

## **Demonic Oppression and how that relates to healing**

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*Can a Christian be oppressed by the devil? Have you ever known a Christian who has struggled with depression? Thoughts of suicide? Feelings of worthlessness?*

### *Differences between oppression and possession*

*Merriam-Webster defines oppression as: 1 a) unjust or cruel exercise of authority or power; b) something that oppresses especially in being an unjust or excessive exercise of power. 2 a sense of being weighed down in body or mind : Depression // an oppression of spirits.*

*The definition of possession: 1 a. the act of having or taking into control. B. control or occupancy of property without regard to ownership. C. ownership D. control of the ball or puck; also an instance of having such control (as in football). 2. Something owned, occupies, or controlled : Property. 3 a) domination by something (such as an evil spirit. Passion or idea). B. a psychological state in which an individual's normal personality is replaced with another. The opposite is Self-possession : control of one's emotions or reactions especially when under stress : Presence of mind, composure. (Self-control is a fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22-23.)*

*When we hear something within ourselves, the source can be from multiple realms. We can hear from God's perspective, the enemy's perspective and our own mind, will and emotions. We have to use biblical discernment to know the difference. In a nutshell, God will never contradict His word (Numbers 23:19). So, if the thought pops into your mind that God wants you to have someone else's spouse, that thought is definitely from the enemy's realm or your own fleshly desires.*

*Demonic possession is being controlled by an indwelling of an evil spirit. The light of Jesus and the darkness of the enemy cannot reside in the same house. This person is not yet saved.*

## **Freedom from Oppression**

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*A Christian can be oppressed by the devil. Jesus, as a man, was oppressed by the Satan when He was tempted in the wilderness for 40 days (Matthew 4 and Luke 4). This happens much more often than we realize in our daily lives.*

*What do we do when the enemy attacks our mind and we feel that we cannot be loved by God or fulfill the call of God on our lives? That is not God telling us. In tonight's lesson, we are going to explore freedom from being oppressed by the devil and the healing that follows.*

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*In Context:*

### **Acts 10:34-43 Peter Preaching to Cornelius' Household**

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter opened *his* mouth and said: “In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. <sup>35</sup> But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him. <sup>36</sup> The word which *God* sent to the <sup>[1]</sup>children of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ—He is Lord of all—<sup>37</sup> that word you know, which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, and began from Galilee after the baptism which John preached: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. <sup>39</sup> And we are witnesses of all things which He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem, whom <sup>[m]</sup>they killed by hanging on a tree. <sup>40</sup> Him God raised up on the third day, and showed Him openly, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people, but to witnesses chosen before by God, *even* to us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> And He commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that it is He who was ordained by God *to be* Judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission<sup>[n]</sup> of sins.”

**Acts 1:8** <sup>8</sup>But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be [a]witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

**Mark 16:17-18** <sup>17</sup>And these signs will follow those who [a]believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; <sup>18</sup>they<sup>[b]</sup> will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

*You already have the power to be free within you as a believer in Christ Jesus.*

*Testimonies as led by Holy Spirit*

*Testimony of the post-abortive woman and how Jesus set her free.*

*How do we get free from being oppressed by the Devil? The first two points are not requirements, although they make life easier for the person being oppressed.*

**1. Are you saved?**

*John 3:16* <sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

*Romans 10:9-10* <sup>9</sup>that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

**2. Are you Baptized in the Holy Spirit?**

*Baptism of the Holy Spirit*

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**Acts 2:1-4** <sup>1</sup>When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all [a]with one accord in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were

sitting.<sup>3</sup> Then there appeared to them [b]divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them.<sup>4</sup> And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

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### *Leading the Baptism of the Holy Spirit*

1. *Are you saved?*
2. *Have you been water Baptized?*
3. *Is there anyone you need to forgive? Do you need to forgive yourself? Is there anyone you are mad at?*
4. *Do you believe the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is biblical?*
5. *Do you believe the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is for today?*

*Tell the person: “You are not going to sound like me. Just like a child has to exercise his vocal cords to learn to talk, when I pray over you, you need to open your mouth and make a sound.”*

Lay hands on them and pray in tongues.

3. *Ask Holy Spirit to search yourself (Psalm 139:23-24) and determine and root causes, generational curses or ungodly covenants that you have come into agreement with to give the enemy legal rights to harass you.*

*Unrepented sin. Unforgiveness toward others, unforgiveness toward yourself...*

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*Repent of any sin He brings to your mind.*

4. *Renounce and repent of any ungodly covenants.*
5. *Renounce and break any generational curses.*
6. *Pray to break the spirit of trauma.*
7. *Pray to break the cellular memory of the trauma.*
8. *Pray specifically for anything that the Holy Spirit brings to mind.*
9. *Pray for healing & restoration, all in Jesus' Name.*

*Take a half-sheet of paper, write a bullet point list of what you, specifically, need prayer for. Left knee, right rotator cuff, etc. Now list the things that you would fill out on a health history form when visiting a new doctor. Those things that run in your family, but do not pertain to you, those are the generational curses you need broke off of your bloodline. Now, look at what the world would call family dysfunction. (Rejection, abandonment, addiction to drugs, sex, pornography, PTSD, rape, molestation, abuse, thoughts of suicide, thoughts of worthlessness) Identify those things that still hurt, you are still carrying that need to be healed by Jesus. Write them down. This is your new prayer list. Jesus wants you whole like the woman with the issue of blood. Begin to pray over yourself daily until you reach freedom.*

*Prophetic Prayer*