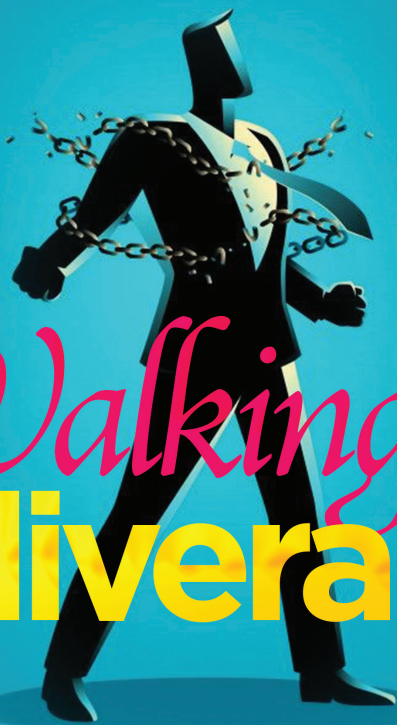


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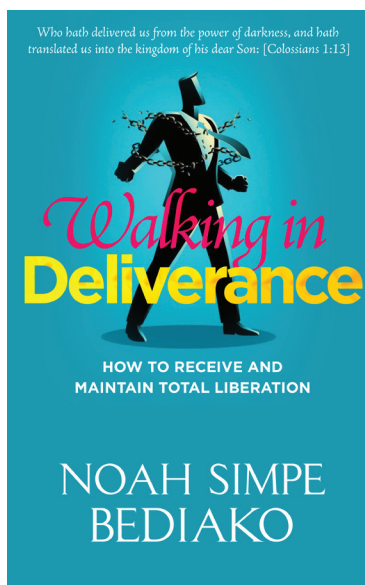


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CHAPTER ONE

Understanding Deliverance

DELIVERANCE is the process of completely liberating a man through a divine act of power from the influence of darkness, and the subsequent translation into the Kingdom of Light.

Deliverance is the act of rescuing.

What then is the mystery of deliverance in biblical context? Without wasting time on useless chatter and unfounded arguments, let us explore what the scriptures have to say. The whole mystery of deliverance is summed up in 3 scriptures; Colossians 1.13, Luke 11.24-26 and Galatians 5.1

Colossians 1:13

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Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

Those who by faith receive the sacrifice of Christ on the cross are delivered from the power of darkness. They have not only been delivered from the power of darkness, they have also been translated into the kingdom of His dear Son.

What is the Power of Darkness?

Darkness is the system of evil cruelty that oppresses humanity and tries to oppose godliness. This system exists in a 4-level hierarchy of anarchy and chaos. In Ephesians 6:12, it is clear that “... we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places”.

The power of these hosts of darkness is sin. Sin is the power of this four dimensional system

of evil and anarchy? 1 John 5:18-19 reveals that, "he that is born of God sin not; but he that is begotten of God keeps himself, and that wicked one touches him not. But we know that we are of God, and the whole world lies in wickedness".

Because he is born of God, he keeps himself and the wicked one dare not touch him. Sin breaks the hedge and gives evil access. Sin is the power of darkness. Sin is the worst infirmity of humanity. Sin is destructive.

Why Should You Be Delivered from the Power of Darkness?

Everyone needs deliverance from the power of darkness because darkness steals, kills, and destroys

JOHN 10:10 NKJV

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

The prince of darkness comes with only one purpose; to steal, kill, and destroy. Experiencing deliverance from power of darkness liberates

you to enjoy the fullness of God's potentials in you. It is for this cause that Jesus came; that we may have and enjoy life to the fullest.

Luke 11:24-26

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When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he saith, I will return unto my house whence I came out.

(25) And when he cometh, he findeth it swept and garnished.

(26) Then goeth he, and taketh to him seven other spirits more wicked than himself; and they enter in, and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first.

I hope you see vividly that when an evil spirit leaves a person, it travels through dry places looking for rest. But when it doesn't find a place of rest, it says, "I will go back to my house which I left." When it returns and finds the place cleaned and fixed up, it goes off and finds seven other evil spirits even more wicked than itself. They will come and make their home

there, and that person ends up in worse shape than before. This is to say that the person who was once set free can be repossessed and bound again.

Galatians 5:1

GALATIANS 5:1 KJV

Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

You are admonished to stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made you free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

These three scriptures sum up the mystery of deliverance.

Steps to 'Deliverance'

ROMANS 10:13-15

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

(14) How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

(15) And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

There are 3 simple steps to finding freedom;

1. An encounter with a preacher
2. Hearing and believing the truth
3. A touch by the power of God

Anyone who is seeking deliverance must encounter a preacher, hear the truth, and be touched by the power of God.

1. An Encounter with a Preacher

Preachers are pivotal in the spread of faith and power. They are God's agents to save the world. Without them, the world would be without faith that liberates.

People cannot believe on a person they do not know; preachers are divine agents to make Christ known.

Your encounter with the preacher is pivotal to your deliverance. Luke 5:14-15 teaches that Christ has healed a man, he charged him to “... tell no man: but go, and shew thyself to the priest and offer for thy cleansing, according to Moses command, for the testimony unto them. (15) But so much the more went there a fame aboard of him: and great multitude came together to hear, and to be healed by him of their infirmities”.

The people came together to encounter the preacher. They did not stay home but they came to be taught and be touched.

2. Soaking in the Truth

The Bible says in Luke 6:17-19 that;

And he came down with them, and stood in the plain, and the company of his disciples, and a great multitude of people out of all Judaea and Jerusalem, and from the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, which came to hear him, and to be healed of their diseases;

(18) And they that were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed.

(19) And the whole multitude sought to touch him: for there went virtue out of him, and healed them all.

The people came together to soak in the word. Those troubled by unclean spirits came to hear. The word is spirit and life, so as you soak in the word, you are soaking in the Spirit and the life of God; which restores.

One day, the prophet Ezekiel saw a vision as it is recorded in Ezekiel 37:1-14, he was carried out in the spirit of the Lord, and set down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones. These dry bones represented the armies of Israel. Although these bones were very dry and

without hope, the Lord instructed him to just prophesy. The Bible says that as he prophesied, the bones came back to life. After the vision, the Lord instructed him to, “Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, O my people, I will open your grave and cause you to come up out of your graves and bring you into the land of Israel”. The word in the mouth of a believer is quick and powerful.

As you read this book now, you are soaking in the word that created the world. The house of Israel was in bondage and captivity but the Lord said prophesy to them. The Lord shows clearly that as the Nations soaks in the atmosphere of the word, they would become liberated and strengthened.

In John 8:30-32, We learn that, “As he spake these words, many believed on him. (31) Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; (32) And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

The word is creative. If your hope is lost, soak in the word. This word is able to lift and build you up. It is your season to be free indeed.

Remember, deliverance is a process. What happens instantly is the casting out of devils or the loosing of holds. The deliverance continues much after wards, but it all begins in the word.

1. The Word Births Faith

ROMANS 10:17 DBY

So faith then is by a report, but the report by God's word.

Whenever the word of God is preached, make sure you understand it. Make sure you understand and soak in the message. Listen to the man of God and listen with your whole being. At Lystra, there was an impotent man who received a miracle because the Apostle saw his faith. He listened and fastened his eyes on him. He listened, body, soul and spirit.

ACTS 14:8-10 DBY

And a certain man in Lystra, impotent in his feet, sat, being lame from his mother's womb, who had never walked.

(9) This man heard Paul speaking, who, fixing his eyes on him, and seeing that he had faith to be

healed,

(10) *said with a loud voice, Rise up straight upon thy feet: and he sprang up and walked.*

Let the word take root in you. Take sides with the word and never against it. Don't listen with a frivolous attitude, and just run off out of joy with a shabby word. Exercise a continual faith. Do not just believe for a while. Believe till it works or you die.

2. The Word Casts Out Fear

It is important for you to cast out all fear and just believe. Fear will steal your faith and deny you your miracle.

MARK 5:36 DBY

But Jesus immediately, having heard the word spoken, says to the ruler of the synagogue, Fear not; only believe.

3. The Word Casts Out Doubt

The word cast out all doubt. Doubt is a thief, it steals miracles. The Lord wants you to just

believe and receive liberation.

MARK II:23-24 DBY

Verily I say to you, that whosoever shall say to this mountain, Be thou taken away and cast into the sea, and shall not doubt in his heart, but believe that what he says takes place, whatever he shall say shall come to pass for him.

(24) For this reason I say to you, All things whatsoever ye pray for and ask, believe that ye receive it, and it shall come to pass for you.

4. The Word Changes Your Confession

As you soak in the word, your confession changes and as a result your life begins to change. The word helps you to quit talking about the problem and circumstances, and to begin speaking the result only. Do not neglect the word. Stir it up and war by the word. Take action on it.

3. Touched by the Power of God

LUKE 6:17-19

And he came down with them, and stood in the plain, and the company of his disciples, and a great multitude of people out of all Judaea and Jerusalem, and from the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, which came to hear him, and to be healed of their diseases;

(18) And they that were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed.

(19) And the whole multitude sought to touch him: for there went virtue out of him, and healed them all.

The people sought to touch Jesus because power went out and healed them. It is the touch of power that liberated the people. Jesus was full of virtue or power. Deliverance does not come by touching every preacher, rather, deliverance comes through the touch of an anointed and prayerful preacher.

Acts 10:38 reveals that, “God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that

were oppressed of the devil; for God was with Him”.

Luke 5:15-16 reveals that right after ministering, Jesus withdrew himself to a solitary place to go and pray. This man had a prayer life.

1. Turn away from People Who Reject God's Power

Turn away from people who have a form of godliness but deny the power thereof. Such people talk faithlessly, and their words eat like a canker and destroy faith. Always remember the story of Achan¹ and know that one sinner destroys much good. Their words will destroy your faith.

2 TIMOTHY 3:4-7 DBY

traitors, headlong, of vain pretensions, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God;

(5) having a form of piety but denying the power

1 See Joshua 7:1, 11, 12; Ecclesiastes 9:18

of it: and from these turn away.

(6) For of these are they who are getting into houses, and leading captive silly women, laden with sins, led by various lusts,

(7) always learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

2. Expect a Miracle and Turn Your Faith Loose

JAMES 1:6-7 DBY

but let him ask in faith, nothing doubting. For he that doubts is like a wave of the sea driven by the wind and tossed about;

(7) for let not that man think that he shall receive anything from the Lord;

We will receive the miracle of deliverance if we ask in faith.

3. Be Desperate About Your Deliverance

LUKE 17:12-14 DBY

And as he entered into a certain village ten

leprous men met him, who stood afar off.

(13) And they lifted up their voice saying, Jesus, Master, have compassion on us.

(14) And seeing them he said to them, Go, shew yourselves to the priests. And it came to pass as they were going they were cleansed.

Remember the three simple steps to deliverance from the power and effect of darkness;

1. Encounter
2. Truth
3. Touch

Being Demon- controlled?

FOR LACK of appropriate vocabulary, I prefer to use the word “demon-controlled” to describe all forms of demonic operation in humans.

What Does it Mean to Be Demon-controlled?

Can we say for sure when people are under demon influence, and manifesting flesh? Often, it is neither the flesh nor the devil.

Unclean spirits attach themselves to the flesh and try to control the man. This is because the flesh is a vehicle for the spirit

I know that many people have wondered whether many of the things we ascribe to

demons are really the work of devils. Many are of the view that we shouldn't blame it all on devils. They think we should blame ourselves. While they might have a point, their argument is flawed. The text below admits that it is spirit that works in the children of disobedience. Although their flesh might be contributing, the main reason for their action is the spirit.

EPHESIANS 2:1-3

And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

(2) 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:

(3) 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.

Inasmuch as I admit that there is a difference between the works of the flesh and works of the devil, it is important to note that even without the influence of the devil, the flesh is still weak. But you must understand that the flesh can be

a vehicle for the devil. That is the reason why Christ teaches that if your right eye offends you, pluck it out. Because without that right eye the devil has no hold in your life.

MATTHEW 5:29-30 DBY

But if thy right eye be a snare to thee, pluck it out and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members perish, and not thy whole body be cast into hell.

(30) And if thy right hand be a snare to thee, cut it off and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members perish, and not thy whole body be cast into hell.

You see it is the spirit of disobedience that is at work in the children of disobedience, causing them fulfill the lusts of the flesh. Now, even if the spirit of disobedience is cast out, the flesh must still be dealt with or else they will try to control, manipulate and deceive the flesh again. This happens because the flesh is an interface between the world and the spirit and soul of a man.

The apostle therefore says cover the flesh with Christ and make no room for it.

ROMANS 13:12-14 DBY

The night is far spent, and the day is near; let us cast away therefore the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.

(13) As in the day, let us walk becomingly; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and lasciviousness, not in strife and emulation.

(14) But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not take forethought for the flesh to fulfil its lusts.

The body is a person's temporary house, the real person lives inside. Without an iota of doubt I know the real me lives inside. My body is just a house - in fact, a temporary house that shall be pulled down one day.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:1 DBY

For we know that if our earthly tabernacle house be destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

So, this outward man is a house within which the real me lives. This house is temporary and perishes, but the inwards man strengthened by Christ and renewed daily.

2 CORINTHIANS 4:16 DBY

Wherefore we faint not; but if indeed our outward man is consumed, yet the inward is renewed day by day.

The real person on the inside can be accessed through the gates of the five senses. Demons try to access your spirit and soul through the vehicle or gates of the senses; sight, hearing, taste, smell, and touch; by the doors of our eyes, ears, nose, skin, and tongue. Without these, devils may not have access.

I PETER 3:3-4 DBY

whose adorning let it not be that outward one of tressing of hair, and wearing gold, or putting on apparel;

(4) but the hidden man of the heart, in the incorruptible ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which in the sight of God is of great price.

Usually when we talk about the man on the inside, many of us think of him as only the spirit, but that is not so. On your inside lives both your spirit and your soul. I have both a spirit, a soul and a body.

I THESSALONIANS 5:23 DBY

Now the God of peace himself sanctify you wholly: and your whole spirit, and soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Remember, man has a soul and spirit, and these two are very much alike, it is only the word of God that can show us the difference between them. The soul is never the same as the spirit of a man.

HEBREWS 4:12 DBY

For the word of God is living and operative, and sharper than any two-edged sword, and penetrating to the division of soul and spirit, both of joints and marrow, and a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Can a Christian Be Controlled by Demons?

Yes! Under the normal circumstance, demons possess and control the unsaved, but they can also control weak and carnal believers.

1. Ananias

The devil can fill their hearts and influence them to act. These are usually called Controlling spirits. They entered the heart of Ananias and Sapphirra.

ACTS 5:3 DBY

But Peter said, Ananias, why has Satan filled thy heart that thou shouldest lie to the Holy Spirit, and put aside for thyself a part of the price of the estate?

2. Judas Iscariot

The devil also entered Judas Iscariot and moved him to betray Jesus.

LUKE 22:1-3 DBY

Now the feast of unleavened bread, which is called the passover, drew nigh,

(2) and the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might kill him; for they feared the people.

(3) And Satan entered into Judas, who was surnamed Iscariote, being of the number of the twelve.

Although Judas Iscariot had been in the company of Jesus for a while, the devil could still enter him because he loved money and led a hypocritical and sinful life. The apostle John says he was thief.

JOHN 12:4-6 DBY

One of his disciples therefore, Judas son of Simon, Iscariote, who was about to deliver him up, says,

(5) Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?

(6) But he said this, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief and had the bag, and carried what was put into it.

3. Peter

Peter was used by the devil to try to dissuade Jesus from going to die on the cross. Peter thought he was the one speaking but the devil had entered him. Unless we are vigilant the devil will use us for his purpose.

MATTHEW 16:21-23 DBY

From that time Jesus began to shew to his disciples

that he must go away to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and the third day be raised.

(22) And Peter taking him to him began to rebuke him, saying, God be favourable to thee, Lord; this shall in no wise be unto thee.

(23) But turning round, he said to Peter, Get away behind me, Satan; thou art an offence to me, for thy mind is not on the things that are of God, but on the things that are of men.

4. The Sons of Zebedee

The sons of Zebedee were also influenced by the devil to speak violently. They thought they would be defending the Lord by calling down fire but Jesus said only demon possessed people talk like that.

LUKE 9:51-55 DBY

And it came to pass when the days of his receiving up were fulfilled, that *he* stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem.

(52) And he sent messengers before his face. And having gone they entered into a village of the Samaritans that they might make ready for him.

(53) *And they did not receive him, because his face was turned as going to Jerusalem.*

(54) *And his disciples James and John seeing it said, Lord, wilt thou that we speak that fire come down from heaven and consume them, as also Elias did?*

(55) *But turning he rebuked them and said, Ye know not of what spirit ye are.*

5. The Church in Corinth

(Christians who Fellowship with Demons)

Some Christians, in the name of culture and festivals, are actually having fellowship with demons. This happens when we partake in devilish customary practices, ritualistic tradition, and demonic festivals.

I CORINTHIANS 10:20 DBY

But that what the nations sacrifice they sacrifice to demons, and not to God. Now I do not wish you to be in communion with demons.

6. The Devil Deceives Weak

Christians

Demons can actually beguile with subtlety, and corrupt the minds of weak Christians. They can turn you away from the simplicity or purity of Christ's message.

2 CORINTHIANS II:1-3 DBY

Would that ye would bear with me in a little folly; but indeed bear with me.

(2) *For I am jealous as to you with a jealousy which is of God; for I have espoused you unto one man, to present you a chaste virgin to Christ.*

(3) *But I fear lest by any means, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craft, so your thoughts should be corrupted from simplicity as to the Christ.*

7. The Church of Galatia Was Bewitched Not to Obey the Truth.

GALATIANS 3:1 DBY

O senseless Galatians, who has bewitched you; to whom, as before your very eyes, Jesus Christ has been portrayed, crucified among you?

8. The Church of Galatia Was Hindered by Demons

Paul was hindered by the devil sometimes. The man Paul believed that something hindered the church in Galatia. They run well until they were hindered.

GALATIANS 5:7 DBY

Ye ran well; who has stopped you that ye should not obey the truth?

The apostle was himself hindered severally by the devil even though he overcame the devil in the end.

I THESSALONIANS 2:18 DBY

wherefore we have desired to come to you, even I Paul, both once and twice, and Satan has hindered us.

The Subtle Lure to Bondage

There are three stages in demonic repossession. It happens subtly and over time. Many of the things we call possession are, in fact, nothing but foolishness. Satan's possession moves

through three clear stages. Though it can happen in very quick succession, it often takes time;

1. Manipulation
2. Oppression
3. Possession

The power of darkness is sin. Sin is therefore the greatest bait to bondage. Sin is a baby. Sin is the baby of two seeds; the male seed that forms sin is enticement (bait, temptation). The other is deception. Deception and temptation conceive lust. Lust is the embryo of sin. Read this.

JAMES I:14-15 DBY

But every one is tempted, drawn away, and enticed by his own lust;

(15) then lust, having conceived, gives birth to sin; but sin fully completed brings forth death.

Men sin when they are enticed or deceived by the promise of things they lust for. It is when deception fertilizes enticement that lust is conceived. Then lust bring forth sin.

Let us read this interesting account of Israel's

suffering.

I CHRONICLES 21:1-2 DBY

And Satan stood up against Israel, and moved David to number Israel.

(2) And David said to Joab and to the princes of the people, Go, number Israel from Beer-sheba even to Dan; and bring the number of them to me, that I may know it.

The three subtle steps to bondage are the same steps that lead to sin. Without sin, there can never be bondage. Israel was touched by the wicked and afflicted because David sinned. The Bible says;

1. Satan stood against Israel
2. Then Satan moved David to sin
3. When David sinned Israel became vulnerable

Whenever you feel pressured to sin, remember that the devil is against you. Sin will make you vulnerable.

Conditions that Precipitates Repossession

To be entangled is to be enmeshed,
entwined, or entrapped.

LUKE II:24-26 KJV

When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he saith, I will return unto my house whence I came out.

(25) And when he cometh, he findeth it swept and garnished.

(26) Then goeth he, and taketh to him seven other spirits more wicked than himself; and they enter in, and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first.

Remember that being entrapped again into satanic chains does not happen in a day.

Repossession takes place very subtly. Let us discuss conditions that precipitate repossession.

1. Dryness

This is a condition characterized by the absence of the presence, power, and anointing of the Holy Spirit. Remember that demons love dry places.

2. Emptiness

This is a condition characterized by the absence of a strongman (truth and Spirit) which guards the heart of a man. Emptiness is a beast and a condition that precipitates satanic repossession.

The Bible says that when the demon returns and finds the place empty, he brings on board more devils. God desires that we be filled with the fruits of righteousness which comes through Jesus Christ.

PHILIPPIANS 1:11 AMP

May you abound in and be filled with the fruits of righteousness (of right standing with God and right doing) which come through Jesus Christ

(the Anointed One), to the honor and praise of God [that His glory may be both manifested and recognized].

3. Dormancy

This is a condition characterized by the absence of godly exercises. This is a state of not doing more or any spiritual exercise. Man has been created and designed to work. We were created as working agents and companions of God. God has always been working since the last time He rested. It is therefore important to arise and get involved in spiritual exercises like prayer, fasting, forgiving, giving, praising, witnessing, and fellowshiping. Never hibernate, it is too dangerous.

Demons want a place where they can have rest. They love places which lack useful spiritual activities like prayer, fasting, and other works of faith. They find rest in such places.

4. Backsliding

Backsliding is returning to a condition that led to a previous bondage after we have been

delivered. Backsliding is terrible. Only dogs and pigs return to their vomit and mud. We must be living a progressive life; a life that seeks to press forward. Never slack or retrogress. You must always advance and move on to perfection.

5. Lack of Violence

MATTHEW 11:12 AMP

And from the days of John the Baptist until the present time, the kingdom of heaven has endured violent assault, and violent men seize it by force [as a precious prize--a share in the heavenly kingdom is sought with most ardent zeal and intense exertion].

Violence and resistance are two important keys to keep the devil out of your life. Until you are ready to be ruthless with the devil, he will not leave you alone. The kingdom of God has suffered violence and the violent takes it by force. It takes ardent zeal and force to deal with demons.

JAMES 4:7 AMP

So be subject to God. Resist the devil [stand firm against him], and he will flee from you.

Resist the devil, prevent him and he will flee.

6. Lack of Persistence

Importunity is the word. Determine to stop the devil and you will carry the day.

EPHESIANS 6:10-13 AMP

In conclusion, be strong in the Lord [be empowered through your union with Him]; draw your strength from Him [that strength which His boundless might provides].

(11) Put on God's whole armor [the armor of a heavy-armed soldier which God supplies], that you may be able successfully to stand up against [all] the strategies and the deceits of the devil.

(12) For we are not wrestling with flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the despotisms, against the powers, against [the master spirits who are] the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spirit forces of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) sphere.

(13) Therefore put on God's complete armor, that you may be able to resist and stand your ground on the evil day [of danger], and, having done all

[the crisis demands], to stand [firmly in your place].

CHAPTER FIVE

Signs of 'Bondage'

LUKE 11:24-26 KJV

When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he saith, I will return unto my house whence I came out.

(25) And when he cometh, he findeth it swept and garnished.

(26) Then goeth he, and taketh to him seven other spirits more wicked than himself; and they enter in, and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first.

Degeneration is the first sign of demonic presence. People and conditions possessed by demons deteriorated with time. A worsening condition of life is a sign of being under satanic siege.

So, what area of our personality can be affected by demon? Demons attack and try to control the;

1. Emotions

Demons can adversely affect the emotions of a person. They tend to make them depressed. Depression, stress, schizophrenic behaviour are often caused by demons. Their victims usually become moody for no apparent reason, and sometimes sink into deep depression. Some get angry about nothing.

Consider King Saul of Israel, an evil spirit from the Lord tormented him. He became emotionally unstable. In 1 Samuel 16:14-15, we read from the Amplified Version of the Bible that, *“the spirit of the Lord departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the Lord tormented and troubled him. (15) Saul’s servants said to him, Behold, an evil spirit from God torments you.*

He became very unstable emotionally.

2. Behaviour

Demonized people are usually insolent and proud. They are very stubborn and hardened. In 1 Peter 2:1- we learn that they despise authority, rule and governance. They cannot

submit to any kind of authority because the spirit in them is rebellious. They defy the authority of their parents and even deny the Lordship of Christ. Are you excessively stubborn? Then check your spirit; you have demons. They are pernicious (harmful, evil, deadly, insidious) in their ways. They call riot (insurgence, rebellious, mutiny, and disturbance) pleasure. Demon possessed people can be very violent and abusive.

LUKE 8:26-30 DBY

And they arrived in the country of the Gadarenes, which is over against Galilee.

(27) And as he got out of the ship on the land, a certain man out of the city met him, who had demons a long time, and put on no clothes, and did not abide in a house, but in the tombs.

(28) But seeing Jesus, he cried out, and fell down before him, and with a loud voice said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus Son of the Most High God? I beseech thee torment me not.

(29) For he had commanded the unclean spirit to go out from the man. For very often it had seized him; and he had been bound, kept with chains and fetters; and breaking the bonds he was driven

by the demon into the deserts.

(30) *And Jesus asked him saying, What is thy name? And he said, Legion: for many demons had entered into him.*

3. Mind

Devils that affect the mind are often demons of madness and insanity. Typically, the affected person begins to smell some obnoxious smell, as the smell of human extremity or of a mad person.

On the 31st December, 2006, we dealt with two of such demons in our WatchNight Service. These are the same demons that attacked King Saul.

I SAMUEL 18:10 DBY

And it came to pass the next day that an evil spirit from God came upon Saul, and he prophesied in the midst of the house, but David played with his hand, as on other days; and the spear was in Saul's hand.

I SAMUEL 19:9 DBY

And an evil spirit from Jehovah was upon Saul.

And he sat in his house with his spear in his hand; and David played with his hand.

Often , such people have been handed over to a reprobate minds, because they did not retain God in their minds. And they usually end up practicing an unseemly lifestyle. The victims of these devils have the tendency of “unrighteousness, wickedness, covetousness, malice; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil dispositions”. This makes them “whisperers, back-biters, hateful to God, insolents, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents”. They are usually “void of understanding, faithless, without natural affection, unmerciful;”

ROMANS I:28-31 DBY

And according as they did not think good to have God in their knowledge, God gave them up to a reprobate mind to practise unseemly things;

(29) being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, covetousness, malice; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil dispositions; whisperers,

(30) back-biters, hateful to God, insolent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

(31) void of understanding, faithless, without

natural affection, unmerciful;

4. Tongue

Demons can take hold of a man's tongue and begin to disgorge, spew, disgrace, and emit poison. Demonized people have poisonous tongues, they curse at the least opportunity. The devil knows that the tongue is the most powerful weapon of the human being. He therefore seeks to exercise control over the tongue so that he can turn the whole body around as he wants.

JAMES 3:2-6 DBY

*For we all often offend. If any one offend not in word, *he* is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body too.*

(3) *Behold, we put the bits in the mouths of the horses, that they may obey us, and we turn round their whole bodies.*

(4) *Behold also the ships, which are so great, and driven by violent winds, are turned about by a very small rudder, wherever the pleasure of the helmsman will.*

(5) *Thus also the tongue is a little member, and*

boasts great things. See how little a fire, how large a wood it kindles!

(6) *and the tongue is fire, the world of unrighteousness; the tongue is set in our members, the defiler of the whole body, and which sets fire to the course of nature, and is set on fire of hell.*

Use your tongue wisely because the whole body would be turned around and controlled by the tongue. People with demons curse and swear at every least thing.

JAMES 1:26 DBY

If any one think himself to be religious, not bridling his tongue, but deceiving his heart, this man's religion is vain.

Their tongues are unbridled, and hence, they are defiled. We must not forget that the mouth speaks out of the abundance of the heart.

That is to say that when demons enter a man they control the things he says. Until the tree is made good, the fruits of the lips cannot be good. People with demons speak like demons. They are profane in their speech and swear.

I SAMUEL 17:43 DBY

And the Philistine said to David, Am I a dog, that

thou comest to me with staves? And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.

5. Sexuality

Demons of lust control the sexuality of their victims and drive them into various levels of mild to extreme perversions. They employ the potency and attraction of sex to contaminate their victims. This leads to varying forms of promiscuity and perversion.

2 PETER 2:14 DBY

having eyes full of adultery, and that cease not from sin, alluring unestablished souls; having a heart practised in covetousness, children of curse;

Demons can incense strange desires. Lesbianism and homosexually are usually projections by demons. It is so pathetic when human beings, lose their affection for other humans, and they now lust after animals; having a passion for animals instead of other humans. There are people in church who are so perverted that they sleep even with people whose names they do not know.

Demons corrupts desires and press for perversion. They make you lust and sin-laden. Demons make people walk in the lust of uncleanness; presumptuous; self-willed. Having eyes full of adultery and lure with lust and wantonness. They corrupt your desires and control you with uncontrollable desires to render you a powerless slave to sin, returned to your own vomit.

6. Appetites

TITUS 3:3 DBY

For we were once ourselves also without intelligence, disobedient, wandering in error, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another.

Demons feed various physical appetites. I remember once in my country, Ghana, a member of the Latter Days Saints serving as a medical doctor in one of the Hospital was caught licking the blood of a woman who had just delivered a baby. This man must have a demon, to have appetite for fresh blood of a woman in the labour ward.

7. Covetousness

Covetousness is a sign of demonic presence. Demonic-controlled people are greedy. They feign and formulate words to exploit others. I have had this experience severally. Many people just walk up to me to deceive me, but the Holy Ghost gives them up. Their hearts are exercised with covetous practices. They are just greedy. They forsake the right way because of a reward. They would do anything for money.

8. Health and Physical Condition

(a) A boy Tormented by Fits

A certain man brought his son to Jesus to be healed of fits. The Master agreed that demons were responsible for the boys sickness.

LUKE 9:37-39 AMP

Now it occurred the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, that a great multitude met Him.

(38) *And behold, a man from the crowd shouted out, Master, I implore You to look at my son, for*

he is my only child;

(39) *And behold, a spirit seizes him and suddenly he cries out; it convulses him so that he foams at the mouth; and he is sorely shattered, and it will scarcely leave him.*

(b) *Woman Bound by Infirmity*

LUKE 13:10-12 AMP

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath.

(11) *And there was a woman there who for eighteen years had had an infirmity caused by a spirit (a demon of sickness). She was bent completely forward and utterly unable to straighten herself up or to look upward.*

(12) *And when Jesus saw her, He called [her to Him] and said to her, Woman, you are released from your infirmity!*

(c) *The Madman of Gadara*

The demons affected his very being.

LUKE 8:26-27 AMP

Then they came to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee.

(27) Now when Jesus stepped out on land, there met Him a certain man out of the town who had [was possessed by] demons.

For a long time, he wore no clothes, and could not live at home but among the tombs.

(d) Activities

ACTS 16:16-17 AMP

As we were on our way to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who was possessed by a spirit of divination [claiming to foretell future events and to discover hidden knowledge], and she brought her owners much gain by her fortunetelling.

(17) She kept following Paul and [the rest of] us, shouting loudly, These men are the servants of the Most High God! They announce to you the way of salvation!

The girl was demon-possessed and was being exploited by her masters. Demons try to

control the victim's activities. This small girl was supposed to be in school but the demons in her had hindered her. In my village, there are a handful of girls who drop out of school to work as fetish priestesses.

There are so many people who work in several professions because of the heavy demonic presence in their lives. Many prostitutes, actors in pornographic films, night club workers and pimps, do what they do because of the presence of demons in their lives.

Standing Fast in Liberty

GALATIANS 5:1

Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

To stand fast in liberty is to stand your grounds in liberty; to preserve the liberty; to continue in liberty. The Lord wants us to continue in the liberty wherewith we have been made free.

Do not lose track of the fact that there are two kinds of liberty;

1. Liberty in prison
2. Liberty in freedom

Some people enjoy some liberty in prison but we have been made free to walk in the liberty of freedom. Three simple secrets to standing fast in liberty are revealed in 1 Corinthians 15:58;

1. Decide and be dedicated to standing fast

2. Decide and be dedicated to being rooted
3. Decide and be dedicated to abounding in the work of the Lord.

1. Standing Fast

EPHESIANS 6:10-18

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

(11) Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

(12) 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.

(13) Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

(14) Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

(15) And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

(16) Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery

darts of the wicked.

(17) And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

(18) Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

There are three secrets to stand-fast against the devil. The apostle teaches that if you want to stand fast, then you must;

1. Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.
2. Put on the whole armour of God
3. Pray always with all prayers in the Spirit

2. Be Rooted

MARK 4:13-20

(13) And he said unto them, Know ye not this parable? and how then will ye know all parables?

(14) The sower soweth the word.

(15) And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the

word that was sown in their hearts.

(16) *And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness;*

(17) *And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended.*

(18) *And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word,*

(19) *And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.*

(20) *And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred.*

This scripture summarizes the secret to becoming unmovable in the faith.

Against the background that faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God, we can say that you will become immovable in the faith if you;

1. Listen to the word of God with ready mind to understand
2. Study further to gain roots
3. Uproot thorns that can choke the word
4. Patiently nurture the word to grow

3. Abound in the Work of the Lord

JEREMIAH 1:5-10

Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

(6) *Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child.*

(7) *But the LORD said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak.*

(8) *Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the LORD.*

(9) *Then the LORD put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth.*

(10) *See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant.*

When we receive the mantle to serve God's purpose, He sets us over the nations and over kingdoms. He mandates us to root out, pull down, destroy, and throw down the plantings of darkness. The Lord Jesus said in Matthew 15:13 that, "every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up". It is so simple to abound in the work of the Lord.

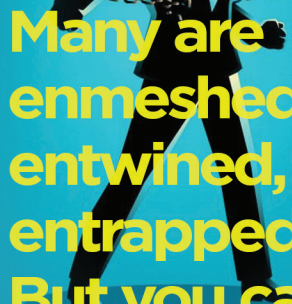
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