

Truth #8 “Deliverance is Needed”

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Colossians 1:13 “He has delivered us from the power of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of the Son he loves.”

No one, including a Christian, can be demon POSSESSED.

- **Ps 24:1** “The earth is the Lord’s and all its fullness, the world and all who dwell within.”
- **Deut 10:14** “Indeed heaven and the highest heavens belong to the Lord your God, also the earth and all that is within it.”

Daimonizomai (used for demon possession): “to be under the power of a demon.” It does not imply OWNERSHIP. It means under partial control, intimidation or harassment by demons.

How does the devil get entry into a Believer’s life? What are some open doors?

1. AGREEMENT with evil spirits. Allowing a “pet” sin to remain in our life. (Ex: movies, music, websites, sexual sin, associating with those who accept and encourage our sin).

2. TRAUMATIC experiences. The devil does not play fair. Applies to the predator and to the victim. (Ex. Abuse, crime, accidents, watching horror movies, etc.)

3. UNFORGIVENESS

- Matt 18:34-35 Unforgiveness opens us to TORMENTORS and ties God’s hands.

4. Involvement in the OCCULT. This is seeking to gain supernatural knowledge through contacting the demonic realm. (Ex. horoscope, ouija boards, astrology, yoga, eastern meditation, hallucinogenic drugs, heavy metal music, fortunetelling, idols, incantations, psychic healing, reincarnation, witchcraft, zodiac signs, etc.).

This can be very SUBTLE in the movie Annie, where Punjab, the bodyguard used his hands to move objects and bring healing.

Involvement with the occult and unforgiveness are two of the major OPEN DOORS for demonic influence.

5. CURSES: Pronouncements of ill fortune that oppose God’s plans. (Ex. generational curses, patterns of sin found in families, and word curses).

- **Prov 18:21** “Death and life are in the power of the tongue. Those who love it will eat its fruit.
- **Eph 4:29** “Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

6. LIES from the father of lies. These are both overt and subtle things that a person believes to be true. Examples:

- I will never have enough money.
- My healing will never come.
- My sin is too vile to be forgiven and the wrong person will find out.
- God has given up on me.

7. SOUL TIES. These are attachments or alliances, either positive or negative, forged with another person, a place or an object.

- **1 Cor 6:15-16** “Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said the two will become one flesh.”
- **Joshua 1:8** “Study this book of instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do.”

How do I close an open door?

If the enemy has strongholds in our lives either by legal or illegal means, we must remember Jesus’ BLOOD sacrifice bought our freedom from any sin, bondage, soul tie or agreement.

- **Col 1:13** “For He has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness, and transferred us into the kingdom of His dear Son. (He rescued us from the *tyrannical rule of darkness*).
- **1 John 1:9** If we confess our sin, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sin and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- **Revelation 12:11** And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony and loved not their lives unto death.

Remove the enemy’s rights by AGREEMENT with God through declaration.

- Ask the Holy Spirit to show you. Repent. Call it by name. Ask God to cleanse you.
- Declare that Jesus is Lord of your Life.
- Renounce any involvement in the occult, naming any specific thing you are aware of.
- Forgive anyone who has hurt you. Call the offenders by name. Ask God to release you.
- Renounce sins of previous generations as well as word curses.
- Command any evil spirits associated with any open door to leave now in Jesus’ name.

YOUR DECLARATION

“Father, I come to you in the name of Jesus. Please show me any area of sin or bondage in my life that is an open door to the enemy. I repent of _____. Cleanse me by the blood of Jesus.

Jesus, I make you Lord over every area of my life. I declare that You are God, You came in the flesh, then died on the cross and rose again.

I renounce involvement in the occult, particularly _____.

I forgive _____. I release bitterness and resentment towards _____. Since I have forgiven, I ask you to release me from any tormenters.

In the name of Jesus, I renounce the sins of previous generations and break any word curses spoken against me.

I command every evil spirit operating in my life...GO IN THE NAME OF JESUS!”