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David Cartledge gave his life to the Lord at the age of 15 and three years later God called him to the ministry. He went to an Australian Bible College a year later (as a 19 year old) and graduated three years later. The following year he was married to Marie who stayed at his side, often sharing in the ministry work throughout his life.

For the first two years of his ministry David was an assistant pastor in Hobart, Tasmania. Then, in the following four years, David and Marie planted a Church in the relatively small country town of Devonport (also in Tasmania). After this, David pastored a Church in another small country town, Lithgow (in New South Wales).

In 1970, at the age of 30, David was called to pastor a Church in the growing city of Townsville (Queensland). In the 18 years he was there, the church saw incredible growth. David embraced the charismatic renewal, and the church was in revival! The meetings would go on until all hours of the night. At these meetings people were touched, miracles occurred and the church exploded.

As the church grew, David decided the church needed to buy land to build a larger facility so he purchased 92 acres of land on the outskirts of the city. On this property he started a Bible school and a Christian school, the first to be started by his Church denomination in Australia.

At the age of 37, David became a member of the Australian National Executive of his Church denomination and held a leadership position in this movement for 26 years.

As a leader within his Church movement, David's strategy was church planting. His determined, faith filled and systematic approach to implementing this strategy resulted in many churches being planted, initially in the state of Queensland, and then, partly as a result of his example and influence, at a national level throughout Australia.

At the age of 48, after growing the Townsville church from a few dozen to well over 1,000 people, and seeing through the building of a large auditorium, Bible College, and Christian School, David and Marie moved from Townsville to start a church with a small group of local people on the Gold Coast. Moving from such a large church (in Townsville) to start a new church would have been hard for someone who had "broken through" and overcome enormous challenges, but because God had spoken to him, he moved. It wasn't long before he had established a church on a main road close to Surface Paradise and saw it grow rapidly.

At the age of 53, the National Executive of David's Church movement asked him to become the President of the national Bible College just outside Sydney. He accepted and remained in that position for nine years. In that time he instituted many changes and improvements. He moved the College from Katoomba in the Blue Mountains to Chester Hill, much closer to the centre of Sydney. This move involved the miraculous purchase of a former large, Australian Defence Services property.

At the age of 62 David began travelling the world, inspiring churches to move into the prophetic and apostolic realm and went to be with the Lord a few years later. He had given his all and he left a legacy of a life of devotion and service to God. His wife Marie continues to serve the Lord and is a wonderful example of a mother and grandmother for the family she and David raised together as they served in ministry.



"Our movement has been deeply impacted by David Cartledge. He is truly one of our greats. What David believed in, he believed in 100 per cent. Whatever he did, he did 100 per cent. He spoke fervently about faith, and lived so fervent by faith."

Brian Houston, Hillsong, Australia

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THE MINISTRY OF ANGELS

INTRODUCTION

Man consistently disbelieves those things which he cannot see or feel. In this respect modern man is identified with the Sadducees of Paul's day who denied the existence of angels – **Acts 23:8**. Rather than being an interesting sidelight, this study will produce a greater confidence by understanding the ministrations given to the Church by the Lord through His Angelic Servants. Much of our conception of spiritual things has come to us from superstitions of the Dark Ages and for this reason we tend to think of angels as being winged creatures flying about with halos on their heads and harps in their hands.

The term 'angel' designates an office, rather than describes a person. In itself, unqualified by circumstances, it simply means 'a messenger'. An angel might be any of the "sons of God" – heavenly, as for instance, the seraphim: or earthly, like human prophets. Thus we understand how, in Malachi, Jesus is called, "The angel (ie the Messenger) of the Covenant" – **Malachi 3:1** since in Hebrews it is declared that He never took on Him the nature of angels – **Hebrews 1:5-6; 2:16**.

The word 'angel' is employed in seven senses in Scripture

1. For human messengers – **2 Samuel 2:5; Luke 7:24**
2. For human messengers bearing a divine message – **Haggai 1:13; Galatians 4:14**
3. For satanic messengers – **2 Corinthians 12:7** – Greek word 'angelos' for angel
4. For bishops or pastors – **Revelation 2:1; 3:14**
5. For demons without bodies, who roam the air in partial bondage and take possession of men. They are called the Devil's angels – **Matthew 25:41**
6. For heavenly beings, such as guarded Jacob – **Genesis 32:1-2**
7. For one of the pre-eminent Excellency, named distinctively – The Angel of the Lord – **Exodus 3:2**

There is no difficulty in distinguishing in nearly every instance between the heavenly angel and the human messenger.

There was at one time only one group of angelic beings. Today there are two.

- a) The Host of Heaven – the holy angels – those faithful to God.
- b) The Rebellious angels who sinned with Lucifer and were cast out of heaven and today are his messengers of evil. The Scripture indicates that they numbered 1/3rd of the angels – **Revelation 12:4a**. Praise God 2/3rd are on our side. There are more with us than against us.

1. THE NATURE OF ANGELS

Angels are not men – **Hebrews 2:16**, nor are they departed spirits but they are a specific order of beings.

- A. They are created beings – **Psalm 148:2, 5; Nehemiah 9:6; Colossians 1:16; Psalm 33:6**. We do not know when they were created, though it was before the creation of the

- earth – as the ‘sons of God’ they were observers of the creation of the solar systems – **Job 38:4,7.**
- B. They are not racial but a company – alike in kind, without pro-creation or heredity. They are often called “the Host of Heaven” – **Luke 20:36; Genesis 32:2; Joshua 5:14; 1 Kings 22:19; Psalm 148:2; 103:20-21; Luke 2:13-15.**
 - C. Though called ‘spirits’ – **Hebrews 1:14**, they are not incorporeal – Man has a spirit and yet has a body also. – That angels have a corporeal nature is implied in the words of the Lord, that after the Resurrection – men shall be like angels – **Luke 20:36.** The manna which Israel ate was called ‘angel’s food’ – **Psalm 78:24-25** and we know that they have languages – **1 Corinthians 13L1.** Both these things are physical properties.
 - D. They have an aura of glory and majesty. Their presence often promotes a sense of fear or amazement, showing apparently it is possible for them to disguise this so that they have been entertained unawares – **Hebrews 13:2.** Note **Daniel 10:5-8’ Matthew 28:2-4; Luke 2:9.**
 - E. The Angelic creation is of a higher order than the human. The Scriptures show that when Jesus became man He was much lower than the angels – **Hebrews 2:7, 9, 16.**
 - F. Angels do not die. They are created to live forever. They are not racial but individual and do not pass any traits of hereditary etc. Even the fallen angels have not died – in the physical sense, although they are dead to God spiritually. Because of this their numbers do not fluctuate but are static.

2. CHARACTERISTICS OF ANGELS

- A. The angels which did not sin but retained their allegiance to the Lord are very numerous. Moses describes the numbers of angels attending the Lord at Sinai as ten thousands – **Hebrews 12:22** records that they are innumerable. Both **Daniel 7:10 & Revelation 5:11** give the number of a myriad, which in Scripture is a term used to designate a number beyond human computation – **Psalm 68:17. Matthew 26:53** also indicates the vast numbers of angels serving God.
- B. They exercise awesome power. **Genesis 19:13; Judges 6:20-22; 2 Samuel 24:15-17; 2 Chronicles 32:21; Daniel 3:28, 6:22, Luke 1:19-20.** They are described as strong, swift and splendid, subtle as the wind and elastic as the light. No distance wearies them and no barriers hinder them. They are an example of meekness – **2 Peter 2:11**, are wise – **2 Samuel 14:20**, are mighty – **Psalm 103:20**, are holy – **Matthew 25:31**, elect – **1 Timothy 5:21.** However they do have some limitations.
 - a) Their power is limited – **Jude 9, Daniel 10:12-13.**
 - b) Their knowledge is limited.
 - I. They do not understand the humiliation of the Lord – **1 Peter 1:10-11**
 - II. The calling out of the Church from Jews and Gentiles is said to be a school for the spiritual powers in heavenly places. They are being educated in the manifold wisdom of God – **Ephesians 3:9-10.**
 - III. The angels are also taking notice of the deportment of women in the churches, taking notice of their submission to man or otherwise – **1 Corinthians 11:10**
 - IV. They do not know the time of Jesus return – **Matthew 24:36.**

C. KINDS OF ANGELS

The Scripture reveals that in the Angelic hosts there is rank or graded authority.

1. **THE ANGEL OF THE LORD.** It is necessary to differentiate here between “The Angel of the Lord” and other angelic persons. He received worship – **Joshua 5:13-15** when all other angels refused it. He appropriated the title of God – I AM THAT I AM – **Exodus 3:2-14**. Hagar recognized Him as divine – **Genesis 16:7-13**. When Manoah asked His Name – **Judges 13:18**, the angel answered “secret” – the same word that is used in **Isaiah 9:6** for His name shall be called “WONDERFUL”. He is undoubtedly the Son of God and not actually in the angelic rank. He is referred to as the “angel or messenger of the Covenant” who is clearly the Lord Himself in **Malachi 3:1**.
2. **ARCHANGEL.** This word is never used in the plural in the Bible – it means ‘chief messenger’. The only angel so distinguished is Michael; He is the equivalent of Satan and is seen in **Revelation 12:7** leading his angelic host in fighting against and overcoming the devil and his angels. Not also – **Daniel 10:13, 21; 12:1** (Michael is the mighty angel who stands for the Jews) **1 Thessalonians 4:16, Jude 9**.
3. **THE CHERIBUM.** Much mystery surrounds these creatures and we will not speculate but simply state the fact of their existence. They number only four and were entrusted with the guarding of Eden – **Genesis 3:24**. They are associated with the presence and glory of God. They are prominently figured in the embroidery and furniture of the Tabernacle. **Ezekiel 1:4-28 & 10:8-22** gives us a full if mysterious description of them. **Revelation 4:6-9** would appear to indicate the same beings as **Ezekiel chapters 1 & 10**.
4. **GABRIEL.** He is the only angel besides Michael who is named in Scripture. His name means “God is Mighty” and He stands in the presence of God. His rank is not given but he is an announcer of important events. His revelation was almost exclusively to things pertaining to the coming of Christ (1st & 2nd) – **Daniel 8:16; 9:21; Luke 1:19. 26**.
5. **OTHER ORDERS.** Scripture divides the present hierarchy of heaven into several distinct grades – some being good, others evil. Mention is made of Seraphim, **Isaiah 9:6**: Cherubim: Thrones: Dominions: Might: Powers: Principalities and Angels. Eight distinct Greek words are employed in the New Testament to designate the rank of these heavenly persons. These are thus named:- thrones, lordships, principalities, authorities – **Colossians 1:26**. Angels, principalities, powers – **Romans 8:37**. Principalities, authorities, world rulers, spiritual powers – **Ephesians 6:12**. One can easily see where the terms are repeated in the passages cited. Thrones are greater than lordships, and principalities are apparently higher than authorities. Eight times the phrase ‘principalities and power’ occurs in the English Version. There is no doubt that these orders refer to both the holy and evil angelic hosts.

D. THE MINISTRY OF ANGELS

The ministry of the Holy Spirit is in the realm of revealing and imparting the truth of God. To the angels is committed a ministry in the affairs of men that is in the natural and physical realm.

1. They are ministering spirits to the saints – **Hebrews 1:14; 1 Kings 19:5; Luke 15:7, 10; 16:22; Acts 5:19; 12:7; Psalm 24:7; 91:11,12; Daniel 6:22; Matthew 18:10.**
2. **Execute judgment** – **2 Samuel 24:16; Genesis 19:13; Luke 1:20.**
3. They worship – **Psalm 104:2; Hebrews 1:6; Philippians 2:9-11; Nehemiah 9:6.**
4. They attended Jesus in His earthly life – **Luke 1:31; 2:10-12; 22:43; 24:23; Acts 1:11; Matthew 4:11; John 1:51.**
5. They will take part in Jesus' return – **Matthew 13:39-42; 24:31; 25:31; Mark 8:38; 2 Thessalonians 1:7**

E. APPEARANCES OF ANGELS

Though the Scripture is filled with references to angelic visitation, very few people actually saw them. They came to fulfill a definite purpose, never to satisfy the curiosity of people. **Hebrews 13:2** indicates that it is possible to entertain angels without being aware of it. Regardless of whether they are seen or not they are active in the lives of Christians. Though we are never encouraged to look for their appearances there are two references which indicate that they would or could arrive as a result of prayer to God – **Matthew 26:53; Acts 12:5,7.**

They must never under any circumstances be worshipped, accorded homage, or have prayer directed to them. They do not preach the Gospel and spirits cannot be cast out through their powers, but only through the Name of Jesus – **Colossians 2:18; Revelation 19:10; 22:9.**

SATAN'S SECRET AGENTS

INTRODUCTION

It is essential for every Christian to have a clear understanding of this subject for two reasons:

- a) Satan hates exposure and does everything in his power to cloud the facts of his existence and work in mystery and ignorance.
- b) Paul urges the church 'not to be ignorant of the devices of the devil', or let "Satan get an advantage" – **2 Corinthians 2:11**. We can only deal effectively with the Satanic realm as we understand it.

1. SATAN

A. HIS ORIGIN AND FALL.

Satan was not created by God in his present state. He became what he is by his own choice. God created him perfect as one of the most exalted of the angelic hosts. There are three passages of Scripture which refer to him:

- a) **Ezekiel 28:11-19**, which, though address to the King of Tyre is obviously speaking to someone more than any earthly King – "thou has been in the Eden of God". "Thou art the Anointed Cherub that covereth", "thou wast perfect in thy ways", etc. Such phrases depict the perfection of beauty of this angelic creature in his original state.
- b) **Isaiah 14:4-23**, though also addressed to an earthly King of Babylon, refers to Satan. Verses 12-14 give us his original state and his sin of pride and rebellion against God and his judgment in being cast out.
- c) **Luke 10:18** records Jesus saying that He saw Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

It appears that Satan in his position of the "Covering Cherub" named "Lucifer" was in command of the pre-historic earth, and because of his independence and treason the earth was brought into chaos before the re-creation of **Genesis 1**. This would explain the swift action of Satan against Adam and Eve. God had just recently committed to Adam the "dominion over the earth" which had once been Satan's. By deception and seduction he managed to get Adam to "deliver" it back to him. **Luke 4:6**.

B. HIS NAMES.

- a) Lucifer – 'shining one' – **Isaiah 14:12**
- b) Satan – Adversary – enemy – **Mark 1:13**
- c) Devil – 'accuser' – from Greek 'diabolos'.
- d) Serpent – **Revelation 12:9; 20:2; Genesis 3:1-14**

- e) Dragon – **Revelation 20:2; 13:2-4**
- f) Beelzebub – **Luke 11:15; Mark 3:22; Matthew 1:25**
- g) Prince of the power of the air – **Ephesians 2:2**
- h) God of this world – (or Age from Greek Aion) Satan is literally the god of this ‘present evil age’ – **Galatians 1:4**. When the world rejected Christ and chose Barabbas – a murderer, a robber and insurrectionist, they in fact chose Satan.
- i) Prince of this World – **John 14:30; 12:21; 16:11**.
- j) An angel of light – **1 Corinthians 11:14**.

C. HIS WORK

Satan’s major purpose is to pervert, obstruct and overthrow the plan of Almighty God. He seeks to gain for himself the worship which belongs to God – **Luke 4:7**. All heathen worship is in fact to Satan and he rejoices in the gross darkness of such deluded lives – **Deuteronomy 32:17; 1 Corinthians 10:20**. He takes the value of God’s Word away from those who are not soft toward God – **Luke 8:12**. With the Church, his main weapon is that of Accuser. According to ancient oriental usage, an accuser was a judicial adversary in constant attendance upon the court of a monarch as the appointed agent of punishment. This accuser received his emoluments from the spoils of the criminals; hence, he rejoiced in their condemnation. He was also an official spy. His prerogative allowed him to lay temptation and snares in the way of those culprits who he hoped afterward to see punished for his on aggrandizement.

With this historical meaning of the word ‘accuser’ in mind, we perceive the marvelous suitableness of some of Paul’s sayings. As for instance, “To whom ye forgive anything.forgave I it in the person of Christ, lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices” = **2 Corinthians 2:11**.

In this same connection it is a noteworthy coincidence that among the numerous records of witchcraft preserved we find no other technical term so often recurring as the epithet ‘accused’, which was invariably applied to those supposed to be under satanic influences. In Job’s time Satan boldly presented himself in the presence of God as man’s accuser. Just how much of that former liberty is at present allowed him we do not know. The ascension of our Lord, as the Advocate of His saints, has certainly taken away Satan’s former official standing in Heaven’s judicial court. That he still accuses and slanders the saved we cannot doubt, though in some restricted manner as compared with his former freedom. A very remarkable word is used in **Hebrews 9:24** in connection with the priesthood of Jesus – “Christ. ...is entered into heaven, now to appear in the presence of God for us”. This word appear (emphanizo) is not the same as the two other words translated ‘appear’ in verses **26** and **28**. Here it is a legal and official term. In every instance where it is found in the New Testament, it is associated with personal authority. It dignifies the whole passage, and makes it teach this: Jesus Christ has gone into Heaven on official business on and behalf of His people. What that official business is we will let the apostle John explain: “If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous”. “For this purposed the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. He that is begotten of God keepeth (preserveth) himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not” – **1 John 2:1; 3:8; 5:18**.

With great comfort for the believer, the closing of the eighth chapter of Romans combines the double fact of a present accuser and a powerful advocate – **Romans 8:33-38**.

The whole point here of Paul's satirical questionings is to the intent that he may emphasize the fact that while there does exist an adversary, malicious and ever-anxious to 'lodge accusations' against the children of God, yet he is a defeated and restrained foe: since One stronger than he has entered into the court and presence of God, where now He continually abides to make intercession for the saints, and confront Satan with the great acquittal which His atoning death has accomplished.

D. HIS NATURE

Since the fall into pride and treason, his nature has become totally perverse, so that all the evil of the Universe is personified in him – **John 8:44** reveals that he is a murderer from the beginning and the inventor of lying.

However, through his lying, deceiving ability he is able to appear as an angel of light –

Satan is not Omnipresent as God is (everywhere at once). He is localized to one place at one time. He walks about – **Job 1:7; 2:2; 1 Peter 5:8**.

Satan is not Omniscient as God is. He does not know everything. Though super-intelligent, many things are hid from him.

Satan is not Omnipotent (all powerful). He is able to work seeming miracles and can wreak destruction, but even in this he is limited by the sovereignty of God – e.g. **Job 2:6**.

E. HIS KINGDOM

Satan rules a rebel kingdom – **Matthew 12:24-30**, which is the direct reverse of the Kingdom of God. Its motive power is fear and hatred, manifested in every perverse habit and attitude. As in the Angelic Kingdom, there are governmental orders and rank of authority in his kingdom. Satan's kingdom is composed of the rebellious angels who revolted with him and were cast down with him – **Revelation 12:14**. It would seem that they have retained the order of power and rank they exercised before their fall.

- a) Principalities would appear to be the foremost order of the forces under Satan's control – note **Ephesians 6:12; 3:10; 1:21, Colossians 2:1-0-15**. The prince demons exercise control over various countries and cities. This is indicated in **Daniel 10:13** where the angel who appeared to Daniel battles for three weeks against the "Prince of Persia" – No human 'prince' could have so hindered this mighty angel. In **Daniel 10:20** the Prince of Grecia is also referred to.
- b) Powers. This is the next demonic rank and is almost always listed with references to 'principalities' (see above scriptures). The word in Greek is 'exousia' meaning 'authorities', no doubt assisting the principalities in controlling the rest of the satanic hosts.

Various other terms are used such as the ‘rulers of the darkness of this world’, (or age) – **Ephesians 6:12**. This would appear to be a clarifying reference to the principalities and powers, showing what area they have authority in, as also does the reference to ‘powers of darkness’ in **Colossians 1:13**.

- c) Wicked Spirits. **Ephesians 6:12**. “Spiritual wickedness in high places”. There is the rank and file of Satan’s evil horde. They are the evil, unclean spirits, the demons of varying strength and character, who operate under the direction of the prince demons in the way against God’s Kingdom in particular and mankind in general.

2. **DEMONS**

This word does not occur in the King James Version. It is the correct translation of the Greek word ‘Daimon’ which in the KJV is translated ‘devil’. The correct Greek word for the ‘devil’ is ‘diabolos’. There is one devil, but many demons, or evil spirits.

A. **THEIR ORIGIN**

As previously stated the only light on their origin indicates that they are the angels who rebelled with Satan – **Matthew 25:41**. **Psalms 78:49** also suggests that the demons are evil angels. There is a theory that the evil spirits or demons are the disembodied spirits of a Pre-Adamic creation. However, there is not the slightest shred of evidence for this in the entire Word of God. The demons knew and recognized Jesus as the Holy One – “The Son of the Most High God” – **Mark 1:24; 3:11; 5:7**, which also suggests that their origin was angelic. They recognize that a day of judgment is coming for them. The Word of God tells of the judgment reserved for the rebellious angels, but not a word about a judgment for a Pre-Adamic race.

B. **THEIR LOCATION**

- a) Popular opinion has it that the devil and his spirits have their headquarters in hell. This is not so. Satan is the prince of the power of the air – **Ephesians 2:2**, and the spirits are spoken of as being in heavenly or high places. **Ephesians 6:12; Job 1:7, 2:2** also show that Satan travel about the earth – not hell. They control the earth and its atmosphere. **Luke 11:24** and **Matthew 12:4b**, both show the expelled spirits, not in hell but wandering in dry places. **Genesis 1**, the only day not declared good was the 2nd when the atmosphere was created.
- b) Evil spirits or demons desire to inhabit human bodies and personalities, in order to express their perverted nature. The Scripture is filled with evidence on this point. If they have a means of entrance into a life they will then begin to express themselves. Perhaps in their banishment from heaven they have become limited so that they cannot physically express their evil nature unless in possession of someone’s body. It is apparent that they will settle for the body of a beast if a human being is not available in preference to wandering in a disembodied state – **Matthew 12:43-45, Luke 8:30-33**. Once in control of a person’s life, they come to regard the body as ‘their house’.

C. THEIR MODE OF OPERATION

a) The Occult Realm. The Word of God specifically forbids any connection whatsoever with the Occult realm on the pain of death – **Leviticus 19:26, 21; 20:6, 27; Exodus 22:18; Deuteronomy 18:9-14; Isaiah 8:19-20**. There are numerous manifestations and offshoots of these forbidden realms, forbidden because they are the personal area of Satan. Any person dabbling in the Occult gives him legal grounds to take control of their life. The following are some of the ancient and modern types of Occultism:-

- I. Divination – the practice of using various elements such as rods, tokens, etc. to predict good or bad luck. **Hosea 4:12** (Living Bible) says ‘tea leaves!’ Tea cup reading, palmistry, lucky charms, chromography, superstitions such as black cats, throwing salt over one’s shoulder etc., Prognostication (monthly omens) or living by dreams are all of a kind.
- II. Necromancy – from ‘nekros’ a dead body and ‘manteia’ – divination. The so-called practice of consulting the dead. This is modern day spiritism or spiritualism. It finds expression in séances, ouija boards, table rapping, automatic writing etc, - **1 Samuel 28:8; 2 Chronicles 33:6** are examples. The deluded person is not at all in contact with the dead but with a demon who has collated the facts the person wants to know. Mediums actually have a familiar spirit.
- III. Magic – though apparently innocent it is a seed-bed for demonic activity in that it practices a deliberate deception and has its main effect in trickery and fraud. In this area is ventriloquism which has its origin in wizards that “peep and mutter” – **Isaiah 8:19**.
- IV. Sorcery – this involves a deeper type of ‘magic’ than the paragraph above. This is the magic which exercises control over others through either a drug induced state, through enchantments or potions. The Greek word used for sorcery is ‘pharmakeia’ which means enchantment with drugs – in fact, today’s epidemic of mind expansion through LSD and Heroin is a type of sorcery. **Revelation 9:21; 18:23; 21:8; 22:15** – Simon Magus of Acts 8 and Elymus of Acts 13 were both sorcerers and exercised control over the lives of others. Hypnotism is a type of sorcery.
- V. Witchcraft – involves direct Satan worship, the black mass – crystal balls, satanic prophesying, astrology, horoscopes, clairvoyance, idol worship and ‘rebellion’ – **1 Samuel 15:22**.

b) The Religious Realm.

Surprisingly enough the religious field is one of the most demon dominated areas of human experience. Because of the basic spiritual hunger in every person’s life there is often an open door to demonic influences. Jesus pointed out in **Luke 8:12** that the devil attends the preaching of the Word to take it out of the heart.

1 Timothy 4:1 clearly shows that many church doctrines such as celibacy and vegetarianism (v3) have their origin in a seducing spirit. **Colossians 2:15-23** also shows that special church calendars, false humility, angel worship and ascetism etc., have a demonic origin. **James 3:15** indicates that in the church envying, strife and confusion as well as the wisdom which does not come from God is devilish. **1 John 4:1-3** tell us to test the spirits. Every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus is come in the flesh is not of God. This does not refer to ordinary demons, but to seducing spirits teaching doctrines of devils and manifested in every false cult. Many demons in Bible days did confess that Christ had come in the flesh – **Mark 1:24**. This method is to discover the spirit of the Antichrist in wrong teachings. ‘False Prophets’ – **Matthew 24:11**. The word used for seducing spirits in **1 Timothy 4:1** is ‘planos’ and means ‘wandering’ – one characteristic of people controlled by such a spirit is their restless nature.

All idolatry whether it be to graven images, ceremonial worship or pride of denominationalism is the product of demonic influences to introduce a substitute God for our Almighty Saviour – **Exodus 20:3-5; Deuteronomy 32:17; 1 Chronicles 16:26** (Living Bible). Satan and his demons are masters of counterfeit and we need the operation of Spiritual gifts (the word of Knowledge and the Discerning of spirits) and the ministry of deliverance to set the captives free.

c) The Realm of Human Bondage, Aberration and Idiosyncrasy

For every work of the flesh – **Galatians 5:19-21; Matthew 5:28; 15:19; Colossians 3:5**, there is a corresponding power of darkness. In fact the Scripture states that Satanic influence is at work in them – **Ephesians 2:1; Colossians 3:6; John 8:44; Romans 6:16**. Satan has power over a life yielded to sin, habit and eccentricity. Of course, not every sin has a demon as its cause in every case, but many do, and we need the Discerning of spirits and the ministry of deliverance to set the captives free.

d) The Realm of Politics and World Government

There is far more demonic influence in this realm than has ever been recognized. The Communist system as an anti-God political cause did not originate in the heart of Karl Marx or Lenin but in the satanic kingdom. Such Scriptures as **Luke 4:6** – “kingdoms are delivered to me”, “my throne” – **Isaiah 14:13**; “god of this age” – **2 Corinthians 4:4** and “prince of Greece and Persia” – **Daniel 10** – show the political influence held by Satan. The term ‘prince of this world’, refers to the ‘kosmos’ or world systems – **John 10:11**. This together with the open corruption and hypocrisy and unrighteousness of every government in the world is clear proof of the Satanic world system.

D. TYPES OF DEMONS

As previously stated there is a spirit for every sin and habit or work of the flesh. The spirits seem to have differing characteristics. One is a lying spirit, another is unclean, another is jealous etc. We list only those referred to in Scripture although there are many

more – identified through their characteristics. These Scriptures refer to some of the categories below:

Numbers 5:30; Judges 9:23; 2 Chronicles 18:21; Isaiah 19:14; Isaiah 61:3; Hosea 4:12, 5:4; Zechariah 13:2; Mark 9:17; 9:28; Luke 13:11; Acts 16:16; Romans 8:15; 11:8; 1 Corinthians 2:12; Ephesians 2:2; 1 Timothy 4:1; 2 Timothy 1:7; 1 John 4:6.

Infirmity or weakness, deaf, dumb, blind, foul, unclean, divination, bondage, error, seducing, jealous, lying, familiar, antichrist, fear, perverse, sorrowful, slumber, whoredoms, destroying, evil spirit, mob or many (legion), world, heaviness. The Word of God also identifies many spirits with animals, birds and insects. Satan appeared first as a serpent. The Greek name for the spirit of divination in **Acts 16:16** is 'python' – **Revelation 9** is without doubt a reference to demonic powers, spoken of a locusts and scorpions. See also **Joel 1:4; 2:25; Luke 10:19**, the antichrist is called 'the Beast' – the Crucifixion – **Psalms 22:12-13** indicates the demonic forces that were present – **Luke 22:53**, the devil is called a ravening lion, a dragon. **Revelation 18:2** speaks of Babylon the city referred to in **Isaiah 14** (the chapter on Lucifer's fall) as the habitation of demons and the cage for every unclean and hateful kind.

E. DEFEAT OF THE DEVIL AND HIS DEMONS

Colossians 2:15 states clearly that at Calvary Jesus destroyed the power and authority of every principality and power. The saint of God has the ability in Christ to be free from every work of the devil. Jesus gave power over demons to the 12 apostles – **Luke 9:1**, to the 70 disciples – **Luke 10:1, 19**, and to all believers – **Mark 16:17**. The Name of Jesus is our Mighty Weapon – the Word of God is the Sword of our armoury – **Ephesians 6:12-17**, and the Blood and Word of our confession are our legal document of deliverance – **Revelation 12:11**.

F. DESTINY OF DEMONS

The spirits are aware of their final doom as they often questioned whether Jesus has come to torment them before the appointed time – **Matthew 8:29**. The Lake of Fire was prepared for them – not for mankind. Man goes there because he chooses to have the nature of Satan. **Isaiah 30:33** refers to Tophet – the pit – the everlasting fire as being prepared of old for the 'King' – compares **Revelation 20:10**.

G. THEIR FINAL ONSLAUGHT

Revelation 1:12 indicates that at the end of the age there would be an upsurge in satanic activity as the devil knows that his time is short. This is so today with the tremendous revival of witchcraft and Satanism. Every Christian needs to be on the alert to drive back the powers of darkness. At the end of the present dispensation the Lord Jesus will return and destroy the satanic kingdom and take him captive with all his demons – **2 Thessalonians 2:8, Daniel 8:24, 25; Revelation 20:2-3**. For 1,000 years there is no satanic influence on the earth and then he is loosed for a season to show that man's basic nature has not changed. In this final battle Satan's kingdom is forever destroyed.

He is cast into the lake of fire where the beast and false prophet are, completing God's judgment on the Trinity of Evil – **Revelation 20:7-10**.

3. THE INCURSION

We have indications in the Scripture that there was a second period of angelic sin. On the first occasion, Satan led many angels in direct rebellion. On the second a number of angels fell into the sin of leaving their first estate or condition in order to commit fornication of an abnormal nature. This paralleled Sodom's sexual sin and brought destruction as swiftly as Sodom's did. These sinful angels did not join the satanic rebellion but are held in captivity until the day of judgment in a spirit prison called Tartarus – (correct translation of hell – the only time the word is used in the Bible),

It is this act which finally precipitated the flood. God destroyed the mighty mutants, along with the evil and sensuous world which made possible their birth, before the righteous line which would bring forth the "seed of the woman" could be corrupted by this incursion.

Note the Scriptures on this point: **Genesis 6:1-4; 2 Peter 2:4-5; Jude 6-7**.

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THE MINISTRY OF DELIVERANCE

INTRODUCTION

The Ministry of Deliverance has been the centre of much controversy in recent times due to two main areas of opposition.

- A. Many people are ignorant of Satan's devices and cannot comprehend that it is possible for believers to need any ministry of Deliverance. Their opposition is based on traditional view of Salvation which is more sentimental than factual. While all Bible believing people should be clear in their understanding of the legal side of our salvation and our positional sanctification, it is foolish and damaging to ignore the actual condition of a believer's life. Much of the modern Church has pretended the problem does not exist and instead have attempted to show that it is impossible for a believer to need deliverance.
- B. Some have reacted in horror or near hysteria to the ministry of Deliverance with accounts of supposed teachings and practices of Deliverance Ministries. These reactions in not a few cases are based on fear, hearsay, personal problems and even outright lies.

On the other hand, it also needs to be said that some of those seeking to practice this ministry have been unwise and have brought disrepute on this important area of the Church's authority.

Despite the areas of opposition, the Church is regaining courage and authority over every work of darkness and is following up the ministry of Jesus as He commanded her to. There is a parallel here to the incident when David slew Goliath and his brethren followed up that victory by putting the evil hosts to flight.

1. JESUS' MINISTRY

We have previously noted in the study on the ministry of Christ that He made available freedom for the total person, in body, soul and spirit from the power of sin, sickness and spirits. In fact, Jesus devoted much of His ministry to the Ministry of Deliverance – i.e. the casting out of demons. The Gospels reveal 33 separate incidents and 11 repeated incidents, in which Jesus cast out spirits or taught about them. As an example of the importance He placed on this ministry we note that there are only just over 40 references to healing in the Gospels, and a careful study will reveal that some healings were in fact a result of a spirit of infirmity being cast out. This gives grounds for suggesting that half of Jesus' ministry to human need was in the realm of Deliverance from demons.

A. His First Sermon

Jesus outlined His ministry in His first recorded sermon – **Luke 4:17-27**. He read from Isaiah's prophecy – **Isaiah 61:1-3**. The Ministry of Deliverance is at the very heart of the statement of **Luke 4:18**, "healing for the broken-hearted" – "deliverance for the captives" – "setting at liberty them that are bruised".

This is what Zacharias prophesied of Jesus in **Luke 1:67-65** “deliverance from the hand of our enemies” (plural). The Old Testament does not record a single case of evil spirits being cast out, although they were active at the time. Saul the King of Israel had to be pacified and the spirit was suppressed, but there was no deliverance available to him. The first record of any deliverance is in the ministry of Jesus – **Mark 1:23-27**. Notice that the people were amazed and said “what new doctrine is this – for with authority commanded He the unclean spirits and they obey Him”.

No one in the Old Testament ever challenged or broke the authority of Satan. Jesus did this in the Temptation, and that is why the spirits were cast out in His Name long before the Cross. He gained authority over Satan – **Luke 10; 17; 9:40**. The demons recognized Him and often used the Name of His Humanity. “Jesus of Nazareth” – **Mark 1:24**, for it was as a true human that Jesus overcame Satan in the wilderness.

B. The Gospel of the Kingdom

From this time on Jesus went everywhere preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom, and closely associated with it is the Ministry of delivering people from the tyranny of evil spirits. When the trespasser is evicted the Kingdom of God can hold total sway over the whole life. Note **Matthew 12:28; Luke 11:20**. Note also – **Matthew 4:23-24; 10:7-8; Luke 8:1-2; 9:1-2; 10:9 & 17**. The message of the Kingdom started with Jesus’ ministry. The Old Testament only had the Law and prophets and no deliverance. Note **Luke 16:16**.

C. Disciples enter into His Ministry

Part of the reason why Jesus ordained the 12 Apostles was so that they could have power to cast out demons – **Mark 3:14-15**. At a later date He committed power over evil spirits to the 12 – **Matthew 10:1-8; Mark 6:7-13; Luke 9:1** – both Matthew and Mark record that they cast out many demons. **Luke 10:1-21** is extremely interesting. Here Jesus commissioned the 70 disciples to heal the sick, but there is no mention of exorcism. However the disciples returned with great joy because they had discovered that the evil spirits were subject to them through His Name.

It is here that Jesus said that He beheld Satan fall as lightning from heaven, and it is apparent from the context that Jesus was refereeing to the new threat to Satan’s kingdom in the enlightened disciples. At this stage He gave them an actual commission over the powers of darkness – v20, He then told them to rejoice in the fact that their names were “published in the heavenlies”. Every spiritual wickedness and principality and powers in the high places – **Ephesians 6:12** were aware that these disciples were exalted through Jesus, to a higher position than them. Note also **Acts 19:15** and **Mark 1:24**, where both Jesus and Paul were known by the spirits. It was this incident of the disciples’ discovery which caused Jesus to rejoice in Spirit – **Luke 10:21**. (Greek – to leap much for joy).

The following Scriptures refer to Jesus involvement in Deliverance in the Gospels:-

MATTHEW: 4:24; 8:16, 28-33; 9:32-33; 10:8; 12:22-23, 28, 43-45; 15:22-28, 17:14-18.

MARK: 1:23-27, 32-24, 39; 3:11, 15; 5:1-13; 6:7, 13; 9:17-27, 38; 16:9, 17.

LUKE: 4:18, 33-36, 41; 6:18; 7:21; 8:2, 27-39; 9:1, 27-42, 49; 10:17, 18, 19-20, 21; 11:14, 20, 24-26; 13:10-13, 16, 32.

It will be noticed that some of the outstanding cases of deliverance such as Legion and the lunatic boy are recorded more than once emphasizing the methods of dealing with such bondage.

2. **THE CHURCH PATTERN**

Some have objected that this ministry is not needed in the church because there is no mention of it in the Pauline revelation or the Epistles of Peter and John. We believe that there is a pattern indicated in the Scriptures that if properly applied would bring the church totally into line with Pauline Revelation of the life of Christ within us. Unfortunately there are many trying to appropriate the provisions of **Romans 6 & 8** and **Galatians 2:20, Ephesians 1 & 2** etc., who have not dealt with the root causes of their problems and bondage. In fact they are superimposing the victory of Christ on a life filled with strife, which results in constant suppression of evil desires and appetites instead of being freed from them. Jesus promised us that we could through “the Truth” be free indeed.

In fact, the Epistles take the position of speaking to people already liberated and are now warned to stay free. Paul urges forgiveness to the Corinthians in case the devil gets a foothold in their lives – **2 Corinthians 2:10-11**. He tells the Corinthians not to let anger rule them – for when you are angry you give a mighty foothold to the devil – **Ephesians 4:26-27** – Living Bible. James encourages the Church to resist the devil after first submitting to God – **James 4:7** and Peter urges soberness and vigilance (temperance – the facet of the fruit of the Spirit which is our greatest defense) because the devil is seeking those whom he may devour – **1 Peter 5:8** – humility and freedom from anxiety are closely associated with this warning, **v5-7**.

If there was no danger of the powers of darkness gaining control again, these warnings would not have been given.

The Church Pattern is for the Ministry of Deliverance to operate hand in hand with Evangelism, and to cast out every evil spirit as soon as possible after conversion. In the past this has not been done and the Church has become filled with people who, because this ministry was not available, have brought their bondage with them into their Christian lives. As a result they have lived far below their possibilities in God, being bound by wrong attitudes and habits, and setting a wrong standard for the church.

We have already established that Jesus maintained an extremely strong emphasis upon this facet of making men whole – (as much as healing). **Acts 8** gives us a pattern for establishing a church. Philip preached Christ and the people with one accord gave heed to him. Hand in

hand with his evangelistic emphasis Philip cast out spirits who had gained entrance into the people through the sorceries of Simon Magus – they left screaming – a common manifestation of occult spirits. After this they were baptized in water and in the Spirit. The Modern Church has largely reversed the order, because of its refusal to face the fact that many people need to be set free from the powers of darkness, as well as to receive forgiveness of sins.

This ministry is the heritage of the Church today. Jesus warns us that the last days would be the time when “Satan is cast down to the earth, filled with great wrath, knowing that his time is short” – **Revelation 12:12**. Paul prophesied that the last days of the Church Age would be a perilous time with much demon activity – as does John. **1 Timothy 4:1; 2 Timothy 3:10-8, 1 John 4:1-2**. In the midst of all this we have the promise of Jesus made to the 70 – **Luke 10:19** and never revoked but amplified in **Mark 16**, that we would have power over all the power of the enemy. **Luke 21:26** makes it plain that before the coming of Christ the evil powers in heavenly places will be shaken by a church that has re-captured its original authority.

3. DO CHRISTIANS NEED DELIVERANCE

Ideally – NO

Practically – YES

A. Definition of Demon Activity

The moment this is mentioned some people immediately think of total demon possession and react with hysteria or a closed mind. In fact the Bible does not speak about demon “possession”. The correct Greek term is ‘daimonizomai’ meaning to be demonized, to be as a demon, to have the characteristics of a spirit.

The more correct Bible term is ‘to have a spirit’ **Mark 7:25; 5:2; 9:17; Luke 4:33; 13:11**. It must be understood that only the characteristics of the spirit which has obtained residence will be manifested, eg. a blind spirit causes blindness and nothing else etc.

It is generally agreed that there are 3 areas of demonic activity.

- a) Oppression – an attack from outside.
- b) Obsession – the person is overwhelmed by his own desires for something which will lead to a further stage of demonic power – mind governed by demonic thought pattern.
- c) Possession – the demon is in total control – now residing inside the life.

These 3 categories are man-made, they are not Scriptural and do not fit all the facts. However, it is recognized that there are at least 2 stages in a demon’s line of attack.

- a) External – affecting the thought life and attempting to provoke a projection of the self life which will enable its entry.
- b) Internal – now in control of a section of the life and using its position as a beachhead to bring in other spirits more wicked than itself.

B. Areas of Demonic Residence

Man is tripartite in nature. He is Body, Soul and Spirit – **1 Thessalonians 5:23** (This will be dealt with in detail in another study). It should be understood that in conversion it is the spirit of man which is regenerated. It is the part that was dead to God – **John 3:6; Ephesians 2:1**. Let us be clear that there is no demon that can occupy this Holy of Holies in the believer's life, the inner sanctuary. This is the abode of the Holy Spirit. However, it is very apparent that it is possible both from the Word of God and experience that demons can occupy both the body and the soul of believers until they are exposed and driven out. The Bible indicates that once driven out the demon cannot return unless the door is opened to it. If the ministry is applied early in the new believer's experiences he can then develop himself in the life of Christ without fear of any spirit intruding. In every case of demonic activity in a person the door has to be opened in the first place. Judas was an apostle, had ministered with Jesus for 3 years and cast out demons himself and yet the Word of God is clear in **John 13:27** that Satan entered into him – through the door of his greed. Note **John 13:2**. It is opposed that no demon can cross the blood line. This is so – if the blood line is there! In many lives it is taken for granted that it is, but in fact there are areas of the life that have never been exposed to the blood of Christ. In the lives of believers any projection of the self life is like a beacon attracting demonic bondage. There is no room in the child of God for any habit or sin to dominate. Note **Romans 6:16** and **Ecclesiastes 10:8**.

C. There are 3 elements used to bring a person into total harmony with God.

- a) The Blood of Christ – it deals only with the guilt of sin – its function is cleansing from a guilty conscience – **1 John 1:7 & 9; Hebrews 9:14, 10:22**.
- b) The Cross of Christ – This deals with the old nature – crucifying the ego and self-centered life with Jesus – so that His life can be revealed – **Galatians 2:20; Romans 6:6-14**.
- c) The Name of Jesus – This is our weapon of offence against evil spirits – **Mark 16:17; Luke 10:17**. Neither the Blood or the Cross will deal with demons – only the Name of Jesus. A demon does not necessarily leave at Salvation and cannot be 'crucified'. It has to be 'cast out' through the power and authority of Jesus' Matchless Name.

D. Not for Sinners.

Much current thought on this subject has it that deliverance only applies to the sinner and never to the Christian. A careful study of Scripture will reveal the reverse to be the truth.

- a) When Jesus sent the apostles to cast out demons and heal the sick He specifically told them not to go to the Gentiles or Samaritans, but only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel – **Matthew 10:5-6**. These blessings were limited to those in covenant relationship with God.

- b) Deliverance is the Children's Bread. Jesus treated the Syrophenian woman with reserve, telling her that she could not claim the blessing of deliverances for her child because she was not in the race to which the covenants and promises of God belonged. It was only her extreme faith that brought her into a place where she could receive what ordinarily did not belong to her – **Mark 7:25-30**. This incident clearly points out that deliverance from demonic power is a privilege reserved for the Church – not the world.
- c) We have no right to cast spirits out of unbelievers. They are in Satan's territory, are under his sway and actually belong to Him. Until there is a basis of repentance from the sin that allowed entry, deliverance cannot operate. It is the Children's Bread.
- d) It is believed by some that all demons leave at conversion. If this is so why did Jesus give the charge to cast them out? In that case it would only be necessary to bring the sinner to salvation and he would be automatically freed. If Scriptural order means anything, **Mark 16** is significant for it speaks of salvation and water baptism in **v16** followed by exorcism which in turn is followed by speaking in tongues.
- e) If the experience of salvation rives out all spirits, why does it not also heal all sicknesses which no doubt are of a lesser degree of strength?
- f) Saul had the Holy Spirit and prophesied but also had an evil spirit and tried to commit murder and indulged in spiritism – **1 Samuel 19:23-24 & 16:14**.
- g) If the Holy Spirit can't dwell in the same person as an evil spirit, then how does the Holy Spirit dwell in the same person as an unsanctified and carnal, selfish old nature, which often happens.

E. Recognizing Demons.

The Gift of Discerning of Spirits is very often necessary to discover the presence of a spirit – but not always so. The Jews recognized many times that there were spirits involved without operating spiritual gifts – Note **Mark 9:17** – they recognized a dumb spirit. Jesus, By discerning of spirits knew that there was a deaf spirit involved as well – **Mark 9:25**, People experiencing agitations or unusual reactions in the presence of God or when the Spirit of God is moving in the meetings do well to examine why. Very often there is a demonic power which is being exposed by the searchlight of the Spirit. Habits that have been honestly dealt with but still persist are often of a demonic origin as are many eccentricities and aberrations of behavior.

4. METHOD OF DELIVERANCE.

There is no set way or method to bring deliverance. Some spirits respond to a direct command and leave immediately, others are driven out after a period of time. It is obvious that there is need for fasting in many cases. However there are general principles governing the application of this Ministry.

A. REPENTANCE.

No spirit has to leave until real repentance has taken place, Satan is a legal expert. He will not relinquish his hold until he has to. Often there is a need for open hearted confession to a minister etc. before deliverance is engaged in. **James 5:16.**

In many cases it is necessary for the person who is bound in some area of their life by a spirit to recover the ground they yielded to the enemy, by taking their place in the Cross and recognizing themselves to be dead indeed to the sin that opened the door to the spirit.

B. CASTING OUT.

This phrase comes from the Greek word 'Ekballo' and it has a number of meanings in Scripture.

- a) To excommunicate – as in **3 John 10**. It is necessary for the person with the spirit to excommunicate it – to cast off all fellowship with it and to renounce it completely.
- b) To expel – as in **Acts 13:50** – by a physical action to put it out – to evict the spirit. Other usages of this word 'ekballo' are to 'thrust forth'; 'pull out'; 'send away'; 'thrust out' etc. It is the responsibility of the person to get involved in their own deliverance.
- c) To drive out – in the Septuagint version of the Old Testament, this same Greek word is used to describe the way Joshua and the Israelites dealt with the Canaanites – they 'drove them out'. This is the authority of the minister to command the spirit in the Name of Jesus to leave. There is an exact parallel here to our experience. They came into the 'promised land' but still had to 'drive out' the inhabitants who were evil. If they allowed them to remain those inhabitants became pricks in their eyes and thorns in their sides – **Numbers 33:35.**

C. GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT.

It is mostly in this realm of deliverance that the Gift of Discerning of spirits will operate. We have supernatural weapons with which to destroy the strongholds of the enemy – **2 Corinthians 10:3-5**. Very often the Spirit of God will give a Word of Knowledge to uncover the root cause for the problem and how it gained entry. On other occasions it is necessary for the person ministering to question the person seeking deliverance about past involvements – Note **Mark 9:21**. Sometimes a challenge can be directed to the spirit particularly if it is manifesting at that time e.g – **Mark 5:8-9**. Every spirit has a name – which is its characteristic and it is most often necessary to uncover this in order to cast it out. The Spirit of God through the Gifts is active in deliverance, - **Matthew 12:28** and will prompt the minister with the names and numbers of demons involved. The Holy Spirit will give guidance on who to bring deliverance to, some are not ready for it – Note **Acts 16:18** – Paul suffered her many days.

D. EMOTIONAL HEALING.

This is a facet of the Ministry of Deliverance. These problems are not demonic but emotional scars, caused by hurts, shock, tragedies, disappointments, etc. It is in this area that the ministry of Jesus to the bruised and brokenhearted applies – **Luke 4:18**. The Amplified Bible says – “to send forth delivered those who are oppressed, who are down trodden, bruised, crushed and broken down by calamity”. The healing power of Christ is able to go back into the memories of the power of Christ is able to go back into the memories of the past and remove inhibiting scars and bring emotional release.

E. MANIFESTATIONS.

There are usually strong and varied manifestations accompanying deliverance. As the spirit is uncovered and commanded to leave it will reveal its true nature. Some scriptural manifestations were – **Mark 1:26** AMP:- convulsions and screeching with a loud voice, **1:24-25** a deep and terrible cry – speaking. **Mark 3:11** – spirits screamed. **Mark 9:20-26** (AMP) completely convulsed the boy, fell to the ground rolling about, foaming at mouth. It gave a hoarse, clamouring shriek of anguish and convulsing the boy terribly it came out, and left him like a corpse. **Acts 8:7** (AMP) screaming and shouting with a loud voice. **Acts 19:16** – Violence and overcoming those who had no right to practice deliverance.

5. WARNINGS.

- 1) Every person delivered MUST afterward fill up the empty place. The recovered ground must be put to use. **Luke 11:24-26, Matthew 12:43-45**.
- 2) This is a task for mature and dedicated Christians. There is no glamour attached to it, but rather, a lot of delicate and difficult work. It is not a realm for amateur psychiatrists.
- 3) It is essential to keep a right perspective. We must avoid being demon conscious and instead be Christ conscious.
- 4) The casting out of demons is not criteria of acceptance with the Lord – note **Matthew 7:22-23**.
- 5) There is no room for fear of these spiritual powers.

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