

## DEMONOLOGY AND DELIVERANCE #7

### **“Where Demons Dwell”**

#### **I. Introduction**

Our topic tonight is, “Where Demons Dwell”. And here’s my theme right up front:

**One of the keys to displacing demons is to know where they dwell within the human personality; the areas of our lives that are not under the full control of the Holy Spirit.**

#### **A. Our Text**

##### **Proverbs 25:28 (NKJV)**

**Whoever has no rule over his own spirit is like a city broken down, without walls.**

1. Solomon compares the human personality to a city and speaks of places where a person is not in control of their own lives.

##### **Proverbs 25:28 (God’s Word Translation)**

**Like a city whose walls are broken through, so is a person who lacks self-control.**

a. A person may be a true-born child of God and on their way to heaven; but there can be areas of their lives that are not under the full control of the Holy Spirit.

2. I believe most of the problems confronting Christians come because we have not crucified our flesh; but we have learned from scripture and through experience that some of God’s people, in spite of all they can do, are broken down in places where there are demonic strongholds that have to be dealt with.

3. Solomon says to think of ourselves as a city; and how every city is composed of very different sections or areas:

a. There is the “nice part of town”; where everything is clean and painted and safe.

b. But then there are areas of a city that are dirty and dark; places you wouldn’t go at night.

c. In a spiritual sense, this is where demons dwell.

4. Before we look at the specific dwellings of demons, we need to understand how the Christian life is constructed. (This may be a review for some).

## B. The Construction of the Christian Life

1. **God is a Triune, a “Trinity”**; one God in 3 Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

2. God made man “in His own image, after His own likeness: therefore, man is triune, composed of spirit, soul and body:

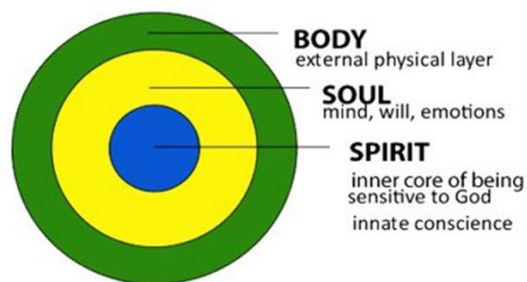
### 1 Thessalonians 5:23

**Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

a. Paul prays our “whole” spirit, our “whole” soul, and our “whole” body be sanctified, which means “made holy”.

b. Since none of us would claim to be completely holy right now, it implies that it is a process!

3. Here is a diagram of the human personality: of what our “city” looks like:



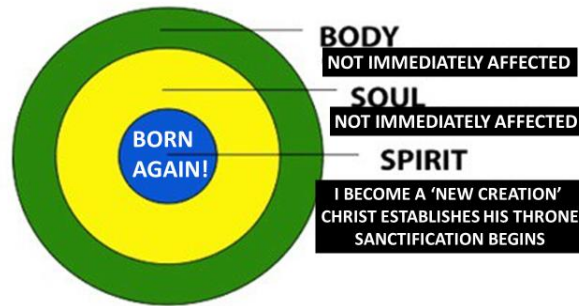
a. My body is the physical part of me; the part of me that you can see; it is the “wall” of my city.

b. My soul consists of 3 things: (1) My mind; the rational part of me that reasons and thinks; (2) my will; that part of me that makes choices and decisions; and (3) my emotions; the part of me that feels various moods.

c. But at the center of me is my spirit; this the very heart of me; the essence of who I truly am.

d. Now this is VERY IMPORTANT to know...

4. When I become a Christian, it is my spirit that is “born again”; I become a new creation in Christ; but there is no immediate effect on my soul or my body.



5. When I am “born again”, I become a “child of God” and I receive eternal life!

6. This is why a Christian cannot be “demon possessed”! My “spirit” is born of God; Christ now lives in my heart; I belong to the Lord!

a. Look at Paul’s final words to the elders of the church at Ephesus:

**Acts 20:28-29**

**Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.**

b. This proves Christians are cannot be demon possessed because we are “God-possessed”! God has “purchased” me; He has bought me with His own blood.

7. So let me sum up what I have said so far:

**Demons cannot dwell in my spirit! But they will attempt to inhabit my soul and attack my physical body.**

In our next study we will see how some physical sickness and disease is caused by demons;

but for the rest of our time tonight, let’s look at...

**II. 5 Areas of the Personality Where Demons Dwell**

- Emotions and attitudes
  - The Mind
  - The Tongue
    - Sex
- Physical appetites

These are 5 areas of the souls where demons tend to dwell.

### **A. First: Emotions and Attitudes**

1. If there is any place where the walls of the Christian life become broken down, it's in the realm of emotions and attitudes.

**Derek Prince**

**“It is my opinion that every negative emotion may open the door to the corresponding demon.”**

- Regular outbursts of anger can open the door to a spirit of anger
- Frequent moods of depression can open the door to a spirit of heaviness

2. When the walls break down a demon can come in; and they are rarely alone.

**Derek Prince**

**“Demons tend to operate in gangs. Typically, one particular demon is a ‘door opener’ who holds the door open for a succession of demons to follow. One of the most common door openers is ‘rejection’-a sense of being unwanted, unloved, or unimportant.”**

- The spirit of rejection can bring other spirits with it: loneliness, shame, self-condemnation, or even self-pity!

**Derek Prince**

**“Self-pity can be a demon. I was beginning to understand why some people could never keep a positive, scriptural attitude during difficult circumstances.”**

- The spirit of anger can open the door to a spirit of violence or murder

- The spirit of depression can run with despair, hopelessness or even a spirit of suicide

3. In some cases, demons that dwell in the emotions can make you physically sick!

#### **Derek Prince**

**“Negative emotional spirits can produce an attitude of mind that either opens the door to sickness or else prevent sick people from receiving their healing by faith. Some examples of negative spirits are rejection, fear, grief, unforgiveness, discouragement, disappointment and despair. In such cases, it is usually necessary to expel the negative spirit before seeking to minister physical healing.”**

4. Remember this. Just because you lose your temper does not mean you have a demon of anger; just because you feel depressed does not mean you have a demon of depression; remember our text...

#### **Proverbs 25:28 (God’s Word Translation)**

**Like a city whose walls are broken through, so is a person who lacks self-control.**

5. An outburst of anger or a day when you feel depressed does not mean necessarily mean that you have a demon. But if you cannot control your anger or you consistently suffer from depression it may be demonic.

6. If you consistently experience emotions that cannot be brought under control of the Holy Spirit, you may need deliverance.

### **B. Second Dwelling: The Mind**

1. The mind is the main battlefield in the human personality!
2. Remember that demons cannot touch our “spirit-man”; the “born again” part of us where Christ lives; but they can speak to us in our minds.
3. You can learn to recognize demonic thoughts spoken to your mind:

#### **Demonic Dwelling Places in the Mind**

- Doubt

- Deception
- Indecision
- Compromise
- Humanism
- Insanity

4. **Demons that dwell in the mind will always cause you to doubt the Word of God or to question God's goodness.**

a. The first words Satan speaks in the Bible are a question: "Hath God said you will surely die?" The demon of doubt will cause you to question the Word of God.

b. The second words Satan speaks in the Bible are an outright denial of the Word of God: "You shall not surely die!"

c. The demon of doubt opens the door to the spirit of outright denial; and eventually to the spirit of unbelief.

d. And no one is immune to the spirit of doubt! Even successful Pastors and Christian leaders are subject to demons of doubt.

- **Rob Bell:** In his first book, "Velvet Elvis: Repainting the Christian Faith", popular Pastor Rob Bell expressed doubt about the biblical doctrine of the virgin birth. Five years later, in 2011, in his book "Love Wins", he renounced the biblical doctrine of hell and eternal judgment; he now teaches that all will eventually be saved.
- **Joshua Harris:** Joshua Harris, author of the best-selling Christian book "I Kissed Dating Goodbye" recently apologized to the Gay Rights movement, divorced his wife, and renounced his faith. He says he is no longer a Christian.
- **Marty Sampson:** Former Hillsong worship leader and songwriter Marty Sampson recently told his followers on Instagram "I am genuinely losing my faith." He has since clarified his statement, saying his faith "is not gone entirely, but it is on incredibly shaky ground". He says he is now willing to consider the claims of other religions.

e. This is NOT a personal attack on these men! Repentance is possible But to rise so high and fall so far, there had to be a moment where it all began. If I had the opportunity to minister to them, I would try to locate *the first moment where they first began to question the truth of God's Word.* **"Hath God said?"** Because like Eve in the Garden, that is where the fall began.

### **Derek Prince**

**“The serpent was an incarnation of Satan: His supreme objective was to remove Adam and Eve from their foundation in the Word of God. And this has not changed. Satan wants to undermine and discredit the scriptures. And when you get to the place where you no longer believe and accept the authority of scripture, you’re sunk, you’re a casualty. That’s all he needs to do.”**

5. Besides doubt, demons that dwell in the mind sow many evil seeds:

**Accusation  
Deception  
Indecision  
Compromise  
Humanism  
Insanity**

6. Once again, if you feel like the walls of your mind are broken down and you cannot bring your thoughts under the control of the Holy Spirit, you may need deliverance.

### **C. Third Place Demons Dwell: The Tongue**

1. Solomon taught us that life and death are in the power of the tongue. (Proverbs 18:21).

2. The Apostle James tells us that the untamed tongue is a satanic tool:

### **James 3:5-11**

**Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things. See how great a forest a little fire kindles! And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell.**

**7 For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and creature of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by mankind. 8 But no man can tame the tongue. It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. 9 With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God. 10 Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so.**

3. Common sins of the tongue:

- Lying
- Cursing
- Complaining

4. If you cannot control your tongue, you probably need deliverance.

#### **D. Sex**

1. God made us sexual creatures; sex, when experienced within God's ordinance is a good thing; a blessing.

2. But if there is any area where demons dwell and can bring down a person's life it is in the sexual realm of life.

#### **Derek Prince**

**“I have found that virtually every form of compulsive sexual aberration is the result of demonic pressure. This would include masturbation, pornography, fornication, adultery, homosexuality, lesbianism, effeminacy, and all sorts of perversions, of which Paul says, ‘It is shameful to even speak of those things which are done...in secret’ (Ephesians 5:12)”.**

**From “They Shall Expel Demons”**

3. Sexual temptations are common to just about everyone, including Christians! But if it is an area you cannot bring under the control of the Holy Spirit, you may need deliverance!

#### **E. Fifth Dwelling Place: Physical Appetites**

1. These are the so-called “acceptable sins”; such as gluttony (overeating).

2. Another demonic dwelling place involves addictions:

- a. Not just alcohol and nicotine; also entertainment.
- b. Restlessness; an inability to be at peace.

### **III. Close**

#### **A. Review “Where Demons Dwell”**



**One of the keys to displacing demons is to know where they dwell within the human personality; the areas of our lives that are not under the full control of the Holy Spirit.**

1. The human personality is triune: I am a spirit; I have a soul; I live in a body.

2. **When I am born again, my spirit is recreated and Christ lives in my heart. Demons cannot dwell in my spirit!**

3. But they can dwell in my soul: will, intellect and emotions; and as we will see next week, in some cases they can bring sickness and disease to my body.

a. **The key to discerning demonic activity is to figure out where your “walls are broken down”; where your spirit is not in control. (Proverbs 25:28))**

4. When you know how they came in and where they dwell, we can pray for you and cast them out: but you must be desperate for deliverance!

**Derek Prince**

**“As a general rule, I do not pray for those who expect to be released only on the basis of my prayers. A person unwilling to take an active stand against the demon will probably not have the defense to keep it from returning.”**

a. I had a minister friend who worked in deliverance and said some people need to write a book on: “Demons I Have Known and Loved”!

5. If you want deliverance, you shall have deliverance!

**Prayer for the 5 places “Where Demons Dwell”.**