

Spiritual Warfare 6 Jim Logan: Demonic Problems and God's Deliverance

Three Major Causes of Demonic Problems and God's Deliverance

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Opening: A Last-Minute Burden to Address Demonic Problems

- The pastor shared that, though much of the material was planned for the following morning, he felt led at the last minute to address an urgent topic: the three major causes for someone to have a demonic problem.
 - Conservative theologians generally agree on three major areas through which demonic problems often arise:
 - i. Ancestral involvement
 - ii. Personal involvement
 - iii. Transferral
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1) Ancestral Involvement in Demonic Practices

Scripture Referenced

- Psalm 106:36–38
- 1 Corinthians 10:20
- Exodus 20:3–5

Explanation

- Ancestral involvement refers to situations where ancestors engaged in occult, idolatrous, or demonic practices, and later generations experience spiritual consequences.
- The biblical theme: the sins of parents can affect subsequent generations; conversely, the righteousness of parents can bless descendants.

Generational Consequences and Blessing

- Scripture speaks of multi-generational impact—both negative (sin) and positive (righteousness).
- Parents and grandparents are spiritually influential; families are not neutral:
 - Influence toward godliness
 - Influence toward spiritual bondage and destructive patterns

Examples and Applications

- Adopted children: differing struggles may reflect spiritual backgrounds—not merely genetics (“The only bad genes are Levi’s”).
 - Hudson Taylor’s legacy: ongoing mission leadership among descendants—an illustration of generational righteousness.
 - His grandchildren: humorous account of a granddaughter urging her brother Jeremiah to accept Christ; Jeremiah’s public testimony, notable due to his shyness, encouraged the family.
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2) Personal Involvement: Dabbling in the Occult

Explanation

- Personal involvement—especially dabbling in the occult—is a widespread source of spiritual trouble.
- Young people often seek power and encounter spiritual forces they cannot manage.

Examples

- Occult activity in “nowhere” places:
 - Reports of graves dug up, animals drained of blood, and satanic altars—even in small towns like Waxhaw.
- “Bloody Mary” among children:
 - Third and fourth graders chanting to summon spirits in mirrors—contrasted with the pastor’s childhood where such knowledge was absent.
- Coven activity in schools:
 - Students identifying classmates involved in covens and Satan worship—described as epidemic across schools and colleges.

- Book: Beginning Witchcraft (Sioux City mall branch library):
 - Junior-high reading level; instructions on mind control, inserting thoughts, public influence experiments, drawing circles to call spirits, and hiding from parents.
 - Pastor resisted stealing the books, prayed no child would find them; warned that serious pursuit could yield “the wrong kind of power.”
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3) Transferral of Demonic Spirits

Explanation

- Transferral occurs when demonic spirits move from one person to another; sexual transferral is a specific pathway.

Sexual Transferral

- Demons can transfer sexually.
- Counsel for a woman married to a witch doctor: if living biblically, God can protect her; not an automatic call to divorce.
- Warning: immoral sexual encounters carry serious spiritual consequences.

Scripture Referenced

- **Proverbs 5–7** (alluded): warnings about sexual sin leading to death—e.g., the adulterous woman’s house leading down to Sheol.

Example

- Vietnam veterans:
 - Through direct confrontational ministry, many saw faces of prostitutes from Vietnam when spirits manifested.
 - Long-term struggles began resolving when spiritual issues tied to those sexual encounters (“temple girls”) were addressed.
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Caution: Spiritual Transferral Through Healing Practices

Chiropractic and Worldview Concerns

- The pastor is not against all chiropractors (some supported his ministry; he seeks care when in severe pain).

- Historical caution: the father of chiropractic associated with Mesmer; ideas of aligning with “chi” or spiritual forces.
- Practical counsel: discern the practitioner’s worldview; avoid being “lined up with the spirit world.”

Distinguishing Legitimate Practice from Occult Diagnostics

- Beware “strange” diagnostic methods:
 - Pen on a string used to “point” to medical issues.
 - Reading eyes to determine need for surgery.
 - Certain homeopathic/folk practices—especially in rural regions—can be spiritually concerning (not all homeopathy is wrong).

Examples of Folk Healing

- Indiana practice:
 - Yarn measured to baby’s foot length, wrapped around a raw egg, egg placed in fire; pop interpreted as diagnosis; yarn removed unburned and buried. Group reported as having highest teen suicide rates.
 - Washcloth buried in a corner:
 - Similar folk-healing approach, tied to spiritual danger.
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Story From Africa: Spirit Transferred Through Occult Healing

Background

- African pastor’s bride: believed to be a born-again believer; both families and the church approved.

Wedding Night

- Attempt to consummate marriage: wife thrown to the floor, seizure-like episode; a voice from her said, “I’m her husband,” claiming to have entered when she was three.

Discovering the Source

- Parents had taken her to a juju man at age three when she nearly died; pastor concluded a spirit entered through occult healing.
- Seizures recurred during preaching and gospel ministry.

Hope Through Biblical Counsel

- The American pastor shared counsel; the African pastor was deeply grateful, now having hope for ministering to his wife.
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Transition: The Three Ways Summarized

- Demonic problems often come through:
 - i. Ancestral involvement
 - ii. Personal involvement in occult practices
 - iii. Transferal from another person or through occultic practices
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Psalm 18: God as Deliverer in Spiritual Warfare

Scripture Focus

- Psalm 18

Context and Interpretation

- Read Psalms through the lens of warfare: battle, deliverance, enemies, victory, God's strength.

Key Verses Mentioned

- **Psalm 18:1–3:** God as Rock, Fortress, Deliverer, Strength, Shield, Horn of salvation, High tower; call upon the Lord for salvation from enemies.
- **Psalm 18:17:** God delivers from strong enemies too strong for us.
- **Psalm 18:18–19:** "The Lord was my stay"; delivered because He delighted in me.
- **Psalm 18:28:** God enlightens darkness.
- **Psalm 18:34:** God teaches hands to war—skill in warfare.
- **Psalm 18:35:** Shield of salvation.
- **Psalm 18:36:** Stability—feet not slipping.
- **Psalm 18:37:** Pursuit of enemies—active warfare.
- **Psalm 18:39:** Strength for battle.
- **Psalm 18:40:** Victory—"given me the necks of mine enemies."
- **Psalm 18:48–50:** Deliverance leads to thanksgiving; great deliverance given to His king.

Application

- God wants His people to experience victory; He protects, teaches warfare, delivers from enemies, enlightens darkness, gives strength, and delights in His people.
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Young People: Dating and Music

Dating: Serious Trouble in Relationships

- Cultural concerns:
 - Aggressive approaches—girls calling boys; boys may assume permissive behavior, leading to moral and spiritual danger.
- Example: High school years of the pastor's son—girls frequently calling; humorous aside about "deliverance," highlighting the need for discernment.

Music: A Serious Spiritual Problem

- Many teenagers experience bondage related to music—especially rock and satanic rock.

Example: A Fourteen-Year-Old and a "Demon of Music"

- Direct confrontation:
 - Spirit identified as pushing boy toward rock (especially satanic rock).
 - Entry point: Song "Lick It Up" by Kiss (misheard as "Look it up").
 - Boy committed to bring music under the Spirit's control; spirit was commanded to leave.

Application

- Music must be submitted to the Lordship of Christ; if it opens doors to rebellion, darkness, lust, occultism, or bondage, surrender it to God.
 - After ministry, teenagers often tore up cassette tapes in the parking lot—visible repentance.
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Introduction to Another Teen Ministry Story (Ice Storm, Calvary Bible College)

- A mother brought her son during an ice storm in Kansas City.
- Often mothers desire the appointment more than the teen; humorous image of mothers pushing teens in and shutting the door.

The Danger of Spiritual Complacency: Case of a Tormented Teen

The Boy's Struggle

- Violent, recurring thoughts of rape and murder targeting girls in his Christian youth group; fear of losing control.

Source and Initial Deliverance

- Spirits connected to “slasher music”—vile rock themes of rape and murder.
- Spirits were commanded to leave; boy destroyed the music; initial freedom.

Relapse and Consequences

- Switched to “Christian rock,” experienced spiritual decline, returned to secular rock.
- Later hospitalized; embraced New Age beliefs (e.g., reincarnation); misled to pray to “Saint Jude,” avoid naming spirits.
- Illustration of the biblical principle: when a spirit leaves and the person is not filled with God, they can become “seven times worse.”

Contemporary “Christian” Music Concerns

- Testimony from an African Awana missionary (former tribal drummer):
 - Recognized drumming patterns on a Christian station similar to those used to summon spirits.
 - Given \$100 to evaluate contemporary Christian music; identified songs with spirit-summoning rhythms.
- Pastoral conviction:
 - A young person with demonic problems listening to rock (Christian or secular) will not find true freedom until they surrender their music to Jesus Christ.
 - Not a blanket condemnation—focused on those already in spiritual battle.

The Danger of Occult Games

Dungeons & Dragons

- CEF summer missionary training:

- 15-year-old confessed D&D involvement; claimed he burned materials.
- Shown CBS exposé linking D&D with suicide/murder instances.
- Admitted he was a “dungeon master,” memorizing curses and quotes from the Satanic Bible.
- Prayer Response:
 - Specific prayer to “take back ground” gained through D&D.
 - Physical manifestation: scream, thrown backward, eyes rolled, gurgling; spirit commanded to leave in Jesus’ name; immediate clarity.

Warning to Churches and Parents

- Contrasting church: head deacon hosted D&D game nights; a concerned member was dismissed—pastor warned churches can be asleep to occult realities.
- Application to parents (especially fathers):
 - Be protectors of the home; vigilantly oversee games, including Nintendo titles with occult themes; prevent dabbling in darkness.

The Power of the Occult and the Superior Power of God

Story: Former Satanist (CEF Missionary in Indonesia)

- Tools: full-length mirror, crystal pendulum for channeling spirits.
- Indestructible crystal:
 - Could not break with hammer or vise; threw into the dump; crystal “returned” to his room.
- Power of prayer:
 - Prayed for God to keep it at the dump; returned and threw it away, asking God to keep it there; it stayed—God’s power overcame occult attachment.

Introduction: The Reality of Spiritual Influence Through Objects (Arizona Condo)

- Pastor on vacation in Arizona:
 - Devotions interrupted by intrusive wicked thoughts.

- God prompted him to identify a source: a small black statue labeled “The God of Success” with a prayer attached.
 - Not his property—placed the idol face down in a closet and prayed; oppression ceased.
 - Condo owner later confirmed suspicion and discarded the idol.
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Case Studies: Cleansing Homes and Ground

Accra, Ghana: Home Dedication

- Physical pressure felt during prayer; interpreter discerned “Chinese spirits.”
- Previous tenants were from the Chinese embassy; after commanding spirits to leave, oppression stopped.

IFCA Family: Faceless Black Creature

- Multiple children saw a faceless black entity wearing the son’s football jacket and necklace with upside-down triangle.
- Teenage daughter felt it enter her leg; body numb; vision of body reassembled without a head; later experienced “fire” when reading verses about the blood of the Lamb.
- Two deacons prayed, commanded entity to leave; girl saw it exit and go downstairs.

Cleansing the Ground

- Taiwan seminary: built on a Buddhist cemetery—students had nightmares and strange occurrences.
- After dedicating the ground to the Lord, problems ceased.
- Application: even new houses may sit on land with spiritual dedications (e.g., Indian burial ground); cleanse house and land, command spirits never to return; family reported no further problems.

Upside-Down Triangle in Africa

- Necklace sold in an “evil part of the city” matched the American family’s description—confirmation of consistent demonic symbols across cultures.

Tormented Children and Beds

- Post-separation, children had nightmares; traced to twin beds from two homosexual men.

- Mother dedicated beds to Christ and commanded evil to leave; nightmares stopped immediately.

Dallas Seminary Pastor in Connecticut

- Poltergeist-like activity: moving beds, flying dishes, attic sounds.
 - Catholic exorcist thrown against wall and left; deacons afraid; experienced missionary insisted problem was real.
 - During cleansing prayer, spirits “rushed out” the front door, physically bumping family members; activity ceased.
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Opening Story Revisited: Family in Crisis—Seven-Year-Old with a Knife

- Executive father’s daughter attempted to stab the baby; fear and uncertainty about psychiatric hospitalization.
- Pastor emphasized discernment and gentle approaches.
- Prior missionary family:
 - Prayed over sleeping children; eight-year-old’s violent dreams ceased after father commanded spirits to leave in Jesus’ name.
 - Five-year-old was physically tossed during prayer; later reported the “voices aren’t talking to me anymore.”

Application to the Family

- Sent prayer materials; instructed:
 - Parents ensure their own relationship with the Lord is in order.
 - Pray over the child while sleeping, Scripture-based, non-traumatic.
- Initial relief (“she’s doing super”), then relapse after two months—prompted deeper investigation.

Investigating Open Doors: Artifacts and Household Items

- Items from a missionary “uncle”:
 - Carved mask used in dance/worship (initially dismissed).
 - Tie tack, basket (likely innocuous).
 - Old musical instrument possibly used to call spirits.
- Family boxed items, placed in garage, prayed for cleansing; violence ceased and remained absent for two years.

- Missionary later claimed their people worshiped “idols, not spirits.”

Scripture Referenced

- **1 Corinthians 10:19–21**
 - Context: Pagan sacrifices offered to demons; idols “nothing,” but participation links to demonic realities.

Balanced Counsel: Discernment Without Extremes

- Do not indiscriminately discard all artifacts from places like Papua New Guinea or Africa.
- Act when there is clear spiritual trouble (nightmares, oppression, phenomena) and known worship/spirits-linked items are present.
- Many homes suffer due to items that should be removed; if no issues, avoid superstition.

Hidden Evil in the Home: Pornography and Generational Impact

- Young men trapped in sexual bondage after finding fathers’ hidden pornography.
 - Principle: What parents allow in moderation, children may pursue in excess.
 - Contrasting example: Pastor’s son found a magazine titled “Holiness to the Lord” under the bed—integrity in the home protects.
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Theological Themes and Takeaways

Who God Is

- God is:
 - Rock, Fortress, Deliverer, Strength, Shield, Salvation, High Tower (**Psalm 18:1–3, 35**).
 - Stronger than enemies too strong for us (**Psalm 18:17**).
 - One who delights in His people and delivers them (**Psalm 18:18–19**).
 - Light who enlightens darkness (**Psalm 18:28**).
 - Trainer in spiritual warfare (**Psalm 18:34**).
 - Giver of stability and victory (**Psalm 18:36–40, 48–50**).
- God reveals sources of oppression, protects, and gives authority in Jesus’ name to command spirits to leave.

Who God Says Believers Are

- Believers belong to God and can call upon Him in trouble.
- Not helpless before spiritual enemies; given authority in Christ.
- Called to live under God's protection and authority; to exercise discernment and reject occult practices.
- Influencers of future generations toward righteousness.

How Christians Are to Live (Applications)

- Avoid all occult involvement—even when packaged as harmless entertainment (books, games, music).
 - Exercise discernment with healing practices and spiritual worldviews; avoid occult diagnostics.
 - Pursue sexual purity; acknowledge spiritual consequences of immorality.
 - Parents and grandparents: guard homes, pray over children (preferably while sleeping to avoid trauma), remove items associated with idolatry or spirit-invocation when oppression is present.
 - Address hidden sin (pornography); model integrity—parental moderation can breed children's excess.
 - Submit music to Christ's Lordship; those in spiritual battle must surrender rock (secular or Christian) if it is a spiritual doorway.
 - Cleanse homes and, when indicated, the ground; dedicate property to the Lord.
 - Read Psalms with warfare awareness; thank God for deliverance.
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Key Points (Numbered)

1. Demonic problems commonly arise through ancestral involvement, personal occult engagement, and transference (including sexual).
 2. God is the Deliverer who delights in His people and equips them for spiritual battle (**Psalm 18**).
 3. Objects, locations, and practices dedicated to idols or spirits can carry spiritual influence; discernment and cleansing prayer matter (**1 Corinthians 10:19–21**).
 4. Music and games can be gateways to bondage; true freedom often requires surrendering these to Christ.
 5. Parents must vigilantly guard their homes, confront hidden sin, and pray over their children with Christ's authority.
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Closing Prayer Themes

- Wisdom for families to identify anything “of the enemy.”
- Balance: avoid extremes; act when places and things are dedicated to darkness.
- For moms and dads to be wise as they guard homes and children, trusting Christ for protection and freedom.
- Prayer offered “In Christ’s name. Amen.”