

# Set Free - Pt 4

## Confronting Oppression

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### I. Review - Strongholds & Oppression

A. Last week we found out that strongholds are based on false beliefs about God. Strongholds impact how we see God, and ultimately how we see ourselves and how we see life. Strongholds are formed when a person accepts, agrees, and acts upon the thoughts the enemy places in their mind. But the weapons of our warfare are mighty to pull down strongholds (2 Cor 10:3-5).

B. Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil. He came to heal the broken hearted and to set free all who are oppressed of the devil. Spiritual oppression is demonic affliction that affects a person's mind, emotions, or body, and is meant to torment them and steal their freedom.

C. The bible is clear we are to cast down strongholds and confront oppression. And when we confront oppression in the name of Jesus, demonic oppression cannot remain.

### II. Jesus' Anointing

A. Notice Jesus went to the wilderness fresh from being baptized by John where the Holy Spirit fell on him like a dove (Luke 3:22)

*Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,*

—Luke 4:1

*Then Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news of Him went out through all the surrounding region.*

—Luke 4:14

D. He went into the wilderness filled with the Spirit and forty days later, He returned from the wilderness having triumphed over the devil, in the power of the Spirit.

E. From there he goes directly to Nazareth and reads Isaiah 61:1-2 in the synagogue.

*THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE HAS ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR; HE HAS SENT ME TO HEAL THE BROKENHEARTED, TO PROCLAIM LIBERTY TO THE CAPTIVES AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET AT LIBERTY THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED.*

—Luke 4:18

F. He goes from there over to Capernaum and begins to teach in the synagogue. And the first sign and wonder He does, is He casts a demon out of a person. This was profound and authoritative. It was unlike anything the people of that day had ever seen.

*Now in the synagogue there was a man who had a spirit of an unclean demon. And he cried out with a loud voice, 34 saying, 'Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!' 35 But Jesus rebuked him, saying, 'Be quiet, and come out of him!' And when the demon had thrown him in their midst, it came out of him and did not hurt him. 36 Then they were all amazed and spoke among themselves, saying, 'What a word this is! For with authority and power He commands the unclean spirits, and they come out.' 37 And the report about Him went out into every place in the surrounding region.*

—Luke 4:33-37

### **III. Jesus' Name**

*Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of*

*those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

—*Philippians 2:9-11*

*And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; 18 they 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.*

—*Mark 16:17-18*

*Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. 20 Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."*

—*Luke 10:19-20*

A. The authority in the name of Jesus reigns supreme over all the power of the enemy.

B. That authority has been entrusted to the church; believers are now commissioned to exercise His authority and manifest His power in His Name on His behalf.

#### **IV. Jesus' Blood**

*And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.*

—*Revelation 12:11*

*He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, 14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.*

—*Colossians 1:13-14*

*...having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has*

*taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. 15  
Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a  
public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.*

*—Colossians 2:14-15*

*And they sang a new song, saying: 'You are worthy to  
take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain,  
And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every  
tribe and tongue and people and nation,*

*—Revelation 5:9*

A. We've been washed, delivered, conveyed, redeemed, forgiven all by the power of Jesus' blood.

B. The scripture gives us all these powerful truths, but unless we accept, believe, and engage these truths, the enemy will try to take advantage of us.

## **V. Jesus' Calling**

*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.*

*—Acts 10:38*

*He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from  
the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was  
manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.*

*—1 John 3:8*

A. There is no doubt that Jesus came to destroy the enemies works in our lives.

B. It is our portion to live free from oppression of the enemy by the power of Jesus.