

# Spiritual Warfare

There is a real war going on between God and the devil for all of our souls. And in this war are real live demonic spirits (Evil Spirits) who are coming after people, especially Christians and they will try to get away with inflicting as much death, terror, destruction, confusion, division and oppression and even possession if they possibly can.

"Be sober; be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the Faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world." **1 Peter 5:8**

This is why the Bible tells us that we are to resist the devil, that we are to cast out demons and that we are to become good soldiers of Jesus Christ, that we are to be as bold as lions, and that we are to learn how to walk in the anointing of God so that we can properly use the power, anointing and authority that God has already given to each one of us through His Holy Spirit.

The Bible reveals to us the existence both of Satan, the chief enemy of God and mankind, and his army of evil spirits also known as demons which operate under Satan's command. The Bible teaches us that the true disciples of Jesus are to engage in warfare against these evil powers.

The Bible shows that God the Father is a "Man of War," that He does have a war side to His personality, and that He will not hesitate to go into battle for you and your loved ones if you are willing to stand up and fight your enemies as a true soldier of Jesus Christ. But before God can go into battle for you, you will first have to be willing to march onto that battlefield and face your enemy head on. The choice is yours.

The Bible has made it very clear. God's Word has told us that we have all been called to be good soldiers of Jesus Christ. Good soldiers are warriors and they know how to directly engage with their enemies if they are forced too. They are strong, bold and fearless.

God is beginning to raise an incredible army of anointed believers who will operate in supernatural power that the world has never seen before and will never see again. Many of these anointed chosen ones are being trained, molded and shaped right now to battle the increasing evil we are starting to see as we approach the coming Rapture, and the

Great Tribulation period.

For many Christians, the subject of demons and spiritual warfare is too scary and too frightening to deal with and they would just prefer to ignore it. As a result, demons are literally getting away with being able to tear some people apart with all of the murders, suicides, drug use, alcohol abuse, divorces, spousal abuse, abortions, thefts and premarital sex that is occurring across this country on a daily basis.

And most of this kind of dark side activity starts with a simple mind-game that the demon will start playing with the one that he has targeted. This is why the above verse says that we are to be "vigilant" and "sober" in keeping our eye out for any demonic activity that could easily set in on ourselves, our families, or some of our close friends.

Again, you don't want to get so paranoid and out of balance that you are seeing demons around every corner, but you have to realize the reality of demons and the games they will attempt to play with either you or someone who may be close to you.

But, we are in a spiritual battle for sure and it is with both fallen evil angelic spirits and demonic powers. There is a difference between fallen angels which is a higher order of being and the demonic or unclean spirits that possess human beings at times, and we shall explore that at a latter point. But you see the hierarchy of that structure and difference.

We are locked into combat with the forces of evil and we as born again children of God, are called to resist this enemy steadfastly. This is combat, or a wrestling, and we are locked into it. We need to understand who we are in God and the strength that God has given to us. But we must also understand our enemy and understand how to deal with his attacks, and how to resist him.

There are in fact great spiritual battles at times with the angels of Heaven although you might not be aware of it. You might be aware that you are in a battle and when you pray you sense things getting clearer, many times over your head there is a spiritual conflict occurring.

Have you ever felt that a series of events that on the surface Seemed to be unrelated, but happened Together in what seemed to you to be a Well Planned Attack on your life? Maybe your faith was shaken in a few areas. . . and it seemed that all these unrelated things occurred together according to some plan. Well it probably was!

So, each believer has to make up their own mind as to how they will deal with the war that is going on behind the physical realm between God and the devil. The apostle Paul could not have said it any better when he said that our real battle is not with flesh and blood, but with principalities and powers, which are demons and demon powers.

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand **Ephesians 6:12, 13.**

### **What are "Principalities, Powers, Rulers of Darkness, and Spiritual hosts of Wickedness in Heavenly Places"?**

This has been called the hierarchy of Hell, and shows the power structure of evil under Satan.

The Apostle Paul tells us to put on our spiritual armor because our battle in this world is "spiritual". This is Warfare that involves the power of Satan, his fallen Angels and Demons, as opposed to human battle.

Even though human beings will certainly play a role in line with the schemes of the devil, they are being used by these entities for the purposes of accomplishing evil. Evil spirits are the true power behind those who oppose the things of God (knowingly or unknowingly).

### **Our Spiritual Warfare is Against "Principalities"**

The Greek word for Principality is Arche (ar-khay) the person or thing that commences, the first person or thing in a series, the leader; the first place, principality, rule, magistracy of angels and demons.

The concept of principalities is understood by the Greek word arche meaning chief or ruler. These principalities are ruling evil angelic spirits possessing executive authority or governmental rule in the world. As we will see, this ruling power usually involves a particular nation, people or race.

There are evil angelic spirits ruling the kingdoms of the world that oppose the truth of God, and of which Satan is the chief prince or ruler, of both the world system and its organization of demons, as noted in **Matthew 12:24** where the devil is called "Beelzebub" meaning lord of the dwelling, in which these wicked spirits are subject to and operate under Satan's dominion. They, like their chief prince, direct, control, rule and carry out the present darkness of this world.

The idea of prince evil spirits ruling or controlling a region is supported in the Old Testament book of Daniel, chapter 10. Daniel is visited by an angel in response to his prayer to God. This angel, who was sent by God to answer Daniel's prayer, was delayed for 21 days because of a battle that took place between God's angel and "a prince of the kingdom of Persia." "Then said he [the angel] unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten [humble] thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words. But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia." **Daniel 10:12-13**

The spiritual battle, for this angel, was of such magnitude that Michael, the archangel of God and designated prince of Israel, assisted the angel in battle. Another enemy of God, the prince of Greece, is also mentioned. "Then said he [the angel], Knowest thou wherefore I come unto thee? And now will I return to fight with the prince of Persia: and when I am gone forth, lo, the prince of Grecia shall come. But I will shew thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth: and there is none that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael your prince." **Daniel 10:20-21**

The book of Daniel gives us an excellent example of how these unseen spiritual entities fight to increase and maintain their realms of influence and control in order to hinder God's purposes. In addition, as previously stated, these princes are named after the nations or rather their principalities in which they rule.

It is Satan's purpose to deceive these nations and to keep them from obtaining knowledge of God's truth and salvation through His Son Jesus Christ. In the book of Revelation, chapter 20, Satan is depicted as a deceiver of nations.

The Greek word for deceive is *planaho*, and according to Strong's Greek Dictionary, this word means to "cause to roam from safety, truth or virtue, go astray, seduce, wander, and to be out of the way."

Satan's major success, in deceiving a nation, is due to a lack of discernment on the part of the people. The people are blind to the invisible forces of supernatural evil that are operating and influencing their visible human agents of political, social, and religious

programs. Satan's greatest victory would be to convince the world that he just doesn't exist. However, God signifies the devil as the author of sin, sickness and death, and warns us to be alert and vigilant because the devil, as a roaring lion roams about seeking whom he may devour. **1 Peter 5:8.**

God is telling us to "stand" against these evil forces by equipping ourselves with the power of God, and looking unto Christ as our example. And the devils, taking him (Jesus) up into a high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said unto him, all this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered (to surrender or yield up) unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it. If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine. **Luke 4:5-7**

and the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever. **Revelation 11:15**

However, until this Scripture is fulfilled we can only conclude, as the Apostle Paul instructs, that our wrestling involves principalities or peoples or regions under the influence and deception of Satan. Satan is the prince or ruler of the kingdoms of this world, also described in the Bible as the "kingdom of darkness," in which we have our spiritual warfare. In addition, let us not be fooled, because Satan can and does prosper evil people in the world.

### **Our Spiritual Warfare is Against "Powers and Rulers of Darkness"**

The Greek word for "powers" is *exousia* (es-oo-see'-ah) which means derived or conferred authority, one who has authority, a magistrate or governor. It is a ruler of a smaller order than principalities. It would be more like a grand Duke. A grand duke is the one just under the prince of the kingdom. Many times he will rule his own duchy under the prince. the warrant or right to do something, or delegated influences of control.

The Greek word for "ruler" is *Kosmokrator* which means a world system ruler, this is a lesser ruler than that of the principalities and powers, and they are over things such as cities, towns, sections of cities, over certain areas. They rule over the spiritual darkness of this world system which belongs to the devil. This expression is used elsewhere in scripture to infer the powers that is in authority. In keeping with the context of this verse, this would include all high-ranking, evil supernatural powers and the power of sin and evil in operation in the world. The fruits of this type of evil can probably be seen in drug cartels, gross poverty, plagues, terrorism, and other heinous crimes against humanity,

even toward the animal kingdom.

Some Christian authors also associate "rulers" with magic and demonic pagan gods such as the Ephesians' Artemis along with the pagan culture of ancient times, in which temples were dedicated to these demonic pagan deities. In the Old Testament we have an example "Molech," the national god of the Ammonites'. The priests would place the sacrificial children into the brass hands of the image, in which these helpless victims would slip into the fire below. This is described in Scripture as the "abominations of the nations" **2 kings 16:3**.

### **Our Spiritual Warfare is Against "Spiritual Wickedness in Heavenly Places"**

Greek translation for Spiritual wickedness is Host of Evil Spirits in Heavenly places.

The Greek word for wickedness is ponēria and means depravity and particularly in the sense of malice and mischief, plots, sins, and iniquity Strong's Greek Dictionary.

Malice is defined as: A desire to harm others or to see others suffer; extreme ill will or spite.

These are the demons that seduce or oppress both Christians and the ones who give themselves over to them. These are unclean spirits that the bible says can literally inhabit a person who gives themselves over to them.

Note: to possess means to own, and if you are in fellowship with Christ, you can be oppressed and to a degree controlled, but they cannot come in and own you. If a Christian becomes possessed, they had to backslide first.

Demon possessed people have these unclean spirits. They are the lowest on the list of rank given here. They are the demonic warriors who follow the orders of their superiors. They are the strong men that Jesus said takes the Holy Ghost to first bind them before they are cast out.

These are disembodied spirits, like the human soul without the resurrected glorified body (see study on Angels, Demons and Satan). This is why demons seek a house (a human body), they need one. This separates them from angels although most people think that demons who possess you are fallen angels.

This would separate them into a different class from an angel who does have a spirit body, much like the one we will have when we are resurrected.

### **Satan is also depicted as the prince of the power of the air**

The Hebrew word Prince here is sar which means principality or prince or leader.

So, there are holy princes or principalities, and there are evil, fallen principalities who under the rule of the chief principality, Satan, are actively trying to destroy our lives and hinder us.

Since Satan is the prince of the power of the air, these wicked spirits, in high places, are often understood to be the collective organization of all of Satan's evil angelic spirits. These spirits work evil and mischief and operate in our atmosphere. They operate as close to the very air we breathe, and reach to realms beyond. All kinds of spiritual filth are propagated, in these realms, for the purpose of humanity's deception and subsequent destruction. Prior to becoming a Christian we too walked according to the prince of the power of the air.

Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. **Ephesians 2:2-3**

As Christians we are delivered from the power of the prince of the air, and from the sinful nature that once ruled our path in life. When we received God's Holy Spirit, at the moment of our conversion to Christ, we were translated from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of God's light, in which we now have God in Christ in us. We are continually delivered and empowered by God as we walk according to His Word and Spirit that He has given us. As we do this, we take our seat in the heavenlies with Christ. Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. **Ephesians 2:5-7**

Jesus is also called a Prince, He is called the Prince of Peace and of Life **Isaiah 9:6 and Acts 3:15**

The details of God's plan, His provision of escape from Satan's kingdom of darkness

through faith in Christ, was kept a mystery from the beginning of time. It wasn't until the revelation of the Son of God on earth, and His complete victory in His death and resurrection for the salvation of humanity, that the mystery of salvation through Christ is revealed to us. The Apostle Paul states, "But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory. Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, and the deep things of God. **1 Corinthians 2:7-10**

Every time that Jesus told His disciples to go out and walk in His anointing to save the lost and heal the sick, he always had the command to also cast out demonic spirits.

So if Jesus was constantly casting out demons, always telling His disciples to cast out demons, then it should only be logical that the true believers should continue to cast out demons today.

It has been estimated by many Bible scholars that approximately 25% of the miracles Jesus had performed were casting demons out of people. Satan and his demons are not confined to the Bottomless Pit (Hell) at this time as some believe. This event will not happen until Jesus returns back to us in His second coming. Until that event happens, Satan, his fallen angels and demons are still free to roam in the earth and the air seeking who they are going to try and destroy.

Christians have to remember that the devil and his demons are already defeated. Jesus has already defeated Satan at the cross when He was crucified, so the victory is already ours. So we have to learn how to engage and defeat the devil and his demons when they try to move into a person or a situation and sometimes this means a real live deliverance, because demons can and do attach themselves to people when they move in for an attack. And once they do, the only way to drive them out is by the power of God!

In the realm of having to do battle with demonic spirits there are 4 basic areas in which a Christian may have to face these enemies. Having the specific knowledge on what each one of these areas are all about can help with planning and carrying out the appropriate battle plan to defeat the attacks of these demons.

Whether the person is a Believer or a nonbeliever, there are rules to the war that are going on behind the scenes between God and the devil for all of our souls.



If demons come in for an attack, they will either attack you from an outside position, which means they are attacking you from the outside, they are not on the inside of the person. This attack is coming at you from the outside of your being and is called oppression.

The other position that demons can attack you is from the inside position, which means they are attacking you from the inside of your being, which means something has happened that has given them the legal right to be able to enter in on the inside of you and this is known as possession. The Greek word in these cases is “daimonizomai” which would be better translated “demonized”. It means to be affected by demons, to be under the influence of demons or to have demons.

Your job will then be to find out what their legal right is so that you can get it properly broken before God the Father. Once you have properly broken their legal rights before God the Father, then you can turn around and command them to now leave you in the name of Jesus. (See teaching on Generational curses)

But whether you are dealing with demons attacking you from an outside position or from an inside position, the rules are still the same. Find out what their legal rights are, properly break those legal rights before God the Father, and then turn around and verbally cast them out in the name of your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

## **1. Demons Attacking From the Outside with No Legal Right**

For most Christians, this first level will be the one they will probably have to face the most from time to time. This first level is when a demon or a group of demons start to attack you from an outside position with no real legal right to do so.

Jesus Himself had to face Satan head on with this kind of an outside attack when God led Him into the wilderness for 40 days and 40 nights. In that wilderness setting, Satan was allowed to literally tempt Jesus with three specific temptations.

If God allowed His Son to be tempted in this manner, then you know the chances are very good that many of you will have to face this same kind of demonic attack from time to time from this same kind of outside position. As Christians we are involved in spiritual battle whether we like it or not. We are involved in close combat - wrestling - not combat from a distance only.

God permitted Satan to come close to Jesus **Matthew 4:4-10** and at times permits dark

powers to come close to us. We are at times going to be aware of their presence (especially in the evil day mentioned). In the midst of temptation and possibly oppression, we must resist and trust God for deliverance. There is a struggle that we must personally be involved in, against demonic powers which seek to influence our minds, wills and emotions against God and His will. To be effective in prayer and spiritual warfare we must deny ourselves and persist in resisting the devil.

Jesus has already given us His power, His anointing and His authority to cast out demons and to trample over all the power of our enemies. It simply is a matter of each and every Christian being willing to take up his sword, which is the Word of God, and verbally command the demons to leave you in the name of Jesus Christ. It really is that simple in this first level of spiritual warfare in dealing direct with any kind of demonic attack.

## **2. Demons Attacking as a Result of a Legal Right**

In this second level, things start to get more difficult. This second level is when demons start to come in for an attack, but they have a full legal right to be able to do so.

One of the ways that you give demons the legal right to be able to attack you is by crossing over and entering into some of the heavier sins and transgressions expressly forbidden by our Lord from His Word.

There are various degrees of dark powers; there is rank in Satan's kingdom.

**a.** Some evil spirits are called "principalities", which refer to strong spirits that seek to exercise dominion over particular geographical zones. The angel Gabriel was resisted by "the prince of the kingdom of Persia" for twenty-one days **Daniel 10:13**. The prince of Greece is also mentioned which will rise to power after the prince of Persia will be defeated.

**b.** Under the command of these demons are various "powers" stronger spirits that perhaps influence the respective culture in certain negative ways. For example, there is a power of religious tradition strongly at work in some cultures working to blind people's eyes to the gospel

**2 Corinthians 4:4**. In other cultures there may be powers of strife, or lust, or idolatry, or witchcraft all operating to varying degrees.

**c.** At the lowest level there are vast multitudes ("hosts") of Demons (Evil spirits) at work in the earthly realm. There are more than enough demons in existence for every single person on earth to be attacked or influenced in various ways by them. These are the foot-soldiers in Satan's kingdom; it is with these spirits that we must

first of all learn to deal effectively. These spirits are not just in the earth, they are also in people. Paul talks about the spirit which is now at work in the sons of disobedience **Ephesians 2:2**.

The truth is people who are disobeying God are giving evil spirits a right to work not only around them but also in them. This applies also to church members. Peter declared that Satan had filled the heart of Ananias. All Ananias did was pretend that he was giving to God more than he really was. Therefore, anyone who is lying could have their heart filled by Satan.

Paul told the believers in Ephesus: "Neither give place to the devil" **Ephesians 4:27**. This implies that it is possible for a Christian to give place to the devil. There is strong biblical evidence that a Christian doing this will later need deliverance from evil spirits, because they have by their own choices given ground to Satan.

Although the spirit of a born again Christian is regenerated, recreated and can not be possessed by evil spirits, the salvation of the soul is a process which is not automatic and requires persistent faith in God, and knowledge of the truth. It is clear that evil spirits do have access to our minds to inject thoughts of all kinds from time to time. We must be watchful so that we do not accept these thoughts to let the evil one build strongholds in our mind that are not pleasing to God. There is a battle for the mind of every Christian. In order to keep demons out of our minds, we must fill our minds with something else. We must be full of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God.

"When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest, and finds none. Then he says, 'I will return to MY HOUSE from which I came.' And when he comes, he finds it EMPTY, swept, and put in order. Then he goes out and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there, and the last state of that man is worse than the first." **Matthew 12:43- 45**

This is the realm that gets many believers in trouble in this area of spiritual warfare with demons. What happens in this second level is that the Christian has given some kind of legal right to the demon or demons to be able to launch a full scale attack against him.

The Bible tells us from the Book of Job that we have some kind of protective hedge around us that protects us from demonic spirits. If we didn't have this kind of protective hedge, then there would be many more believers coming under direct demonic attack.

"Have you not made a HEDGE around him, around his household, and around all that he has on every side?" **Job 1:10**

As a result of this protective hedge, there appears to be some kind of spiritual law in operation that demons have to abide by. They may occasionally be able to come against you as described in level one, but they can easily be cast off from you by just (resisting the Devil) declaring the word of God and telling them that they now have to leave you in the name of Jesus Christ once you realize that it is really them that have been attacking you.

However, what demons do is just wait for a believer to create a in their protective hedge. And this by engaging and crossing over into any direct sins and transgressions that are expressly forbidden by God the Father in His Word.

Obviously not every sin and every transgression will cause a hole to occur in your protective hedge. The Bible tells us that we are all sinners and that we have all fallen short of the glory of our God. This is why Jesus had to come down to die on the cross to pay the penalty for all of those sins, and to be able to give us full forgiveness and a full pardon for all of our sins.

If demons had a legal right to be coming after us every single time we sinned or transgressed, then none of us would be safe from their attacks, and we would all be in a state of constant warfare with them.

However, what many deliverance ministers have found in the battlefields when they had to deal direct with real live demons is that there are certain sins and transgressions that will give demons the legal right to be able to launch a full scale attack against a person, even if that person is already a believer!

Once you become saved and born again through the Blood that Jesus has already shed for you on the cross, this does not give you the right or the license to be able to keep on sinning.

Though we have all been made perfectly righteous in the eyes of God as a result of Jesus' righteousness placed upon us, we still have to make every effort to stay on the righteous side in our walk with our Lord. We have to do the best we can to try and live righteous lives and stay out of any serious sins and transgressions against our Lord and Savior, especially those of the heavier kind that will be listed below.

In this area of spiritual warfare, there are certain sins and transgressions that will give demons the legal right to be able to come directly against you if God should so choose to allow it to happen. If you choose to engage in some of these heavier sins, then you could possibly break the protective hedge you have around you.

The demons will then be quick to see that opening when it occurs and they will waste no time in trying to come directly after you. Demons just wait for people, especially believers, to cross over into any kind of door-opening, hedge-breaking sin and transgression, which will then give them full legal right to be able to launch an all-out full scale attack on that person and his life.

When looking at what some of these kinds of sins and transgressions are, the first thing you will notice is that they are a worst type of sin or transgression.

Here are some of the sins and transgressions, if committed, especially with any type of frequency or intensity, will cause the Lord to pull back His hand of protection and cause a hole to appear in your hedge of protection, which will then give demons the legal right to be able to start coming after you for a direct attack.

As Christians, we can have absolutely no part in any of the following areas:

- 1. The occult**
- 2. False religions or cults**
- 3. Any part of the New Age Movement**
- 4. The homosexual lifestyle**
- 5. Any type of Satan worshipping group**
- 6. Any involvement with abortion or the abortion industry**
- 7. Abusing alcohol**
- 8. Doing any type of drugs - including pot**
- 9. Any type of extreme verbal and/or physical abuse on your mate or children**
- 10. Any type of promiscuous sexual lifestyle**
- 11. Any type of criminal activity**
- 12. Murder**
- 13. Bringing a cursed object into your home**

You will notice all of these sins and transgressions are things that you have to do out of your own free will. These are not things being done to you or against you, these are all

things that you are doing and committing against the Lord all on your own. In other words, these are all willful sins being done by you against the Lord.

Each one of these areas are major, I repeat, major door openers to the dark side. All of these sins and behaviors are totally unacceptable in the eyes of God and He will not put up with any of His believers engaging in any of this kind of activity!

Deliverance ministers who deal with demons on a regular basis have all found out that some of the more wicked and evil demons are demons that have attached to someone as a result of that person delving into some area of the occult. This is why God has given all of us such strict warnings in His Word that we can have absolutely nothing to do with any area of the occult.

If you have drawn demons onto you and your life as a result of engaging in one or more of the above door opening sins, then what you will have to do before you can cast the demons out of your life is that you will have to fully break all of their legal rights.

You will first have to realize that you have been sinning and transgressing against God by involvement in any of the above areas. Once you have full realization and understanding that these are all unacceptable sins and behaviors before God, then you will have to go before him, fully confess each one of the transgressions as actual sins, and then fully renounce each one of them, telling God that you will never ever go back into any of them ever again.

Then once each of these sin areas have been fully confessed and fully renounced before the Lord, then you can turn around, take the authority that God has given to you to trample over all the power of your enemy, and cast the demons off of you for good.

What happens to some Christians, once they realize they have drawn demons into them and their life as a result of being involved in some of the above sin areas, is that they will first try and cast the demons out before breaking their legal rights with the demons before God the Father. If you try and do this before you properly break their legal rights before God the Father, they will not go!

The reason for that is they know they still have full legal right to stay attached to you since their legal rights have not been properly confessed out, renounced and broken

before God the Father.

To any of you who may have drawn heavy demonic activity in your life as a result of delving and engaging in some of these heavier sin areas, remember the only sin that cannot be forgiven is a direct blasphemy against the Holy Spirit. All other sins and transgressions can be forgiven, no matter how bad, no matter how vile, and no matter how severe you think they may be.

If you are truly sorry for having engaged in this kind of activity, fully willing to confess and renounce all of this activity before God the Father, then God can fully forgive you and fully deliver you from these demons and restore order back into your life. This is not a hopeless situation.

The Bible tells us that God the Father is no respecter of persons, which means what He will do for one, He will do for another. God has an equal and unconditional love for each person He has created, and He will work equally with each person who is willing to come to Him for their deliverance.

Once you have fully broken all of the legal rights that the demons may have been feeding and operating on, then you will be able to turn around and verbally command them to now leave you in the name of Jesus Christ

### **3. Demons attacking you as a result of what someone else may have done to you**

The third level is when demons attack as a result of what someone may have done to you. Sometimes victims of crimes such as rape, people who have been ritually abused in Satanic groups, people who have been victims of certain types of crimes and assault, wives who may have been severely physically abused by their husbands or boyfriends, and children who have been severely abused by one or both parents, physically, verbally or sexually.

These occurrences can cause demons to try and move in to attach to the victim, trying to feed off the negative emotions of hate, anger, unforgiveness and wanting to get revenge on the attacker or abuser.

God has provided spiritual armor for us to put on. We must do this daily by faith. Without our armor on we will be vulnerable to satanic invasion and attack. Therefore we must every day walk in honesty, righteousness, faith, love, hope, peace, readiness,

speaking the Word and praying always in the Spirit. These are all necessary ingredients for success in the warfare against Satan. **Ephesians 6:14-18.**

It is often questioned how or why God could allow demons to attach themselves to people who have been horribly abused or wronged by another person. This person was usually completely innocent of sinning or transgressing against God. Why would God allow demons to launch a full scale attack against the victim, especially if that victim is a born again Christian? Christian woman are being raped, molested and physically beaten every minute of every day across this country.

What happens in some of these types of extreme cases is that demons, once they see that person being physically violated to this kind of an extreme degree, realize that this might open a hole in that person's hedge. Once they see that kind of an opening, they will then try and move in to see if they can attach themselves to that person.

What demons are looking for in these kinds of extreme cases is what that person's response is going to be to the violation. If a woman has been raped, the demons will see if that person will start to exhibit and manifest emotions of hate, anger, bitterness and unforgiveness.

God will obviously allow the person to have some of these kinds of emotions right after all of this has occurred as a result of the initial reaction most of us would have to this kind of severe trauma. Its not believed that the demons can get a foothold into that person right off the bat.

But if that person does not start to work himself or herself out of these kinds of negative emotions over a certain period of reasonable time, then the demons will have something they can attach themselves too, and that something are the negative emotions of hate, bitterness and extreme anger that will settle in that person's mind, spirit and emotions over a certain period of time. And once the demons attach themselves to those kinds of negative emotions, then they will start to increase the frequency and intensity of those emotions.

If a person has drawn demonic activity into his or her life as a result of being the victim of some kind of extreme behavior from another person, then what that person will have to do before they can cast the demons out is to fully forgive the person who has viciously wronged them, no matter how vicious that wrong may have been.



The Bible tells us that whenever we get ready to stand to pray before the Lord, that we have to be willing to fully forgive anyone else who has ever trespassed against us and that will include any vicious criminal who may have raped, assaulted or robbed you, or any violent and psychotic boyfriend or husband who may have physically abused you.

The Bible tells us that if we don't forgive others who may have trespassed against us, then God will not forgive us when we trespass against others. And then God may not even be willing to hear any of our prayers because of sin and unforgiveness and if He won't hear any of our prayers, then you may have little or no chance on getting delivered from any type of demonic attack that may come your way. Until this person is willing to fully forgive his or her trespassers, the demons cannot be cast out.

The demons have been feeding off of those negative emotions for quite some time and as a result, a mental stronghold has developed in that person's mind and thinking. To start God's inner healing process, this person has to be willing to fully forgive the person or people who may have hurt them in these more extreme types of cases.

Once the person is willing to fully forgive all of his trespassers in the eyes of God, then you can turn around and verbally engage with the demons, telling them that they now have to leave you in the name of Jesus Christ, since all of their legal rights have now been taken away from them since you are now willing to fully forgive your trespasser.

#### **4. Demons Attacking as a Result of a Generational Curse**

The fourth level is when demons attach to someone as a result of a generational curse line coming from a severe sinning, dysfunctional parent or parents.

A perfect example of this would be a severe alcoholic parent. The children grow up seeing and watching their parent live a good portion of their married life in this state. As a result of that parent crossing over into this kind of heavier sin area with the demons they come in and attach themselves to the alcoholic parent. And once they attach themselves to the alcoholic parent, they will then look to see if they can target anyone else in the family to attack.

They might try to get the alcoholic parent to try and abuse their spouse or their own children. They may try and get the alcoholic parent to try and take their own life or possibly kill their spouse or their children.

Again, the children are completely innocent. They themselves are not alcoholic. They have done nothing themselves to draw the demons onto their alcoholic parent. So why would God allow the demons to be able to jump onto some of the children to try and get them to do the same thing that they have been able to get the dysfunctional parent to do?

In some of these types of extreme cases, one or two of the children could end up becoming alcoholics themselves. What is happening behind the scenes in the spiritual realm the demons will try and get some of the children to move into this same kind of extreme activity, especially as they get older and move into their own marriages!

Demons cannot make you do anything. You always have free will to choose whether or not you will act out on their suggestions and promptings. All demons can do is try and persuade and influence you to cross over into these kinds of extreme realms.

Many children who end up crossing over into some of these same extreme areas are really operating under heavy demonic influence. This is a perfect example of God telling us in His Word that His people will go into captivity for having lack of knowledge. Many children are crossing over into the same extreme realms that their parents were walking in as a result of not having the appropriate knowledge to understand what is really going on behind the scenes in the spiritual realm.

Once again, God the Father gives us some keen insight from His Word as to why this kind of activity is being allowed to happen in some families. God tells us in His Word that the sins of the fathers can be visited down to 3 or 4 generations of future children.

"You shall not make for yourself any carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments." **Exodus 20:4-6**

Notice in this verse that God is using the word "visiting", visiting the sins and iniquities of the father directly onto the children, traveling as far down as 3 or 4 generations of these future children.

What does God mean by the word "visiting?" That there will be severe consequences for certain types of sins and iniquities committed by parents and passed on to the

children. The Bible tells us that the "wages" of sin will be death.

If the father of a family is an extreme alcoholic, then the family could end up living in a miserable, oppressive and terrible environment. As a result of this kind of severe transgression against the Lord, the family could end up living in poverty.

As a result of living in poverty, the children may end up not getting the best education or the best opportunities to grow into what God may have been calling them to become. As a result of this poor and oppressive environment, some of these children will never find God or what His purpose and divine plan would have been for their lives.

Some of them may end up becoming alcoholics themselves. And then they end up repeating everything that their father did in their earlier family life and they in turn then marry, and then do the same thing to their families as their father did to them.

And then they have children, their children see and watch their dysfunctional behavior, and then some of them end up repeating the same behavior as they grow older and move into their own marriages. You thus have the sin of one father being visited down several generations, all because no one knew how to break the Generational curse that had developed as result of the original sin from the first sinning alcoholic father.

What happens in this kind of scenario in reference to actual demonic activity is that demons will target some of the children to go after. They will try and attach themselves to the child at an early age and start to try and pull them into this darker way of living.

If that child is a born-again Christian, they will try and sever the child's personal relationship with the Lord. They will attack their mind, their emotions and their sense of self-confidence and self-esteem. Many of these children grow up with low levels of self-esteem and self-confidence as a result of all the verbal abuse they have had to put up with from the dysfunctional parent or parents.

When the child gets old enough to leave the home, the demons will follow the child and will still try and stay attached to them.

What is happening in the spiritual realm behind the scenes is that the demons apparently have developed enough of a legal right to stay attached to that child as a result of the

sins and transgressions of the original sinning parent. What the demons have now formed as a result of the original parent's severe transgressions against the Lord is a Generational curse between that parent and the child.

What this now means is that before you can cast the demons out for good, you will first have to fully break the curse line that the demons have been operating on over all of those years from living with the original sinning parent.

### **Deliverance from Evil Spirits releases Healing**

Another example which illustrates how believers can need deliverance is in the history of Israel's wars, especially in the period of the judges. Every time the people of God broke the covenant and worshipped foreign gods, the Lord God sent their enemies to invade the Promised Land and cause them trouble. In the same way, when Christians break their covenant with God through persistent sin, inevitably the demons will come to take what has been surrendered to them. It is vital therefore that we respect the conditions of the blood covenant we have with God and give no place to the devil through sin and disobedience.

Jesus cast demons not only out of people with legions of evil spirits **Mark 5:8-9**, but also out of people who were not affected by demons to anything like that extent **Mark 1:32-34, 39**. The people being delivered were orthodox religious Jews, not Satan worshipping idolatrous. In the same way, lots of ordinary religious people need deliverance from evil spirits, evil spirits which are producing conditions such as fear, doubt, condemnation and sickness in them.

From reading the gospels we can see that Jesus cast out of people spirits which were responsible for the causing of diseases. One time a man brought his son to the disciples of Jesus. He wanted them to cast the mute spirit out of him. The disciples were not able to do it because of their unbelief **Mark 9:19** and lack of prayer and fasting **Mark 9:29**. But when Jesus came, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to him, "You deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him, and enter him no more!" **Mark 9:25**.

Here we see that deafness and dumbness can be caused by the presence of an evil spirit, which must come out. The spirit was in there and Jesus told it to get out. In His healing ministry, Jesus first cast out the evil spirit responsible for creating the disease in the person before He applied the power of the Holy Spirit to their bodies to restore the damage **Matthew 4:23; Matthew 8:16,17; Matthew 9:32-34; Matthew 12:22; Matthew 17:18; Mark 1:34; Luke 4:40,41; Luke 6:17-19; Luke 8:2; Luke 9:42; Luke 18:11-16**.

And Jesus, knowing that mankind would always need this kind of ministry gave the same power and authority to His disciples to cast out demons and heal the sick by the Spirit of God as He Himself did **Matthew 10:1-2; Mark 3:14,15**. This power was given to the church in the name of Jesus, and like the baptism in the Holy Spirit, was never withdrawn by God **John 14:12; Mark 16:17, 18**. So we as disciples are called to drive out demons just as Jesus did.

The connection between casting out demons and healing the sick should come as no surprise to those familiar with **Acts 10:38**, which says, “How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.” This passage shows clearly that sickness is the work of the devil, not a work of God. That is why Jesus opposed sickness and cast out spirits of infirmity wherever He went.

It is possible that many chronically sick Christians in fact need deliverance from spirits of infirmity just as that bent up woman did in **Luke 13:11**, named by Jesus, “a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound”. Jesus did not call every Jew a child of Abraham **John 8:39, 40**. Even God’s children can be bound by Satan in various areas. Jesus came to set us free. Instead of making theological excuses, calling sickness God’s blessing or just closing our eyes and saying that God’s children cannot have demons, we should be as practical as Jesus and treat spirit-based infirmities as our enemies and cast them out just as Jesus did.

### **Signs of a Person Needing Deliverance**

1. A person who consistently lacks the fruit of the Holy Spirit which are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control almost certainly needs deliverance in one or more areas of their lives.
2. A person who is often feels condemned by what they perceive as their failures usually needs deliverance, as well as a thorough understanding of the gospel which sets us free from guilt and makes us “the righteousness of God in Him” **2 Corinthians 5:21**.
3. A person who testifies of being constantly harassed by evil spirits almost certainly needs deliverance from evil spirits.
4. A person who despite wise counsel never seems to break free of sinful habits needs deliverance as well as the real baptism in the Holy Spirit and solid Bible teaching on the Christian life and the victory we have in Christ.
5. A person who compulsively talks too much needs deliverance. Compulsion is a mark of demonization.

6. A person who is attracted to occultic phenomenon and somewhere has yielded to this attraction almost certainly needs deliverance.

7. A person who is chronically sick and whose case doctors cannot successfully diagnose almost certainly needs deliverance from a spirit of infirmity of some kind. There may be other curses at work which must be broken also.

### **How do you directly engage with a demonic spirit?**

You directly engage with a demon by using "verbal warfare." The Bible tells us that the "Sword" of the Holy Spirit is the "Word of God." In other words, the Words of God operating in your mind and spirit being released out of your mouth is the Sword that you will use to go into combat with this demon!

Since you are a Blood-bought child of God the Father, saved through the Blood of His Son Jesus Christ, you now have the legal right to be able to use the appropriate command words from the Lord to verbally engage with any demon who may attempt to come against you. Operating under the full power, anointing and authority of God the Father gives you the ability to do this.

The Word of God is your Sword. Keep that Sword in your heart and don't be afraid to take that Sword out to chop off the head of any demon that may come after either you or any of your close loved ones.

You are a soldier of Jesus Christ! Realize this fact and directly engage with the enemy if that enemy should ever attempt to attack either you, anyone in your family, or any of your close friends

Here are very powerful verses from the Bible showing that we are not to be afraid of demons and that we are to directly engage with them if we have to, operating under God's authority and anointing to be able to do so.

And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved, but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe. In my name they will cast out demons, they will speak with new tongues, they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick and they will recover." **Mark 16:15-18**

Then Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee ... the Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor, He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord." **Luke 4:14-18**

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." **Luke 10:19**

Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases. He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick." **Luke 9:1**

And He called the twelve to Him, and began to send them out two by two, and gave them power over unclean spirits ... And they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick, and healed them." **Mark 6:7, 13**

And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease." **Matthew 10:1**

But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' "Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give." **Matthew 10:6-8**

For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might **destroy** the works of the devil." **1 John 3:8**

**Every child of God has been given a promise of victory over Satan.**

No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord ..." **Isaiah 54:17**

And you shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet

in the day that I shall do this, saith the Lord of hosts." **Malachi 4:3**

For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Romans 8:38-39**

" ... Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." **James 4:7**

"You ... have overcome them: because greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world." **1 John 4:4**

**It is important that we recognize who our enemy is and what his tactics are.**

Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices. **2 Corinthians 2:11**

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup> For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, <sup>5</sup> casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ. **2 Corinthians 10:3-5**

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. **Ephesians 6:12**

**Authority must be taken over Satan's attempts to hinder the work and the word of God. There are spiritual powers that must be broken.**

Then he said to me, "Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words. <sup>13</sup> But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia. **Daniel 10:12-13**



Therefore we wanted to come to you—even I, Paul, time and again—but Satan hindered us. **1 Thessalonians 2:18**

**Satan's main device is deception.**

**Subtlety**

"Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field" **Genesis 3: 1**

But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity<sup>[a]</sup> that is in Christ. **2 Corinthians 11:3**

**Doubt**

Yea, hath God said " **Genesis 3:1**

If thou be the Son of God" **Luke 4:3, 9 & Matthew 4:3, 6**

**Lies**

Then the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die **Genesis 3:4**

You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it **John 8:44**

**The Bible uses several metaphors to describe the "fight of faith" that the believer must wage against the evil one.**

Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses **1 Timothy 6:12**

## **Fighter**

Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air **1 Corinthians 9:26**

## **Soldier**

You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier. <sup>5</sup> And also if anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules **2 Timothy 2:3-5**

Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age,<sup>[a]</sup> against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the whole armor of God that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. <sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup> and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; <sup>16</sup> above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. <sup>17</sup> And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. **Ephesians 6:11-17**

## **Wrestler**

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." **Ephesians 6:12**

## **The word of God**

It was the spoken ("rhema ") word that Jesus used in confronting the devil in the wilderness. He did not recite miscellaneous scriptures to the devil, but delivered the word of God with authority and power. **Luke 4:4, 10, 12**

## **The weapon of praise**

Numbers 10:9, 35; 31:6-7

1 Samuel 16:23

2 Chronicles 20:21-22 (Note especially the fact that it was their initiative: "when they began ...")

Psalms 68:1-2; 149:5-9

Isaiah 33:3

Joel chapter 2

Acts 16:24-26

## **The anointing**

1 Samuel 16:14-23

Isaiah 10:27

## **Prayer**

Luke 22:31-32

To stand victoriously in battle against the enemy, certain spiritual requirements be met in the life of the believer.

## **Obedience**

Deuteronomy 11:22-25

Deuteronomy 28:1, 7

## **A right relationship with God**

Deuteronomy 11:22-25

Psalms 91

No area of the life left exposed to the devil: giving him no foothold.

It is the responsibility of the believer to prepare for battle, to put on the whole armor of God" **Ephesians 6:11**, and to "stand against the evil one" **Ephesians 6:11-14** – these are active verbs. But it is God Who fights the battle. Indeed, Jesus Christ has already defeated the enemy for us. We must simply walk in the victory!

Deuteronomy 20:1  
2 Chronicles 20:15  
Colossians 2:15

For though we walk (live) in the flesh, we are not carrying on our warfare according to the flesh and using mere human weapons. For the weapons of our warfare are not physical [weapons of flesh and blood], but they are mighty before God for the overthrow and destruction of strongholds.

**2 Corinthians 10: 3-4**

Blessed be the Lord, my Rock and my keen and firm Strength, Who teaches my hands to war and my fingers to fight **Psalm 144: 1**

You shall not fear them, for the Lord your God shall fight for you. **Deuteronomy 3: 22**

Fight the good fight of the faith; lay hold of the eternal life to which you were summoned and [for which] you confessed the good confession of faith before many witnesses. **1 Timothy 6: 12**

I have fought the good (worthy, honorable and noble) fight, I have finished the race, I have kept (firmly held) the faith. **2 Timothy 4: 7**

And indeed the Lord will certainly deliver and draw me to Himself from every assault of evil. He will preserve and bring me safe unto His heavenly kingdom. To Him be the glory forever and ever. Amen (so be it). **2 Timothy 4: 18**

God disarmed the principalities and powers that were ranged against us and made a bold display and public example of them, in triumphing over them in Him and in it the cross. **Colossians 2: 15**

My God, my Rock, in Him will I take refuge; my Shield and the Horn of my salvation; my Stronghold and my Refuge, my Savior-You save me from violence. 2  
**Samuel 22: 3**

I call on the Lord, Who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies. 2  
**Samuel 22: 4**

So be subject to God. Resist the devil stand firm against him, and he will flee from you. **James 4: 7**

So as the result of the Messiah's intervention they shall reverently fear the name of the Lord from the west, and His glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him and put him to flight for He will come like a rushing stream which the breath of the Lord drives. **Isaiah 59: 19**

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 4:4**

For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world our faith. Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? **1 John 5:4-5**

But thanks be to God, Who gives us the victory making us conquerors through our Lord Jesus Christ. **1 Corinthians 15: 57**

But thanks be to God, Who in Christ always leads us in triumph [as trophies of Christ's victory] and through us spreads and makes evident the fragrance of the knowledge of God everywhere. **2 Corinthians 2: 14**

No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue which rises against you in judgment you shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is from me,” says the LORD. **Isaiah 54:17**

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. **Luke 10:19**

## **Deliverance in the flesh**

Self-discipline and reckoning oneself dead to sin and alive to God, for all its importance, may not be the total solution for our sanctification. There are demons that can be at work in Christians, fixing themselves as it were in “the flesh” and fortifying “the flesh”. These demons, unlike the flesh can’t be crucified. We can’t kill demons either. They must be cast out. A general rule is: if despite self-discipline and meditation on the Word a spiritual problem of some sort fails to be resolved, it is almost certainly a case requiring deliverance from evil spirits. Many times sincere Christians are using a lot of energy suppressing tendencies that are due to demons which could be cast out and should be cast out. Multitudes of sincere Christians baptized in the Holy Spirit can and do testify to this reality today. Therefore if despite all measures taken to deny self and crucify the flesh the victory is not received, certain steps should be taken to get free of evil spirits.

Paul uses the Greek word “sarx” which means literally “flesh” or “meat”. Some Bible translations translate this as “the sinful nature”. When Paul speaks of the flesh he is usually not talking about our physical bodies, but something at work in our physical bodies which is working in opposition to the will of God.

I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you will not fulfill the lusts of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit and the Spirit against the flesh; and these things are contrary to one another, so that you may not do the things that you wish.” **Galatians 5:16, 17**

Demons can’t stay in anyone who consistently submits to God and resists the devil. **James 4:7**. The devil and all demons must flee from such a person. Such a Christian who is submitting to God in this way is not grieving the Holy Spirit **Ephesians 4:30**. Therefore the Holy Spirit is making sure that no demon remains in the temple of God. Such a person is “keeping themselves and the evil one touches him not” **1 John 5:18**.

The Old Testament is full of examples given for our present day instruction **Romans 15:4**, which contain principles of spiritual warfare and help us to see that even the temple of God can be defiled if God’s people are disobedient and break the covenant.

Remember the Word of God is your Sword. Don't be afraid to take that Sword out of your sheath to take these demons head on and cast them out from either you or anyone else that you know they may be attempting to come against.

Remember what David did with Goliath. He was able to kill that huge blasphemous creature with one well placed blow! You can do the exact same thing with any demons who should attempt to come against either you, any member of your family, or any of

your close friends.

**Always remember you are a good soldier of Jesus Christ! Don't be afraid to directly engage with the enemy if he should ever attack you or any of your close loved ones!**