

Spiritual Warfare, Healing & Deliverance Part-3

Isa. 52: 2 TPT “Arise and shake off your dust! Sit enthroned Jerusalem, the sacred city, put on your glory garments!”...

Mark 5:1-15 TPT Deliverance of the Demoniac – release into a **right mind**: “They arrived at the other side of the lake, at the region of the Gerasenes (or “Gadarenes”; **note**: “This was a region of non-Jewish people who were raising swine, which was considered unclean by Jewish dietary laws.”). **2.** As Jesus stepped ashore, a demon-possessed madman came out of the graveyard & confronted Him. (Matt. 8:28 mentions two demonized men, while Mark & **Luke (8:27)** mentions one. This one man may have been the more violent of the two.) **3.** The man had been living there among the tombs, and no one was able to restrain him, not even with chains. **4.** For every time they attempted to chain his hands and feet with shackles, he would snap the chains and break the shackles in pieces. He was so strong that no one had the power to subdue him. **5.** Day and night he could be found lurking in the cemetery or in the vicinity, shrieking and cutting himself with stones. **6.** When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran to Him and threw himself down before Him, **7.** Shouting at the top of his lungs, “Leave me alone, Jesus, Son of the Most High God! Swear in God’s name that you won’t torture me!” **SFLB note**: “The demon fears being thrown into the **Abyss*** before the Day of Judgment.” ***Rev. 9:1** note: “**The bottomless pit**, literally “the shaft of the **abyss**,” is the reservoir of evil, which acts as a prison for demons. It is also where Satan shall be bound during the Millennium [Rev. 20:1-3].” **8.** (For Jesus had already said to him, “Come out of that man, you demon “spirit!”) **9.** Jesus said to him, “What is your name?” “**Mob**,” he answered. They call me **Mob*** because there are thousands of us in his body!” * **TPT note**: “Or “**Legion**” (A Roman military unit of more than six thousand men. [**SFLB**: “The name had come to signify a well-organized group possessing

great power.”]. Mark gives twelve accounts of Jesus defeating demon spirits. The demons always recognized Jesus as God’s Son.”) **10.** He begged Jesus repeatedly not to **expel*** them out of the region.” *Or “**send**”; John 20:21 WW Gk. apostello. “To commission, set apart for a special service, send a message by someone, send out with a mission to fulfill, **send away or set at liberty**, equip and dispatch one with the full backing and authority of the sender.”)

The Source of the Disciple’s Authority

Jesus’s commission to His body Mark 16:17-18 TPT “And these miracle signs will accompany those who believe: **They will drive out demons in the power of My name.** They will speak in tongues. **18.** They will be **supernaturally protected from snakes**** and **from drinking anything poisonous****. And they will lay hands on the sick and heal them.” **TPT note: “Some scholars believe that this sentence contains two Aramaic idioms. To pick up snakes could be a picture of overcoming one’s enemies (“**snakes**”), and **drinking poison** may be speaking of dealing with attacks on one’s character (poisonous words). The imagery is from Psa. 91:13.” **11.** Nearby there was a large herd of pigs feeding on the hillside. **12.** The demons begged Him, “Send us into the pigs. Let us enter them!” **13.** So Jesus gave them permission and the demon horde immediately came “out of the man and went into the pigs! This caused the herd to rush madly down the steep slope and fall into the lake, drown-ing about two thousand pigs! **TPT note**: “Depending on weight, the cost of two thousand live pigs today could be as much as \$250,000. The economic cost to the community over the loss of this herd was significant.” **14.** At this, the herdsmen ran to the nearby villages, telling everyone along the way what had happened, and the people came out to see for themselves. **15.** When they found Jesus, they saw the demonized man sitting there, properly clothed and **in his right mind.**” **V. 15 SFLB WW** (*dianoia* [dee-an-oy-ah]). “Literally, “**a thinking**

through” suggesting understanding, insight, meditation, reflection, perception, the gift of apprehension, the faculty of thought. When this faculty is renewed by the Holy Spirit, the whole mind-set changes from the fearful negativism of the carnal mind to the vibrant, positive thinking of the quickened spiritual mind.” 1 Cor. 2:16 **TPT** *“For “Who has ever intimately known the mind of the Lord Yahweh well enough to become His counselor (Isa. 40:13)?” Christ has, and we possess Christ’s perceptions.”* **TPT note:** “That is, we believers possess the Holy Spirit, Who reveals the thoughts and purposes of Christ. The revelation of the kingdom of God that Jesus preached was not understood by the intellect of men but by those who welcomed His truth. Hu-manly speaking, no one can understand the mysteries of God without the Holy Spirit. Those who have the Holy Spirit now possess the perceptions of Christ’s mind and can implement His purposes on the earth.”

Mark 5:16 **TPT** *“Those who had witnessed this miracle reported the news to the people and included what had happened to the pigs. 17. Then they asked Jesus to leave their region.”*

TPT note: “The people preferred swine to the Son of God. There is no indication that Jesus every went back to their land.”

SFLB note: “Why Jesus allowed the demons to enter the **swine** is uncertain. Perhaps He was teaching an object lesson to the people of the region, who obviously were more concerned with the loss of property than rejoicing over the deliverance of their countryman. Clearly, Jesus valued people more than property.”

18. *“And as Jesus began to get into the boat to depart, the man who had been set free from demons asked him, “Could I go with you?”* **19.** *Jesus answered, “No,” but said to him, “Go back to your home and to your family and tell them what the Lord has done for you. Tell them how He had mercy on you.”* **20.** *So the man left and went into the region of Jordan and parts of **Syria*** to*

tell everyone he met about what Jesus had done for him, and all the people marveled.” ***TPT note:** “Or “*Decapolis*,” which means “Ten Cities.” The region of these ten cities was Jordan and parts of Syria, including Damascus. These cities were Greek and Roman cultural centers of that day. It is a wonder of grace that Jesus used a man who once had thousands of demons to bring God’s truth to thousands of people. After he was set free, he became a missionary evangelist, telling others what Jesus Christ had done for him. No wonder the people marveled when they heard his story!”

Where do you stand with respect to what we’ve studied tonight? Do you feel more equipped or afraid after hearing this?

Example of Divine Deliverance for Those Who Trust the Lord

Psa. 37:39-40 NKJV *“But the salvation of the righteous is from the LORD; He is their strength in the time of trouble. 40. And the LORD shall help them and deliver them; He shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in Him.”* Our help, deliverance & salvation/healing come from the Lord because we “...trust and **take refuge** in Him. (AMPC).” **Example:**

Wind & Wave Obey Jesus!

Mark 4:36-41 **TPT** tells the story of Jesus asleep in the boat in the middle of a storm, *“That same day, after it grew dark, **Jesus said** to His disciples, “Let’s cross over to the other side of the lake.” 36. Leaving the crowd behind, the disciples got into the boat in which Jesus was already sitting, and they took Him with them. Other boats sailed with them. 37. Suddenly, as they were crossing the lake, a ferocious storm arose, with violent winds and waves that were crashing into the boat until it was nearly “swamped.”* **TPT note:** “This gale of wind and ferocious tempest was demonic in nature, as Jesus was about to confront a powerful principality on the other side of the lake (See Mark 5:1-20.) Jesus would not have rebuked the storm if it was from God. The devil knew that if Jesus crossed to the other side, he would

cast out the demon horde that had long terrorized the entire region.”

Vv. 38-40 *“But Jesus was calmly sleeping in the stern, resting on a cushion. 39. So they shook Him awake, saying, “Teacher, don’t you even care that we are all about to die!” Fully awake, He rebuked the storm & shouted to the sea, “Hush! Be still!” (In Aramaic, the language Jesus spoke, it is “Peace. Submit to the will of God!”). All at once the wind stopped howling and the water became perfectly calm. 40. Then He turned to His disciples & said to them, “**Why are you so afraid? Haven’t you learned to trust yet?**” 41. But they were overwhelmed with fear and awe and said to one another, “Who is this Man who has such authority that even the wind and waves **obey*** Him?”*

***SFLB WW** Rom. 6:17 NKJV *“But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you **obeyed** from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered.” “Obey, hupakouo: “To hear as a subordinate, listen attentively, obey as a subject, answer & respond, submit without reservation. Hupakouo was used particularly of servants who were attentive to the requests made of them and who complied. The word thus contains the ideas of hearing, responding, and obeying.”*

John 8:31-32 **TPT note:** “The truth Jesus gives us releases us from the bondage of our past, the bondage of our sins, and the bondage of religion. Jesus was speaking these words to those who were not fully free from man’s traditions. Truth must be **embraced** & worked out through the divine process of spiritual maturity. The Greek word for “*truth*” is reality. To **embrace** the reality of Christ brings more freedom into your life. See the book of Galatians for a clear explanation of the freedom Jesus referred to here.”

Spiritual Warfare is the Consequence of Holy Spiritual Roots

Col. 2:7 TPTa “***Your spiritual roots go deeply into His life as you are continually infused with strength, encouraged in every way.***”

Eph. 3:17 TPT “Then, ***by constantly using your faith, the life of Christ will be released*** deep inside you and the resting place of His love will become the very source & root of your life.” **Your faith > releases Christ’s life deep inside you, then > that resting place of His love > becomes the very source & root of your life!**

Let’s make a faith declaration together: “My faith > releases Christ’s life deep inside me > then that resting place of His love deep inside me > becomes the very source & root of my life.”

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Where Does True Faith Come From?

Your faith in Christ initiates or releases Christ’s life in you, but where does this true faith come from? It comes from one source only – Rom. 10:17 TPT “*Faith, then, is birthed in a heart that responds to God’s anointed utterance of the Anointed One.*”

AMPC “*So faith comes by hearing [what is told], and what is heard comes by the preaching [of the message that came from the lips] of Christ (the Messiah Himself).*” Let’s trust & obey fully!