

## Spiritual Authority for Casting out Demons

### Three foundations of Spiritual Authority

#### 1. What Jesus has DONE FOR YOU.

Cleansed us from sin. Given us a new nature. Transferred us into the Kingdom of light. Given us new identity, we are his children. Col 1:13-14. Col 2:13-14 (1John 3:1, Heb 2:14-17)

#### 2. What Jesus has DONE TO SATAN and demons.

Judged them. Stripped them of their on going right to rule. John 12:31, 16:11, Col 2:15, Heb 2:14-15, 1John 3:8

#### 3. What Jesus has GIVEN TO YOU.

He has given us Authority and Power and his Name and the Kingdom.

- Authority: Luke 4:36,
- Power: Luke 9:1-2, Matthew 10:1, (Mark 3:14-15, 6:7)
- His Name: Luke 10:17-19. (Phil 2:9-11, Mark 9:38)

#### Illustration: Policeman on the side of road.

- Even a small, weak, sick policeman has the authority to stop the biggest, dirtiest truck. Why?
- They must stop because of Authority (title and badge) and Power (gun and handcuffs) given to that policeman by the government/ law of the land.

### How Jesus defeated demons for us

- **Before Jesus came humans could not challenge and deal with demons.**

Satan and demons had authority over humans because Adam and Eve handed their authority on earth over to Satan when they sinned, humans then lost dominion/ ruling of the earth. **They were cheated, Gen 3.**

- God's Word came as a man (Jesus). Because Jesus was also a sinless human, demons had no claim or authority over him.
- **Jesus removed from demons their right to rule and afflict humans, because of Adams' sin (and our own sin).**
- He removed from demons their right to rule and not be opposed/ challenged by humans.
- Through the cross he gained victory for humans over demons and gave that same victory to us who believe.
- Demons can now be opposed/ challenged, **they cannot rule unchallenged any longer.** Col 2:13-15 (if you follow Christ)
- Now we can defend ourselves and expel demons. Demons who afflict people must now retreat when challenged.

### Using Christ's Authority

- We do not "ask" demons to leave or pray they leave someone who is afflicted. We command them to leave!
- Speak directly to demons, as if to a person, they are a personality. "*spirit of fear I command you to leave...*"
- Now demons must retreat, leave, when challenged, when opposed by authority given to us.

#### Focus on the Kingdom, not on demons.

Deliverance is also about getting the Kingdom of God in, as much as getting a demon out. Matt 12:28 (Luke 11:20)

## Finding demons

- Demons by nature hide, although we can see their effects on people.
- Fear, rejection, bitterness and uncleanness are common bondages.
- Asking questions to people and especially waiting quietly on the Lord with people can reveal an opportunity to deliver someone.
- God's Holy Spirit can reveal to the person or/and yourself (discernment of spirits) the nature of the affliction or bondage.

### Areas to ask questions about when ministering deliverance.

Compulsive feelings that are:

- Fearful
- About wanting to reject others
- Violent
- About death and suicide
- Bitterness
- Wanting to lie
- Unclean
- Compulsive desire for lust, pornography or prostitution
- A feeling you must always honor the dead or an idol or something bad will happen
- Repeating dreams of fear or being bound up?
- Deep feelings of wanting to control people
- Fascination with the occult
- Deep feelings of wanting to curse or use unclean language or blaspheme.

(These can be symptoms of a demonic influence, BUT not always)

### Evangelism includes dealing with demons.

A confrontation of Kingdoms Matt 12:28, Mark 6:7+13.

- In evangelism, ask in a community or family "does anyone have trouble with spirits, or any people troubled by irrational fears etc".

## Steps to Deliverance.

### 1. Waiting on the Lord.

### 2. Honesty - Humility.

Ps 139: 23-24. Ps 51. James 4:6-7.

### 3. Repentance - Renunciation.

Luke 13:3, 15-10, Math 3:7-8, Acts 19:18-19, Math 6:14-15

### 4. Call on the Lord.

Joel: 2:32.

### 5. Use authority.

Mark 3:14-15, Matthew 10:1.

Two distinct activities:

- The person calls on the Lord and rejects the affliction/bondage demon.
- You and they use the name of Jesus and eject the demon based on Christ's authority given to us.

Demons know their authority to afflict and torment people.

**Do you know your authority to expel them, cast them out?**