ▶ God vs. Babylon (Revelation 18)
- ▶ The Battle of Armageddon / Gog & Magog (Rev 16:13-16; 20:6-9)



Spiritual Warfare and Sickness

- ▶ A woman had a spirit of infirmity from Satan that had bound her for eighteen years! (Luke 13:11-16)
- ▶ Acts 19:12 – evil spirits of illness departing
- ▶ Mark 9:25 – an unclean spirit of muteness and deafness
- ▶ Luke 9:42 – an unclean spirit and convulsions
- ▶ Many missionaries and pastors experience strange illnesses in their families as a result of spiritual attacks.
- ▶ Mental illness and suicide can result from spiritual attacks as well as “evil moods” (which we will deal with later)
- ▶ Not all illness is necessarily demonic however it may be a component and the demon needs to be forcefully driven out!
- ▶ Agreeing with the presence of the illness may be agreeing with the demon behind the illness!



The Armor of God

- ▶ The Armor: (Ephesians 6:10-20)
- ▶ Total Protection: (1 John 5:18,19)
- ▶ Righteous Living (Romans 16:19,20; 1 Jn 2:6)
- ▶ Prayer & Worship (Matt 26:41, Rom 12:1-2, 15:30-33; Eph 6:18)
- ▶ Abiding in Christ (1 Jn 2:10,14,17,24,27,28)
- ▶ Thinking Spiritually (Romans 8:4-16, 12:1-2, Col 3:1-4, Phil 4:8)
- ▶ The Supply of the Spirit (Philippians 1:19)
- ▶ Walking In The Spirit Not The Flesh (Galatians 5:16-18)
- ▶ The Word of God is the Sword, faith is the Shield! (Matthew 4, Eph 6:10-20)

The Devil attacks via the flesh life, the more we are in the Spirit, then the less we are open to the flesh and the less the Devil can get into our minds and hearts and thoughts and moods.



The Power Of The Anointing

- ▶ The anointing breaks the yoke! (Isaiah 10:27 KJV)
- ▶ The anointing empowered Jesus to destroy the works of the Devil (Acts 10:38)
- ▶ Our spiritual eyes need anointing (John 9:11, Revelation 3:18)
- ▶ The anointing prepares us for kingship and for priesthood and for prophetic ministry (Ex 28:41; 1 Sam 16:13, 1 Kings 19:16)
- ▶ All Christians are anointed with the Holy Spirit (1 Jn 2:20,27)
- ▶ However obviously we may need ‘more anointing’ to break off the yokes and open our eyes and to overcome the works of the enemy. In this case we need the Holy Spirit to come upon us (Acts 1:8) and to fill us (Ephesians 5:18)



Dealing With Moods

- ▶ **Spiritual attacks often come disguised as moods:** negativity, joylessness, apathy, hopelessness, depression, discouragement, black thoughts, heaviness of spirit, sudden wild thinking, sudden anxiety, euphoria that leads to careless living, sexual moods, distractible moods, angry moods, frustration, bitter and cynical moods, etc
- ▶ The moods of King Saul were due to a “distressing spirit” 1 Samuel 16:14-23 and David’s praise and worship music drove away the demon and Saul would feel better afterwards.
- ▶ When you wonder “why am I feeling like this..” then assume it is demonic and rebuke the mood as a demon e.g. “mood of anger I command you to leave me alone, immediately, now and forever, in Jesus Name, Amen”
- ▶ Then put on the praise music!!

Warfare For The Sake of The Lost

- ▶ Paul prayed fervently for the salvation of the Jews (Romans 10:1-4)
- ▶ It is not God’s will that any should perish (2 Peter 3:9)
2 Peter 3:9 (HCSB) *The Lord does not delay His promise, as some understand delay, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish but all to come to repentance.*
- ▶ Prayer wrestles against the powers and principalities (Eph. 6:10-20) that keep people in spiritual bondage (Eph. 2:1-4; 4:127-19) and which can deceive them away from the truth (1 Tim. 4:1-14).
- ▶ Prayer also opens people’s spiritual eyes (Col. 1:9; Eph. 1:17-19) and assists with the Holy Spirit’s work of convicting them of sin, righteousness and judgment (John 16:8)

How To Pray For The Lost

- ▶ What are they key ingredients to successful prayer evangelism?
- ▶ A group of believers gathered in unity. (Matthew 18:19,20)
- ▶ Being taught in how to pray. (Luke 11:1)
- ▶ And praying in faith. (Matthew 21:22, Mark 11:24)
- ▶ On the basis of redemption and Christ’s work on the Cross (2 Peter 3:9)
- ▶ For the lost. (Romans 10:1-3, 1 Timothy 2:1-8)
- ▶ Who are their “neighbors”. (Luke 10:25-37)
- ▶ Lovingly by name. (Exodus 33:17, Isaiah 43:1)
- ▶ Regularly and persistently. (Luke 18:1-8)
- ▶ And recording the answers and building faith. (1Chronicles 16:4)

Breaking Personal Bondages

- ▶ Personal bondages keep people in sin and away from salvation, sanctification and glorification (Rom 8:28-31). There are many different types of bondages of the soul:
- ▶ **Bondages of self-concept:** vanity, narcissism, self-importance, self-infatuation, status-seeking, egotism, self-loathing, eating disorders, attention-seeking...
- ▶ **Bondages of gratification:** lusts, sexual sins, loving money, covetousness, being a miser, sensuality, sloth, gluttony, greed, worldliness, being calculating and clever
- ▶ **Bondages of the human spirit:** idolatry, witchcraft, manipulation, grandiosity, hatred, violence, superstition, legalism, divination, astrology, bitterness etc...
- ▶ **Bondages of the mind:** deliberate ignorance, folly, obsession with trivia, boorishness, being argumentative, know-all, skeptics, naivety, simplicity, etc...
- ▶ **Bondages can be broken through:** confrontation with Scripture, realizing the truth, godly sorrow and repentance, moving into the godly opposite (e.g. diligence instead of sloth), accountability, personal discipline and reflection and through warfare prayer rebuking that area and asking for freedom from it! When you get to a certain point take authority over the bondage and be very stern with it and command it to loosen its grip and be gone from your life forever (e.g. tell anxiety to depart and absolutely refuse its dominion in your mind..)