

Leaders Notes – Session 6



Title:- **Deliverance Healing (continued b)**

Throughout the Old Testament demons were allowed to do different things in a person's life, but only under God's direct Lordship.

What the Bible says :

Judges 9 v 23, 1 Samuel 16 v 14 – 16, 1 Samuel 18 v 10 –11, Job 1 v 6 – 12

It is important to understand that Satan and demons are in every sense limited in power and ability and only have the right to oppress or possess someone if the Lord or a person's free will has given them that right.

Teaching Point 2 - The ministry of Jesus

When we look at the New Testament we see that the word "demon" is used over 60 times. The word for unclean spirit is used 21 times. What this shows us is that this is not some fringe Christian teaching, but a small part of a wider dimension of the teaching of Christian Scriptures. As Jesus went around doing the work of His Father in heaven, He regularly came up against people affected by demons. He did not go seeking them, but they came to Him as He ministered in different towns.

These demons affected people in different ways.

Troubled or annoyed people – Luke 6 v 18

Robbed a boy of speech – Mark 9 v 17 – 27

Rendered a man mute – Matthew 9 v 32 – 34

Crippled a woman for eighteen years – Luke 13 v 10 – 17

Mauled and convulsed a young lad – Luke 9 v 37 – 43

When ever a demon possessing someone came into contact with Jesus it manifested itself.

Discuss – What do you think are the different ways a demons can manifest itself?

Possible Signs of demonic influence.

All these signs can be evidence of demonic influence, but also can be signs of medical or other spiritual problems. There is a need to discern the root of a problem behaviour through spiritual discernment and discussion and prayer with the leaders of the church, and possibly a doctor, before action is taken.

Trapped in hardened sinful living despite best efforts to get free. Ongoing depressive behaviour. Long periods of so called bad luck, or sicknesses. Muteness, Blindness, self inflicted wounds, crying or screaming uncontrollably, Convulsions, falling to the ground, rolling around foaming at the mouth, grinding teeth, rigidity, inhuman strength, staying active both night and day, supernatural abilities, demons speaking through a person, awareness themselves that what condition they have is not medical but demonic in origin.

Jesus made it clear that He came to set people free from the bondage of demons. (**Read** Matthew 12 v 22 – 30, Luke 4 v 18 – 19) When Jesus ministered to people who were possessed **He showed compassion for the person – authority over the demon**, often He bound the demon from speaking. **Read** Mark 1 v 34, Luke 4 v 33 – 36. **Jesus then cast the demon out of the person.**

Jesus made it clear that more then one demon could possess a person and that when someone had been delivered to we need to protect them from re-entry by demons. This is done by leading the person to give their lives to Christ, by teaching them to use the authority that they have in Jesus. And by long term after care both in nurture and in lifestyle to make sure they do not open a door once again to the spiritual world.

Teaching Point 3 - The process of Deliverance Healing

Whether you are praying for someone who is possessed or oppressed the principle of both claiming the power of the name of Jesus Christ and taking active command of the demonic power remains the same. Here are the steps to deliverance prayer:-

1) When you first meet with the person ask God's protection and wisdom to be demonstrated in the meeting. Do not let the demon rush you into deliverance prayer until you are ready. It it begins to manifest itself bind it and then

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