UNDERSTANDING SATAN AND THE POWERS OF DARKNESS

STAYING FREE FROM THE DEVIL’S STRONGHOLDS OF SIN

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This Newsletter is a sequel to last month’s – “Pulling down the Enemy’s Strongholds! We are dealing with Spiritual Warfare - what we are up against and fighting in this last day before Christ returns. Most of God’s people do not understand the spirit world of Satan’s kingdom of Darkness and how it operates. So many Christians are hindered and fall victim to Satan’s mental and spiritual attacks. They are held back, hindered, bound down and live a defeated life. They cannot perceive the wiles and strategies of **Demon** forces and how to deal with them. They do not recognize the Prince of the Power of the Air and its strong influence that’s all around them seeking to **manipulate** and control. You must remember, Spirits have **voices**, they are invisible entities, spirit beings with powerful influence. I don’t have to remind you, this is the end time and it’s all out war between God and Satan over the souls of mankind! Battles are raging in the spirit realm! There is a spiritual conflict all around you between the forces of Good and Evil. The Devil seeks **entrance** into your life – he wants you hindered, defeated and bound!! There are things you must **know**!!

The apostle Paul by the Holy Ghost describes the evil spirit world around us – **Eph. 6:10** – Finally my brethren, be Strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. **11** – Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the Wiles (the seducing lies, cunning devices & evil strategies) of the devil. **12** – For we wrestle not against flesh and blood (our real battle is not with human beings) but we wrestle against **Principalities** (the main Principle spirits under Satan) against **Powers** (Delegated authority of demon spirits that answer to Satan) against the **Rulers** of the **Darkness** of this world and against spiritual wickedness (**Wicked Spirits)** in high places. 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. You can read about the pieces of Armour that he describes.

Notice very close to these words in the above scriptures: The Holy Ghost tells us to **Withstand** – to **Stand** – We **Wrestle**! Have you ever seen a wrestling match? Two strong athlete’s wrestle. One will win, the other will lose! They are taught by their coach just the right moves and the timing on how to knock their opponent off their feet and pen him down that he cannot get up. They use EVERY BIT of their energy and strength to overcome and win the match! This is the way your enemy works.

He’s had a lot of experience through the ages - He knows all the cunning avenues and moves - many souls have lost the battle because they had no knowledge, and were not aware of Satan’s tactics! They didn’t recognize the dangers of what they were involved in, doing and allowing in their lives!! Many ministries and precious souls lie in the dust today! Gifts, talents and callings are wasted and now lie silent!!

God wants you to know - there is a thick blanket of evil from the spiritual forces of darkness all around you! It’s the **Principalities** of the air! They are pressing and weighing people down. No wonder our society is ungodly & evil. The binds and **pressures** you are feeling as you endeavor to serve the Lord is from the spirit world of Satan’s kingdom. This is your invisible wall that you will have to break through. Only the Holy Ghost and the Word of God and Intercessory Prayer can get you through this Satanic barrier to obtain and have victory!

WHAT ARE DEMONS?

What are Demons? Where do they come from? Demons entered our world when Lucifer was cast out of Heaven. The Bible teaches that the mighty Angel Lucifer who was the Anointed covering Cherub and in charge of the music for worship around God’s throne in Heaven rebelled against God. In his pride he wanted to be like the Most High and have the praises and worship of the Angels. He persuaded one third of the angels to rebel with him and as a result, God cast him out into the earth. These fallen angels became unclean spirits called Devils! They are disembodied spirit beings that have an intense desire to occupy the human body of a man, woman or child to possess and control; Demons have **wills**, they have **knowledge** (Mark 1:24), self awareness (Mark 5:9), and they have **voices** that speak! Every demonic spirit has its own personality which is against everything that God is and stands for. They want to twist and warp you in your thinking to take the Image and Likeness of God out of you. They’ll make you ugly in nature, possess your reins, control your emotions, take over your passions, strip you of everything Holy and decent. They’ll fill you with **Fear**, **Anger**, **Hate**, and every kind of ungodly **Lust.** It’s no wonder our Society is twisted and evil! People with beastly natures and animalistic behaviors. It’s the spiritual forces of Darkness! Behind every practicing Sin – there is **a spirit** that enters your life and you will take on that spirit’s trait and personality! You will become what that demon is in character.

Jesus told us the Devil is defeated and you don’t have to be bound by sin!! Satan himself **knows** that He is defeated, – **BUT** you must know it and want to be Free!! Jesus stripped him of his power! The Blood, the Cross and an empty tomb has conquered him! The Keys of Death and Hell is now in the Hand of Jesus!! When Jesus came near people in His earthly ministry who were devil possessed, the evil spirits would cry out – “Let us alone; art thou come to destroy us? We know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God! Art thou come to **torment** us before the time?” They cried out “Cast us not into the Deep!” The Devil and every evil spirit knows their fate and doom, that they will soon be cast into the Lake of Fire to forever burn and they want to deceive and bind every soul they can with some kind of sin and take them down with them. I’m going to say it again – Are you praying and aware of your Enemy and how he operates?

**James 2:19** - Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the Devils also **believe**, and **tremble**.

**The Work of Demons**

The Bible calls these Demons - Devils, familiar spirits, unclean spirits, foul spirits, evil spirits, and seducing spirits. When Devils possess people, they cause Sickness, Lust, Uncleanness, Oppression and mental Breakdowns. Remember in **Mark 5**, the man of Gadara who people called Legion? This poor man had a legion of devils possessing him! He ran naked and lived among the tombs, no one could tame this man. He would break chains that people tried to shackle him with – The evil spirits tormented this suffering soul, causing him to cut himself with stones and cry day and night! Listen to me - Demons (**evil spirits**) must have ACCESS, and an open door to enter a person and when they enter, they take control of the Mind and Heart to enslave the body. We don’t know what caused this man to come to this horrible condition! But somewhere in his life, a door was opened that allowed these spirits to come into him! He never knew he would go this low when he started on the downward path! Was it some trauma he went through that turned him bitter or was it some Sin he delved in and entertained that led to greater things? The Devil tried his best to destroy this man **BUT** Jesus heard his cry and suffering and came to his rescue to deliver!!

 God wants you to know that **DEMONS** Lie, they Tempt, Entice, cause you to Covet and eagerly desire worldly carnal things; they Instigate and Vex; They Lure and pull at the Mind, Harass and Torment; These Demonic spirits when they are around you and enter your life – they stir up emotions, Lustful passions and wrong desires; They are always pulling at the senses to stir up Trouble, cause Fights and Arguments; these Demonic spirits Split up homes and marriages; They work on **Impulse** to cause you to do and say things that hurt yourself and others! These Spirits seek to Divide and tear people and families apart. They cause Addictions to alcohol, smoking, and drugs. God wants you to know that Satan and every demonic spirit hates God and Man and wants to pull you away from what’s Holy, Moral and Good! They Enslave, Defile and Deceive. Here are some of the **Doors** for spirits to enter into a person – Through the practice of Sin, the Occult, Witchcraft – Generational Curses passed down through families because of Transgression and Disobedience to God and breaking His laws. Unforgiveness will open a door for a tormenting spirit that will come in and take away peace of Mind and fill you with bitterness. **Unforgiveness** gives demons legal access to a person’s spirit - Matt 18:34. Trauma wounds from physical or sexual abuse are also open doors for demons to enter which leads to self - hatred of oneself and Suicide. Evil spirits come through False religions and unbiblical Teachings. Also, Ungodly **soul ties** with people who you were linked to at one time or are connected to now will open the door to Sexual perversion, fornication, adultery and homosexuality. **1Cor. 15:33** - Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.

 Satan can oppress you in your thoughts.

**2Tim. 1:7** For God hath not given us the **spirit** of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

 Abnormal fears, depression, anxiety, can all result from Satanic Oppression. A major avenue Satan uses to attack the minds of even good people – He tells them they are no good, nothing but a failure, you’re unworthy; this he does to fill your mind with doubt, to get you to doubt God’s Love and Mercy and tell you that He won’t forgive, that you can’t get Victory and you can’t be Blessed – that you can’t be Anointed and be used – that you cannot overcome and have the Joy of the Lord!! BUT HE IS A LIAR!!! The answer and the cure for every temptation, lie and evil the Devil brings is: **THE NAME AND BLOOD OF JESUS, PRAYER --THE HOLY GHOST AND WORD OF GOD!!** By these the Devil and every evil spirit has to let loose and flee. Jesus’ Blood breaks every Stronghold of the enemy!!

 **Psalm 17:4-5** – (The Psalmist David said) - Concerning the works of men, (Concerning their witty **Inventions** of this world and their Images) by the word of thy lips I have kept me from the paths of the destroyer.

Now we’ve come to the main part of this Newsletter where You might say to me - **Preacher, why am I struggling**? Why am I being pulled and enticed with wrong thoughts and desires that is not Godly in my mind and body? It’s because the Devil desires you and he’s using the **influence** of this world to draw you away from the Lord and what’s Holy! He seeks to pollute and corrupt you in your spirit, soul and body and if he can use this world and its **Entertainments** to get into your mind, he knows it’s a straight shot down into your heart!! Satan knows he has to have an **Access**, a channel to your Mind, for the Mind is the gateway to get into your soul! If he ever gets in your Heart, he’ll control you and you’ll become his slave to the Addictions of this world’s Sins!

So people might ask - **Why am I struggling**? I want to Serve God and do right!! I don’t want to end up with my life in a mess, lose my Soul and be lost. Preacher, I’m battling - **There is an influence around** me that is pulling at me!! It’s pulling on me. I know God’s way is right. I don’t want to miss Heaven and go to a Devil’s Hell where the ungodly go!!! So, you must ask yourselves the question – **WHERE is this worldly influence**? Where’s it coming from? Who’s behind it and sending it? There is nothing in this world’s attractions and entertainments that’s clean and holy, it’s got Satan’s hands and fingerprints all over it.

Listen dear reader, the Holy Ghost calls Satan the Prince of the Power of the **Air**. People, even good people are wondering why sometimes they fight such **Mind battles**, why do thoughts arise and are being interjected into their mind, why do bad feelings sweep over them from out of nowhere? They say – I know this feeling, thoughts and desires isn’t right, this isn’t me and I don’t want them. Do you know why? Satan rules the air ways! Did you know that we now have 10,000 **Satellites** in orbit over our heads circling our skies? What are they doing? They’re pumping down electronic signals of **images**, **sounds** and **Voices** day and night into people’s homes, into their TV’s and Entertainment centers! These powerful unseen signals that come down are **magnetized** wave lengths that spirits of darkness ride on to our computers, they fill the **Smart phones** that you hold in your hand. If you ever see a picture of our Globe with all the orbiting satellites, you’ll see lines crisscrossing and connecting to each other all around us like a giant spider’s Web! What are they doing preacher? They are **Advertising** and **Broadcasting** signals down into people’s minds for worldly Pleasure and Entertainment! What’s in those signals? Who is it riding in on those waves? Who’s behind the inventors of this technology of **Social Media** that people are so hooked on? The Tech giants, ungodly men with worldly minds have placed these Satellites of powerful communications and Entertainments in the skies! Listen close, while you are reading this, there is a heavy **blanket of influence** ruled and energized by devils! Thousands of radio signals are passing through the air right now all around you, an unseen magnetic influencing force is riding on the air waves from these satellites that are sending and **projecting** millions of Lustful images, worldly pictures and sounds into peoples’ homes and electronic gadgets to capture the Mind! The Devil is clever in his agenda to take this world captive, and sad to say – he’s sucking the unsuspecting Church world right into his web of Entertainment! He has polluted the airwaves with Corruption, Pornography, Nakedness, ungodly Music, unholy lyrics that are from Hell and the nether world of darkness! The Air all around you is charged with violence and hate, filled with Voices day and night. It’s just like it was in Noah’s day before God’s great flood of Judgment came – The peoples’ minds and thoughts were evil continually and they did not have our modern technology! Now look at our high Tech generation and you can plainly see Satan’s easy avenue into people’s minds and hearts!!

I’ve heard professing Christians say – “It’s awful the thoughts sometimes that are suddenly interjected into my mind right out of the clear blue and an unholy feeling that sweeps over me!” There is an ungodly paw of evil hovering over the human race that you can feel! When you leave the House of God from being in the Lord’s presence and step out into the night, you feel the Prince of the power of the air – the spiritual powers of darkness!!

I want to speak right now to everyone, especially the youth, to the young people who are serving the Lord!

**Do you know why people, even God’s own people are being tempted**? Why do they struggle to keep their minds on what’s good, lovely and pure, clean and Holy? People might say - I’m having bad feelings sweeping over me that I know isn’t right! I feel myself slipping, I’m slipping in my thoughts and thought life, there’s just something that gets in me, it’s a feeling that makes me want to **Act** different, **Talk** and **Dress** different that is unbecoming of God’s Holiness! Why Preacher? Why am I being tempted and pulled like this? I really want to serve God and go to His Holy Heaven! God knows I don’t want to miss it and be left behind with the ungodly when Jesus comes! DO YOU WANT THE TRUTH -- **IT’S BECAUSE** “YOU ARE AROUND THE WRONG INFLUENCE!!! You’re Watching and Listening - filling your eyes, ears and mind with the sights and sounds of ungodly carnal entertainment! You cannot behold and continue listening and watching sinners without getting their worldly spirit to enter you!!!

Listen to the Holy Ghost – Jesus calls Satan the god of this present evil world! The devil has millions of evil spirits working for him to deceive and entice. These **unclean spirits have voices**, they have their own feelings and personalities of **lies** and **lust** and **pride** - they come to mesmerize you! They want to draw you and grasp your attention and pull you into the world’s mold! They are seeking entrance into you!! God wants you to know there is an ungodly atmosphere all around you in this world and He doesn’t want you pulled into it and be a part of it!! Your **Entertainment** MUST BE CLEAN, SANCTIFIED and HOLY! You Must pull away and break the ties or you will go down with them.

I’m going to say it again - unclean worldly spirits are riding in on radio waves into the SCREENS OF YOUR CELL PHONES and they entertain with **Images**, **Sights**, **Sounds of Music** that is of this ungodly World! It’s the Prince of the Power of the Air **working** in the children of disobedience!! The Holy Ghost is crying out in this Newsletter – Is anyone really Praying and seeking God, and sensitive enough to **feel the Heartbeat of the Dragon**, that he’s pulling for souls to deceive and defile? He’s pulling Young people right out of Church and into the world’s web! As a Preacher I’m here to **warn you** - I feel the **pulse** of Hell getting stronger and stronger in our generation. It’s coming right into peoples’ homes. It’s taking many down and pulling them out! I’m here to declare to every one - **You will become** what you constantly entertain and watch. Your eyes and your ears are the gateway to your Heart and if you **watch** and **listen** to this world, you’ll be drawn into its Mold to talk, dress and act just like them!! You’ll conform into its image and likeness. The worldly people that you watch, converse with and listen to on your phone in their unholy and lustful talk, their sexual gestures, dress and lustful appeal – **That spirit will get on you and it will Enter you!!** This is the reason that people leave Church, they leave God and Holiness! This is the reason they pick up this worlds **fashions**, its **fads** and **styles** and you can’t tell them now from Hollywood. They are now in the Devil’s grasp! Gone is the Spirit, gone is the Holy Ghost Presence of God, gone is the Beauty of Holiness. Please don’t let Satan overcome you with **Social Media** – Stay connected to God!!

Spirits enter people by things they look at, listen to, say and do. Occult practices such as ouija boards, seances, tarot cards, palm readings, crystal balls is a guaranteed open door for Demonic spirits. Games people play are filled with shooting, fighting and violence. The spirit of Witchcraft is prevalent in everything now days - Cartoons that parents let their children watch are filled with Monsters, Dragons, hideous creatures with people’s voices pulling souls into Satan’s realm of darkness. These things are **Not Innocent**, they are deadly! The shows people watch glamorize Sex and worldly ungodliness of every kind. God’s people better break away and cut it off!!

**1John 2:15** Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. **16** For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

**2Cor. 7:1** Let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

**1Thes 5:22** Abstain from all appearance of evil.

**Pro. 4:23** Keep thy heart with all diligence;

**Eph 4:27** Neither give place to the devil. (Do not give him any place, spot or foothold in your life or he will deceive, defile and destroy!!)

**May God Bless each of my Readers With Knowledge and Power!**