

Total Freedom Pt 1 – Biblical Overview

I. What is Deliverance?

- i. Deliverance means to be set free
 - For Christians it is used for both the process and the result of one's liberation from demonic bondage.
 - Deliverance is achieved by (casting out) driving out evil spirits, using the authority of the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - Jesus said in **Mark 16:17**, *'In my name they [believers in Him] will cast out demons'*.

II. Jesus dealt directly with Satan himself

- i. In the spiritual and physical realm
 - **Matthew 4:1-13**
 - **Mark 1:13**
 - **Luke 4:1-15**
- ii. Jewish religious leaders were amazed at the authority Jesus exercised over demons.
 - **Mark 1:27**
 - **Matthew 12:22-28**
 - **Matthew 8.16**

III. Power of Attorney

- i. “Power of attorney” means “Authority to act in the absence and interests of another.”
- ii. The twelve disciples
 - **Matthew 10:1**

- **Matthew 10:7-8**
- **Luke 9:1-2**
- iii. The seventy
 - **Luke 10:17**
- iv. Jesus commissioned His Church
 - **Matthew 28:18**
 - **Luke 10:19**

IV. Can A Christian Have a Demon?

- i. The Greek word 'daimonizomai' is used to express the presence of demonic spirits within a person.
 - What this word means is: 'to be demonized; to be under the power or influence of a demon in certain areas; to have a demon.'
- ii. 'Daimonizomai' does not mean possession.
 - Even the Gaderene demoniac had enough humanity to cry out to Jesus for help.

V. Balance Is A Key Factor

- i. Not every problem is demonic.
- ii. Any one who receives valid deliverance cannot expect to retain his deliverance apart from disciplined living.
 - His tongue, mind, emotions, will, physical appetites, finances and his spirit-man must remain rigorously disciplined.
Proverbs 25:28
 - The enemy has ready access to the life of one whose walls of discipline are not solidly constructed.

VI. How Demons Operate:

- i. Demons enter through Open Doors of Opportunity.
 - They must be given an opportunity to operate in the life of any human.
 - Once a door is opened, demons attract other demons and set up home in that person.
 - Their main task and duty or job is to harass, oppress, and alienate the believer or person from God.

VII. Types of Opened Doors

- i. Personal Sins
- ii. Sins of Forefathers
- iii. Spiritual Transfer
- iv. Environmental Transfer
- v. Dedication to idols
- vi. Idolatry
- vii. Rebellion
- viii. Unforgiveness
- ix. Through occults practices
- x. Drugs

VIII. Prerequisites for Deliverance

The Word of God lays down three absolute prerequisites for those who seek deliverance from oppressing evil spirits.

- i. First, one must repent of all sin.

- Repentance is a firm resolve in the Lord to forsake sin and turn about to walk in the ways of God.
- Ongoing sin in one's life is an open invitation to demons.
- **Romans 6:16**
- ii. Second, there must be unqualified forgiveness toward all others no matter what they have done, how many times they have done it, or whether they continue to offend.
- **Matthew 18:21-35**
- iii. Third, there must be a complete separation from every association no matter how casual with the occult, cults and witchcraft.
- This separation includes the destruction of all books and paraphernalia associated therewith. (Deut. 7:25-26; 18:9-13; Acts 19: 19-21).

ix. Our 3 Offensive Weapons

We have been given three offensive weapons by which to cast out every oppressing spirit:

- i. The name of Jesus
- ii. The power in His blood
- iii. The Word of God

Note: In times of battle against the devil, the anointing of the Holy Spirit should be sought and anticipated.