

Leaders Notes – Session 6

Title:- **Deliverance Healing**



Introduction: The bible teaches us about the reality of a spiritual kingdom of evil. This kingdom is limited by the Lordship and authority of Jesus Christ, but is given power through the sinful lifestyles of human beings.

Ephesians Ch 6 v 10 – 20 Reveals to us that our fight is not against flesh and blood, but is against the spiritual powers of evil in the heavenly realms.

As Jesus went about his ministry he regularly came into contact with people possessed by demons. Not only did he confront them and cast them out, but he gave his disciples the power to do the same in his name. In **Luke Ch 9 v 1 – 2** we see how Jesus gives all his disciples authority to use his name to drive out demons. In **Luke Ch 10 v 17** we see how the disciple returned to Jesus and testified to the reality of this authority given them. In **Mark Ch 16 v 17** we see how Jesus gives all his disciples authority to use his name and see wonders happen as a result “In my name they will drive out demons...” **Colossians Ch 2 v 13 – 15** makes it clear that all principalities, rulers, and authorities have been defeated through the death and resurrection of Jesus. This passage is referring to the spiritual powers of evil which stand against God and his people. As we go about ministering in the name of Jesus there will be occasions where we will come into contact with people in need of deliverance ministry. We need to learn how to use the power of the name given us, the name of Jesus Christ.

Discussion: What do you think are the repercussions of Britain becoming more and more a pagan country?
What do you think this will mean to the ministry of the church as we reach out to the lost?

Teaching Point 1 - Background to demonic kingdom

When we come to discuss the area of the demonic it is important that we manage to avoid two extremes. **The first extreme is believing that the devil, possession and deliverance is just a load of superstitious rubbish** that had more to do with the medieval church, than the true condition of the planet today. There is a tendency even in the church to disbelieve in the reality of Satan and how he can influence people today. To deny what is clearly both in belief and practice a reality of biblical truth places us into situations where we try to deal with situations that are spiritual with a intellectual or medical approach. The result of this can and indeed does leave people and even churches in long term bondage to spiritual problems and difficulties.

The Second extreme is giving Satan to much power and putting down every sin, sickness and adversity down to him or his activity. It is easy to become to obsessive about spiritual warfare and allow this obsession to cloud our judgement when ministering to people who have different problems. Human beings have free will and much of the problems and oppression that they experience personally, in family and marriage comes from sinful choices and an unhealthy balance in daily living. To try and cast out a demon when what is needed is repentance will only result in complicating the problem the person has. When we look at the ministry of Jesus we see that he did not ascribe every problem down to demons, nor did He go looking for demonic problems. It was simple a part of His ministry that as He preached the Good News and healed the sick, He encountered people who were oppressed or possessed by evil spirits and He delivered them.

So where did this demonic kingdom come from?

Both Scripture and Christian tradition has taught that before man was made Lucifer and a third of the angels in heaven used their free will to rebel against God and as a result were cast down from heaven to be bound to the earth. Just as Lucifer was tempted by the desire to be worshipped and have power and position like God, So Adam and Eve were also tempted and fell into rebellion and sin. As a result of the fall, humanity is born spiritual dead, under the slavery of sin and Satan and under God’s wrath and judgement. **Read Ephesians 2 v 1 – 3 , & Romans 1 v 18 – 32.** As a result of the fall, sickness, disease and suffering have become common place and the reality of death has been established for all of humanity.

What the bible says:

Genesis: 3 v 1– 6, Job: 1 v 6 – 12, Job: 2v 1 – 9, Ezekiel: 28 v 12 – 19 (belief that this prophecy is not only about the King of Tyre, but also the fall of Lucifer. Eg “ You were there in Eden the garden of God. – You were anointed as a guardian cherub.) Matthew: 4 v 1– 11, Matthew: 4 v 23 – 24, Luke: 10 v 17 –20, Acts: 5 v 1– 5
1 Corinthians: 7 v 5, Jude v 6, Revelation: 12 v 10 – 17, Revelation:20 v 7 – 10 **Continued Next Page.....**