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**FOR WE ARE ALL ONE BODY IN CHRIST**

(Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12)



***A STUDY***  
***ON***  
***THE MINISTRY***  
***OF DELIVERANCE***

***Based on the Manual***  
***Can You Administer the Children's Bread***

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## **INTRODUCTION**

This manual was written by Carol-Ann J Orffer in Johannesburg, South Africa and refined progressively over a decade of ministry.

We were privileged to meet Carol and to receive ministry from her over several years.

As we have ministered to others internationally over the Internet, we have increasingly found that there is a desperate lack of knowledge in the Body of Believers regarding the demonic and the Ministry of Deliverance.

There is also a shortage of resources which are readily available to those who are seeking more information. Over the years, we have purchased and distributed by hand and post, to several continents, quite a large number of copies of this manual.

Some time ago, we were impressed by THE HOLY SPIRIT to retype the copy of Carol's manual in our possession in order to make it more readily available to those who do not have the privilege of direct access to the Ministry in South Africa.

In the process we have incorporated all scriptures referred to into the body of the document and made formatting changes to include more detailed paragraph numbering to improve reference, particularly when referring in correspondence over the Internet. We have also made minor editorial changes and, more recently, Ingrid has added in supplementary notes based on her own study of the subject.

The current volume comprises the first lesson of 9, plus appendices which, over time, God willing, we hope to make available electronically to those with whom we have contact.

We pray that this document, in electronic form, will be of assistance to those who do not have the privilege of living in a location where there are ministers gifted and called in this aspect of the prophetic ministry.

All that is good in this document has been given by the Holy Spirit through Carol Orffer and we give thanks for her ministry. If there are any errors in this release, we accept full responsibility and ask for forgiveness.

Insofar as this manual does not use the Sacred Names Yahweh and Yahshua which are used almost universally throughout our own publications, this simply reflects the fact that this is not our work and we have been reluctant to bring about material changes to the content.

Carol has also recorded a set of fifteen audio cassettes with these teachings, live in a deliverance course a few years ago. We can supply these either on audio cassette or on data Compact Disc in mp3 digital audio format suitable for listening to on a multi-media Windows computer.

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## **FOREWORD TO THE ORIGINAL MANUAL**

This manual has formed the basis of my teaching to those with a desire to be better equipped when ministering to those who are in captivity.

It is not exhaustive in itself and should only be used as a guideline in conjunction with the lectures or the tape series. Its aim is to equip the body of Christ that they may be able to discern the holy from the unholy.

This is the first printing of a total update of the manual and I am amazed that we have such a large collection of material after starting with a third of this in 1993. God is so good and we never stop learning!

The Holy Spirit is the greatest teacher, He is the One who will guide and lead us into all truth. Always remember, that it is Jesus who sets the captives free and we are just the channels of His Grace and mighty power. He has done it all, so let us enforce Satan's defeat, evict the squatters and take back the land that he has illegally occupied.

One cannot neglect to mention the folk who have been a tremendous blessing to me. It is with grateful thanks that I acknowledge the input of Elsie Maree who went to be with the Lord in 1998. She taught me about this spiritual battle and gave me many lessons which formed the foundation of this ministry.

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Special thanks to Pat Saks for resetting the original manual in 1993. Her love and patience were commendable.

I trust that all who read this study will be better equipped to administer "The Children's Bread". Freely you have received, now freely give!

To God be the glory, great things He has done!

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## ***A WORD OF CAUTION***

While the objective of making this manual available electronically over the Internet is to bring the knowledge and potential to ministry to all believers, no matter where they are in the World and no matter who is available to minister to them, we must offer a few words of caution.

As you will read, ALL believers have the authority to minister deliverance. However, there are those who are called into this ministry and those who are not.

In basic terms the ministry of deliverance is a prophetic ministry although all believers can minister deliverance where required. In other words, those who are called full time into this ministry will stand in the office of prophet or prophetess. As such, they will have greater access to the spiritual gifts that accompany that office.

Those who do not stand in the office of apostle or prophet who find themselves ministering in this area should be aware that it would be useful to have a person who is a prophet or prophetess ministering along side them to listen specifically to what THE HOLY SPIRIT is saying in any particular situation.

Those who find themselves ministering deliverance within their own congregation, ministry, community or home should, if possible, request a prophetic person to minister with them whenever possible.

To explain why I say this, understand that prophets are people who are called and trained by THE HOLY SPIRIT to specifically LISTEN to Him for guidance and direction and to communicate what they are given. Evangelists are gifted and called in public speaking and oratory to lead people to a saving knowledge of YASHUA MESSIAH (Jesus Christ). Pastors are called to look after people and have good interpersonal and caring skills and teachers are called to teach people and have patience and the ability to convey concepts easily so that others can understand. Apostles are raised up through any one of these schools but will all walk in the prophetic gifts to a material degree as they must listen to THE HOLY SPIRIT and give leadership and direction to the overall Body of Believers. However, it will primarily be prophets (and prophetesses) who actually minister deliverance



on a regular basis, simply because the leading of THE HOLY SPIRIT is a really important component of this ministry.

Having said this, it is NOT essential for a prophet to be present but it IS desirable.

By the same token, young believers should be cautious of ministering deliverance, particularly to others. Heavily demonised people can and do respond unpredictably if confronted with someone who is not fully grounded in the faith and does not have a solid revelation of their authority in YASHUA MESSIAH (Jesus Christ) and know how to wield the Word of God and the Name of YASHUA (Jesus) effectively and with authority. It is also vital to understand the power of the Blood of Yahshua AND how to apply the Blood correctly in situations which involved direct encounters with the powers of darkness.

We are in the process of compiling a companion document on spiritual warfare containing some guidelines from our own experience regarding how to minister deliverance, prayers that should be prayed and other practical information regarding this ministry. These are offered specifically to assist those who, having prayed, feel that THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS released them to minister deliverance in a particular situation, whether to themselves, family members, members of their local community or congregation. This document will, God willing, be released shortly.

*It is our prayer <sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, <sup>18</sup> the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power<sup>20</sup> which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup> far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. <sup>22</sup> And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup> which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all. (Ephesians 1:17-23 NKJ)*

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## **LESSON 1**

### **CAN CHRISTIANS HAVE DEMONS**

#### **1. THE END OF THE AGE**

In the last days there will be sleepiness and great spiritual unawareness amongst the peoples of the world as it was with Noah.

##### ***Matthew 24:36-37***

*36. But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.*

*37. But as for the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.*

Because the people were occupied with the pleasures of the flesh they were completely ignorant and unaware of what was about to happen, almost as if they were drugged. The church seems to be in the same way always pre-occupied with carnal appetites and self-centredness.

Satan's greatest work will be to counterfeit the doctrines and experiences of God as revealed in Scripture in order to deceive the saints. The world is being carefully prepared to receive the one whom the Scriptures call "the lawless one" according to the working of Satan with all power, signs and lying wonders.

##### ***2 Thessalonians 2:9***

*Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders.*

#### **\* False religions will abound.**

##### ***1 Timothy 4:1-2***

*1. Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;*

*2. Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron.*

\* **False prophets will arise.**

**Matthew 24:24**

*For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.*

**1 John 4:1-2**

*1. Beloved believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.*

*2. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God.*

\* **Spiritism, magic and witchcraft will increase.**

**1 Timothy 4:1-3**

*1. Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;*

*2. Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;*

*3. Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.*

\* **Diabolical miracles will deceive many.**

**2 Thessalonians 2:8-10**

*8. And then shall that wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming;*

*9. Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,*

*10. And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, and they might be saved.*

\* **Satanism will spread, there will be a moral sag, violence, sorcery, sexual immorality and theft.**

**Revelation 9:20-21**

*20. And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship*

*devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk:*

*21. Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.*

The "lawless one" will not drop into a spiritual vacuum. He is a work setting the stage for the greatest deception of all. Jesus warned us about this widespread deception in the last days, that it is not only possible but also very likely.

***Matthew 24:4***

*And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.*

The knowledge of truth is the first essential in warfare against satan and his demons and error. There is great danger when we accept anything and everything in the realm of the supernatural as being from the Lord.

***Revelation 16:14***

*For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of Almighty God.*

Being a believer does not exclude us from deception and if a believer neglects to study God's Word he will fall prey to this error through his ignorance and ignorance is no guarantee against the working of evil spirits.

***In Ezekiel 44:23***

*And they shall teach my people the difference between the holy and profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.*

God instructs the leaders to teach the children the difference between the holy and unholy. This knowledge enabled them to know what things would bring blessing and cursing into their lives.

***Deuteronomy 30:15,19***

*15. See I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil.*

*19. I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live.*

The deception will come because there will be those who appear to have a "special anointing" and they will draw many away who lack knowledge of truth. These self-promoting and self-glorifying prophets and pastors who

are false workers operating in the name of Christ will lead many believers astray as the focus of attention is taken off God and placed on these specially gifted people. If it were not for the signs and wonders these false prophets and false christs would not have as much success.

Our power-minded generation has focused on the external manifestations of the faith while they have a shallow knowledge of the Word of God.

**Matthew 7:22-23**

*22. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?*

*23. And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you; depart from me, ye that work iniquity.*

We see that signs and wonders can be performed outside of god, they were declared false because these people did not live their lives according to the will of God.

In the last days there will be an unwillingness to tolerate sound and wholesome doctrine. God's people will no longer be interested in truth, they will prefer to listen to fables, myths and man-made fiction. Anything that is from the mystical, paranormal spiritual world will entice them. In other words the occult will be the draw card. They will tolerate any kind of experience without being able to test it according to the written Word of God.

I trust that this material will instruct you:

- \* to discern between the holy and the unholy
- \* to recognise the sin and to bring you to repentance
- \* to know the truth that you may be set free.

**John 8:32**

*And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*

Nowhere in Scripture do we see a "ministry of deliverance" but we are called to a ministry of reconciliation.

## **2 Corinthians 5:20**

*Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us; we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.*

Demons are found wherever there are people. They are not interested in inanimate or non-moral creation unless people are involved. Their mandate is to steal, kill and destroy.

## **John 10:10**

*The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy; I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.*

They usually embed themselves into people's souls over a period of years and although they are often evicted immediately, the renewing of the mind and taking back the ground that has been stolen does take time.

Although it is the right of the children of God to have deliverance, it is each man's own responsibility to hate the works of the flesh, all evil and the devil and be accountable for his life and the decisions he has taken.

## **Matthew 15:22-25,28**

*22. And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou Son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil.*

*23. but he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us.*

*24. But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.*

*25. Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me.*

*28. Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.*

## **Mark 7:25-29**

*25. For a certain woman, whose young daughter had an unclean spirit, heard of him, and came and fell at his feet:*

*26. The woman was a Greek, a Syrophenician by nation; and she besought him that he would cast forth the devil out of her daughter.*

*27. But Jesus said unto her, let the children first be filled; for it is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it unto the dogs.*

*28. And she answered and said unto him, Yes Lord: yet the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs.*

*29. And he said unto her, For this saying go thy way; the devil is gone out of thy daughter.*

## 1.1 AIM OF THE MINISTRY

To lead God's people out of captivity into purity so reconciling man to his Father.

The Old Testament is a type and shadow of the New Testament. Coming out of Egypt, crossing the Red Sea and the Jordan, and entering into the Promised Land while defeating all the enemies and taking our inheritance is our walk as a believer. We come out of the world system, and are born again, water baptised, Spirit filled and then evict the squatters who no longer have legal right to be in our lives.

Deliverance is a process, we inherit the land by a process of sanctification.

### **Exodus 23:30**

*"Little by little I will drive them out from before you, until you have increased, and you inherit the land.*

God has chosen us to be a holy people and we are commanded to be holy and lead holy lives.

### **1 Peter 1:16**

*Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.*

We are set apart and if we are willing and obedient we will eat the good of the land.

### **Ephesians 1:4**

*According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love.*

### **Isaiah 1:19-20**

*19. If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land.*

*20. But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.*

Every Christian who accepts Jesus as his Saviour and Lord and who makes it his aim to follow Him, living in His victory over satan, will be able to find deliverance from all forms of demonic oppression. **This he does by repentance, faith and obedience.**

In the book of Joshua, apathy, unbelief and disobedience kept the Israelites from entering the Promised Land and possessing their inheritance. These same three keep us from our inheritance.

1. Apathy is a passionless existence.

**Hebrews 3:7-11**

7 Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: "Today, if you will hear His voice,

8 Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, in the day of trial in the wilderness,

9 Where your fathers tested Me, tried Me, and saw My works forty years.

10 Therefore I was angry with that generation, and said, 'They always go astray in their heart, and they have not known My ways.'

11 So I swore in My wrath, 'They shall not enter My rest.' "

2. Unbelief is hateful to God.

**Hebrews 3:19**

So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.

3. Disobedience:

**Hebrews 3:10**

Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do always err in their heart; and they have not known my ways.

This includes five major sins:

**1 Corinthians 10:6-10**

6. Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not **lust** after evil things, as they also lusted.

7. Neither be ye **idolaters**, as were some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.

8. Neither let us commit **fornication**, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand.

9. Neither let us **tempt Christ**, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents.

10. Neither **murmur** ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer.

1. Lusting for evil things
2. Idolatry
3. Sexual immorality
4. Tempting Christ
5. Murmuring



## 1.2 METHOD

Deliverance is a ministry of love and intercession, which without the anointing of the Holy Spirit would be impossible, There are no easy steps to take or a formula to follow, if there were the method of this ministry may become idolatrous.

### **Salvation is a finished work:**

#### **Romans 10:9-10**

*9. That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.  
10. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

We are saved - Gr SOZO - to save, deliver or protect, heal, preserve, be made whole - salvation includes the deliverance from evil spirits. Jesus has taken my place on the cross this is called **substitution**.

God's redemptive process begins with the heart at conversion. Once the stony heart has been removed and a new heart has been given.

#### **Ezekiel 18:31**

*Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Israel?*

God begins to work outwardly with His sanctifying grace until He has brought the whole personality under the control of His Holy Spirit.

#### **Proverbs 4:23**

*Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.*

#### **Acts 15:9**

*And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.*

At conversion there are areas of our hearts that did not hear or receive all the truth. We must appropriate each work of the cross in our lives to experience the finished work, so becoming holy is a step by step progressive appropriation of what has already been made available to us by the sacrifice of Jesus.

#### **Hebrews 10:14**

*For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.*

This process is called **sanctification** and continues all of our lives.

In this dedication the person and the Lord work together in the setting apart process.

**Luke 9:23**

*And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.*

**Matthew 16:24-25**

*24. Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.*

*25. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.*

Deliverance is the working of miracles.

**Mark 9:38-39**

*38 Now John answered Him, saying, "Teacher, we saw someone who does not follow us casting out demons in Your name, and we forbade him because he does not follow us."*

*39 But Jesus said, "Do not forbid him, for no one who works a miracle in My name can soon afterward speak evil of Me.*

**Acts 8:6-7**

*6. And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.*

*7. For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them; and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.*

**Matthew 12:28**

*But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.*

A **miracle** is a divine intervention of a transcendent, sovereign God who reaches into His creation and brings about a work totally outside and apart from any law of nature.

### 1.3 OUR INHERITANCE AS BELIEVERS:

#### **Romans 14:17**

*For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.*

- Righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

For us to live in peace and joy there must be provision made for us to receive healing on the inside of our souls. Therefore deliverance and inner healing are companion ministries.

#### **Jeremiah 30:16-17**

*16. Therefore all they that devour thee shall be devoured; and all thine adversaries, every one of them, shall go into captivity; and they that spoil thee shall be a spoil, and all that prey upon thee will I give for a prey.*

*17. For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the Lord; because they called thee an Outcast, saying, This is Zion, whom no man seeketh after.*

**Inner healing** is the application of the crucified and resurrected life of Jesus Christ and His blood to those parts of our hearts that did not fully get the message when we first received Jesus as Saviour. To forgive all those who have hurt us and to deal with the memories that the Holy Spirit brings to mind. To put to death the old ways and crucify the self-life with its self-pity and replace this with resurrection ways. It is not to erase our memory but will enable us to cherish even the worst moments in our lives, for through them God has inscribed eternal lessons into our hearts and prepared us to minister to all who have suffered in the same way.

#### **Hebrews 2:18**

*For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.*

#### **John 8:32**

*And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*

The Word is a mirror that reflects defilement in the inner life. We can repent, be cleansed and set free. The Word changes men and women into "mature believers" in Christ.

#### **Hebrews 4:12-13**

*12. For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of*

*the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*

*13. Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.*

**James 1:25**

*But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.*

Spiritual warfare is a vital part of the ministry, we war on behalf of another (intercession) pulling down strongholds, binding and loosing.

**Deliverance from evil spirits removes the supernatural part of the problem so that the person is able to deal with the natural problem, that being the flesh.**

**2. THE ORIGIN OF THE ENEMY (SATAN)**

No man goes to war unless he knows who he is fighting and what his enemy's weapons and tactics are.

God through the Son, the Lord Jesus created satan.

**Colossians 1:16-17**

*16. For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:*

*17. And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.*

There is no creature that was not created by God.

**John 1:3**

*All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.*

He was called Lucifer (Day star, son of the morning or light bearer).

**Isaiah 14:12**

*"How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations!*

**2 Corinthians 11:14**

*And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.*

Satan created rebellion, sin and lies.

**1 John 3:8**

*He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.*

**John 8:44**

*Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.*

**Galatians 5:19-21**

*19. Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,*

*20. Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,*

*21. Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.*

Satan fell from his holy state when he rebelled against God enticing perhaps a third of the angels to defect with him.

**Matthew 25:41**

*Then shall ye say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.*

**Jude 1:6**

*And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day;*

**Ezekiel 28:1-19** and **Isaiah 14:4-23** are connected with Satan's original state prior to his fall, This is based on the principle of "Double reference" i.e. speaking of or to one person there is reference to another person beyond or behind him.

## 2.1 SATANS NATURE

Satan is not an impersonal force, influence or power, he is a real personality. He is always in rebellion against God and is dedicated to doing as much damage as possible to redeemed mankind.

### 2.1.1 He had the seal of perfection.

#### **Ezekiel 28:5**

*By your great skill in trading you have increased your wealth, and because of your wealth your heart has grown proud. [NIV]*

### 2.1.2 He was full of wisdom and perfect beauty.

#### **Ezekiel 28:12**

*"Son of man, take up a lament concerning the king of Tyre and say to him: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: "'You were the model of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. [NIV]*

#### **James 3:15-16**

*15 This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic.*

*16 For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.*

### 2.1.3 He was the anointed cherub in the heavenly sanctuary who covered the throne of God.

#### **Ezekiel 28:14-18**

*14 You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you. You were on the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones.*

*15 You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you.*

*16 Through your widespread trade you were filled with violence, and you sinned. So I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God, and I expelled you, O guardian cherub, from among the fiery stones.*

*17 Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendour. So I threw you to the earth; I made a spectacle of you before kings.*

*18 By your many sins and dishonest trade you have desecrated your sanctuaries. So I made a fire come out from you, and it consumed you, and I reduced you to ashes on the ground in the sight of all who were watching. [NIV]*

#### **2.1.4 He is a spirit being.**

##### **Isaiah 14:12-13**

*12. How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!  
13. For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north.*

##### **Revelation 12:9**

*And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.*

#### **2.1.5 He is the leader of fallen angels.**

##### **Revelation 12:4,7**

*4. And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.  
7. And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels.*

##### **Matthew 25:41**

*Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.*

#### **2.1.6 He was created with music in his being and was the leader of heaven's worship.**

##### **Ezekiel 28:13**

*You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone adorned you: ruby, topaz and emerald, chrysolite, onyx and jasper, sapphire, turquoise and beryl. Your settings and mountings were made of gold; on the day you were created they were prepared. [NIV]*

#### **2.1.7 He was once in the truth.**

##### **John 8:44**

*Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.*

**2.1.8 Satan has a destructive bent - Abaddon / Apollyon, the destroyer.**

**Revelation 9:11**

*And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon.*

**2.1.9 Satan has a perverted nature - Beelzebub, Lord of the Dung heap**

**Matthew 10:25**

*It is enough for the disciple that he become as his teacher, and the slave as his master. If they have called the head of the house Beelzebul, how much more the members of his household! [NAS].*

**Matthew 12:24**

*But when the Pharisees heard this, they said, "It is only by Beelzebub, the prince of demons, that this fellow drives out demons. [NIV].*

**a. Belial, worthless, lawless**

**2 Corinthians 6:15**

*What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? What does a believer have in common with an unbeliever?*

**b. Dragon, twisted, demented, perverted nature, enchanting, vicious**

**Revelation 12:9**

*And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.*

**Revelation 16:13**

*And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.*

**Revelation 20:2**

*And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years.*



c. **Evil One**

**Matthew 6:13**

*And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen*

d. **Liar and murderer**

**John 8:44**

*Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there was no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is the father of it.*

2.1.10 **Satan's desire is to control - Prince of this world.**

**John 12:31**

*Now is the judgement of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.*

**John 14:30**

*Herewith I will not talk much with you; for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me.*

**John 16:11**

*Of judgement, because the prince of this world is judged.*

a. **Ruler of this world**

**John 12:31**

*Now is the judgement of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.*

b. **God of this age**

**Luke 4:6**

*And the devil said unto him [Jesus], All this power I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it.*

**1 John 5:19**

*And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.*

## **2 Corinthians 4:4**

*In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.*

### **c. The Antichrist**

#### **1 John 2:18-22**

*18. Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.*

*19. They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.*

*20. But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.*

*21. I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth.*

*22. Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.*

#### **1 John 4:1-4**

*1. Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.*

*2. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:*

*3. And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.*

*4. Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.*

#### **2 John 7**

*For many deceivers have entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.*

**d. Prince of Demons**

**Matthew 9:34**

*But the Pharisees said, He casteth out devils through the prince of the devils.*

**e. Prince of the power of the air**

**Ephesians 2:2**

*Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience.*

**f. Satan is in charge of "his angels"**

**Matthew 25:41**

*Then shall ye say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angles.*

**2.1.11 Satan is a mind manipulator - Adversary/Accuser, opposed to righteousness**

**Job 1:6-12**

*6 Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them.*

*7 And the LORD said to Satan, "From where do you come?" So Satan answered the LORD and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it."*

*8 Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil?"*

*9 So Satan answered the LORD and said, "Does Job fear God for nothing?"*

*10 "Have You not made a hedge around him, around his household, and around all that he has on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land.*

*11 "But now, stretch out Your hand and touch all that he has, and he will surely curse You to Your face!"*

*12 So the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your power; only do not lay a hand on his person." So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD.*

**Job 2:1-7**

1. *Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the Lord.*
2. *And the Lord said unto Satan, From whence comest thou? And Satan answered the Lord, and said, From going to and from in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.*
3. *And the Lord said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause.*
4. *And Satan answered the Lord, and said, Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life.*
5. *But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face.*
6. *And the Lord said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life.*
7. *So went Satan forth from the presence of the Lord, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown.*

**a. A roaring lion**

**1 Peter 5:8**

*Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.*

**b. A wolf**

**John 10:12**

*The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. [NIV]*

**c. Angel of light, deceptive**

**2 Corinthians 11:4**

*For if someone comes to you and preaches a Jesus other than the Jesus we preached, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it easily enough. [NIV]*

**d. Devil, continually strikes and strikes again, slandering man to God and God to man.**

**Ephesians 6:11**

*Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.*

**Revelation 12:10**

*And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.*

- e. **Satan**, to hate and accuse, slander and false accusation

**1 Chronicles 21:1**

*And Satan stood up against Israel, and provoked David to number Israel.*

**Matthew 4:10**

*Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.*

- f. **Serpent**, beguiler, enchanter

**Matthew 10:16**

*Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.*

**2 Corinthians 11:3**

*But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.*

## **2.2 SATANS FALL**

Without explaining how it happened God says, "iniquity was found in you."

**Ezekiel 28:15-17**

*15. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.*

*16. By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.*

17. *Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.*

Satan's sin is obviously a proud heart with self-glorification, exaltation and self-occupation. He was lifted up with pride over his God-given wisdom, anointing and beauty.

**Proverbs 16:18**

*Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall. (Amp)*

He wanted to be independent of God and rebelled against Him. He was the original sinner **1 John 3:8** and is the very essence of sin. God banished him from His presence to the earth **Revelation 12:9** and he fell like lightning. **Luke 10:18.**

Lucifers' rebellion is expressed by the five "I wills" in **Isaiah 14:13-14.**

13. *And you said in your heart, I will ascend to heaven; I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit upon the mount of assembly in the uttermost north.*

14. *I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High. (Amp)*

4. "I will ascend to heaven" (self will)
5. "I will raise my throne above the stars of God" (self-exaltation)
6. "I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly" (self-enthronement)
7. "I will ascend above the tops of the clouds" (self-ascension)
8. "I will make myself like the Most High" (self-deification)

Thus Lucifer, who became Satan or the devil had control of the world through his hierarchy of fallen angels or demons and evil spirits until Christ Jesus came to defeat them and restore authority to man through faith in Him.

**Colossians 2:15**

*Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.*

Although he is mighty, wise and has knowledge, is powerful, and can move from place to place, he is not all mighty, omniscient, omnipotent or omnipresent. He can only go and do what God permits for the Almighty God our Father is omniscient, omnipotent and omnipresent.

### **2 Chronicles 16:9**

*For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth to show Himself strong in behalf of those whose hearts are blameless toward Him. You have done foolishly in this; therefore, from now on you shall have wars. (Amp)*

### **Hebrews 4:13**

*And not a creature exists that is concealed from His sight, but all things are open and exposed, naked and defenceless to the eyes of Him with Whom we have to do. (Amp)*

### **Psalm 29:3-9**

*3 The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is over many waters.*

*4 The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.*

*5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars, yes, the LORD splinters the cedars of Lebanon.*

*6 He makes them also skip like a calf, Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.*

*7 The voice of the LORD divides the flames of fire.*

*8 The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the Wilderness of Kadesh.*

*9 The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth, and strips the forests bare; and in His temple everyone says, "Glory!"*

### **Revelation 19:1**

*After this I heard what sounded like a mighty shout of a great crowd in heaven, exclaiming, Hallelujah (praise the Lord)! Salvation and glory (splendour and majesty) and power (dominion and authority) [belong] to our God! (Amp)*

### **1 Kings 8:27**

*But will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have builded?*

## **2.3 SATAN'S HIERARCHY**

Satan has a highly organised set-up.

**Ephesians 6:12:**

*For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*

and has innumerable means and many millenniums of experience. Argument, pleading, mercy or any dealings with him cannot overcome him. He must be rejected and resisted and all relationships cut off from him.

**James 4:7**

*Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*

**1 Peter 5:8-9**

*8. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:*

*9. Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.*

**2 Corinthians 10:4-7**

*4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds,*

*5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,*

*6 and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.*

*7 Do you look at things according to the outward appearance? If anyone is convinced in himself that he is Christ's, let him again consider this in himself, that just as he is Christ's, even so we are Christ's.*

**Ephesians 6:10-17**

*10. Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.*

*11. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.*

*12. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*

*13. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand the evil day, and having done all, to stand.*

*14. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;*

*15. And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;*



16. Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

17. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

### **2.3.1 Chief rulers / principalities**

Hold the highest rank and authority, from ancient times.

#### ***Colossians 2:1***

*For I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you, and for them at Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh.*

### **2.3.2 Authorities / powers**

Derive power from and execute the will of the chief rulers. They have developed authority to carry out all manners of evil and wickedness.

#### ***Ephesians 1:21***

*Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come.*

### **2.3.3 World forces**

Rulers of darkness of this world, rank and file with orders and assignments.

#### ***Colossians 1:16-18***

*16. For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:*

*17. And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.*

*18. And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead: that in all things he might have the preeminence.*

### **2.3.4 Spiritual forces in the heavenlies**

Afflict humanity in a malicious and evil way. They are vile and malignant.

## 2.4 THE NATURE OF DEMON SPIRITS

### 2.4.1 They have a personality i.e. intellect, emotions and a will

#### **Matthew 8:29-31**

29. *And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time?*

30. *And there was a good way off from them an herd of many swine feeding.*

31. *So the devils besought him, saying, If thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine.*

- a. Have a personal **name** - Jesus asked the demon for his name.

#### **Luke 8:30**

*And Jesus asked him, saying, What is thy name? And he said, Legion: because many devils were entered into him.*

- b. Have **speech**, demons spoke to Jesus

#### **Luke 4:33-35,41**

33. *And in the synagogue there was a man, which had a spirit of an unclean devil, and cried out with a loud voice,*

34. *Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art; the Holy One of God.*

35. *And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. And when the devil had thrown him in the midst, he came out of him, and hurt him not.*

41. *And devils also came out of many, crying out, and saying, Thou art Christ the Son of God. And he rebuking them suffered them not to speak: for they knew that he was Christ.*

#### **Luke 8:28,30**

28. *When he saw Jesus, he cried out, and fell down before him, and with a loud voice said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God most high? I beseech thee, torment me not.*

30. *And Jesus asked him, saying, What is thy name? And he said, Legion; because many devils were entered into him.*

- c. Have **intelligence**, knew who Jesus was

**Mark 1:23-24**

*23. and there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out,*

*24. Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God.*

- d. Have a **will**, appealed to Jesus not to cast them out.

**Luke 8:31-32**

*31 And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss.*

*32 Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. And they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them.*

- e. Have **emotion**, fear and trembling of judgement.

**Luke 8:28**

*When he saw Jesus, he cried out, and fell down before him, and with a loud voice said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God most high? I beseech thee, torment me not.*

**James 2:19**

*Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.*

## 2.4.2 They are spirit beings

**Matthew 8:16**

*When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick.*

**Luke 10:17**

*And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.*

- a. They are **finite** and limited in space, time and powers but are great opportunists.

- b. They are **invisible** but are capable of manifestation through human beings. When Scripture records their appearance they assume fearsome forms like animals.

**Revelation 9:7-10,17**

*7. And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men.*

*8. And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions.*

*9. And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle.*

*10. And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months.*

*17. And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone.*

**Revelation 16:13-16**

*And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.*

*14. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.*

*15. Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see him shame.*

*16. And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.*

**2.4.3 They are morally perverted.**

- a. Operate in darkness but may transform themselves into messengers of light.

**2 Corinthians 11:14**

*And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.*

- b. Termed unclean spirits or evil spirits.

**Luke 7:21**

*And in that same hour he cured many of their infirmities and plagues, and of evil spirits; and unto many that were blind he gave sight.*

**Mark 7:25**

*For a certain woman, whose young daughter had an unclean spirit, heard of him, and came and fell at his feet.*

**Mark 9:25**

*When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.*

- c. Are vicious and powerful.

**1 Peter 5:8**

*Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.*

**2.4.4 They have supernatural strength.**

- in **controlling** men

**Acts 19:16**

*Then the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, overpowered them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.*

**Mark 5:2-3**

*2. And when He had come out of the boat, immediately there met Him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit,  
3. who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no one could bind him, not even with chains.*

**Ten facts about demons:**

**Luke 11:24-26**

*24. When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he says, I will return to my house from which I came.*

*25. And when he comes, he finds it swept and put in order.*

26. Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first.

They are:

1. unclean,
2. come and to into the bodies of men,
3. walk or fly,
4. seek comfort,
5. can talk,
6. can make decisions,
7. can distinguish between different places,
8. seek fellowship and company with each other,
9. are wicked and
10. seek to control men.

## 2.5 HOW DOES THE ENEMY (SATAN) OPERATE

1. He comes to steal, kill and destroy

### **John 10:10**

*The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.*

2. He comes to devour

### **1 Peter 5:8**

*Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.*

3. By gaining advantage over those who will not forgive

### **2 Corinthians 2:10-11**

*10. Now whom you forgive anything, I also forgive. For indeed I have forgiven anything, I have forgiven that one for your sakes in the presence of Christ,*

*11. lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.*

4. By **tempting and enticing** people to do evil

**1 Corinthians 7:5**

*Do not deprive one another except with consent for a time, that you may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again so that satan does not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.*

**Ephesians 6:16**

*above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.*

5. By **tormenting and afflicting** people physically and mentally to keep them from knowing Jesus Christ as Saviour and keep believers from serving Jesus effectively.

**Matthew 13:19**

*When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what, was sown in his heart. this is he who received seed by the wayside.*

**2 Corinthians 4:3-4**

*3. But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,*

*4. whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ who is the image of God, should shine on them.*

9. By **harassing and opposing us**, after observing our weaknesses he plays on them.

**2 Corinthians 12:7**

*And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure.*

**1 Thessalonians 2:18**

*Therefore we wanted to come to you - even I, Paul, time and again - but Satan hindered us.*

10. By **blinding, compelling and enslaving** many with addictions, compulsive thoughts and behaviour, sexual sin and with physical infirmities.

**2 Timothy 2:26**

*and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will.*

**1 Timothy 3:7**

*Moreover he must have a good testimony among those outside, lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.*

**Colossians 1:13**

*He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love.*

11. By **defiling** many with unclean demons attacking thoughts, imaginations and speech.

**Luke 6:18.**

*as well as those who were tormented with unclean spirits. And they were healed.*

**Acts 5:16**

*Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were healed.*

12. By **vexing and deceiving** many with doctrines that detract from the holiness of God or that attack the Person, nature and work of Christ or that undermines the authority of Scripture.

**2 Corinthians 11:3**

*But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.*

**2 Corinthians 11:13-15**

13. *For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ.*

14. *And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.*

15. *Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.*



**John 8:44**

*You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.*

**2 Thessalonians 2:9-10**

*9. The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders.*

*10. and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.*

**Matthew 24:4-5**

*4. And Jesus answered and said to them: Take heed that no one deceives you.*

*5. for many will come in My name, saying I am the Christ, and will deceive many.*

13. By **attacking and oppressing** our physical bodies with tiredness, afflictions, mishaps, accidents, allergies and all kinds of repeated sicknesses.

**Acts 10:38**

*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.*

14. By **demonization and possession.**

**Luke 11:24**

*When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he says, I will return to my house from which I came.*

**Matthew 4:24**

*Then His fame went throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments, and those who were demon-possessed, epileptics, and paralytics; and He healed them.*

**Acts 8:7**

*For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralysed and lame were healed.*

**Acts 16:16**

*Now it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling.*

**So demons can:**

1. **Infest** - They have gathered all around the person, and have temporary control over certain areas of a person's life.
2. **Inhabit** - but not ruling, go into hiding, lying dormant, they must expose themselves when there is an anointing.
3. **Obsess** - they have managed to install themselves securely in some area of the person's character. the demons govern feelings, thoughts and actions.
4. **Possess** - Demons have full control of the body, soul and spirit of the person. The original personality is entirely suppressed and there is a marked change in the personality. An enhanced intelligence may develop.

When a person is possessed we will find:

**Imitation** - they may know and proclaim Christian doctrine. A new personality with complete voice changes.

**Matthew 8:28-29**

*28. When He had come to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, there met Him two demon-possessed men, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way.*

*29. And suddenly they cried out, saying. "What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?"*

**Acts 16:16-17**

*16. Now it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling.*

*17. This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out saying, "these men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation."*

**Regression** - Inability to speak. Aversion to the things of God, resistance to spiritual things, speaks out curses and blasphemy against the Trinity and hatred for the Scriptures.

**Mark 9:17**

*Then one of the crowd answered and said: "Teacher, I brought my son, who has a mute spirit.*

**Mark 9:25**

*When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it: "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!"*

**Matthew 9:32-33**

*32. As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a man, mute and demon-possessed.*

*33. And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marvelled, saying, "It was never seen like this in Israel!"*

**Matthew 12:22**

*Then one was brought to Him who was demon-possessed, blind and mute, and He healed him, so that the blind and mute man both spoke and saw.*

**Insanity or mental illness** - Attacks of delirium, destructive manner, acts of violence towards other people present. Marked by clairvoyance.

**Matthew 17:15-18**

*15. Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water.*

*16. So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him.*

*17. Then Jesus answered and said: "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me."*

*18. And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour.*

Despite the awesome powers of Satan and his demons, believers may confidently rest in their sovereign Creator and Saviour.

\* He defeated satan's hosts at the cross

**Colossians 2:15**

*Having disarmed principalities and powers, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.*

- \* He controls all things and guarantees His wisdom, His love and His faithfulness that He will never leave us or forsake us.

**Hebrews 13:5**

*Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He himself said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."*

- \* Neither can any demon separate us from the love of Christ.

**Romans 8:38-39**

*38. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come.  
39. nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

The demons believe and tremble.

**James 2:19**

*You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe - and tremble.*

Believers may believe and trust in their Saviour who has accomplished complete salvation for mankind.

### **3. CAN CHRISTIANS HAVE DEMONS?**

The devil's major target is the elect, the people of God, His Church. His strategy has always been to do all in his limited power to frustrate, delay and if possible destroy God's plan for His elect including trying to destroy the elect themselves. The devil will continue to do what he can to load the people of God with burdens so that they become totally exhausted and are unable to fulfil that which God has called them to do. Satan loves to sidetrack us onto issues that are "good" but not of God. He also seeks to swallow us up with the cares of the world or others so that we become overcome with anxiety and "burnout". We are then no longer able to sense God's priorities let alone engage ourselves in them.

#### **3.1 WHO IS A CHRISTIAN?**

1. A Christian is a person who is convicted of sin by the Holy Spirit and acknowledges that he is a sinner having sinned against a holy God.

**Romans 3:23**

*for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.*

2. He comes to the cross of Calvary and sees that it is a place of reconciliation.

**Colossians 1:19-20**

*19. For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell,*

*20. and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.*

3. He confesses and repents of all his sins and forsakes them.

**1 John 1:9**

*If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

**Isaiah 55:7**

*Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the Lord, And He will have mercy on him; and to our God, For He will abundantly pardon.*

**Proverbs 28:13**

*He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.*

4. He is made aware of the redemptive work of the cross and believes that if he asks god forgiveness, in faith he will receive it.

**Psalms 103:3**

*Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases.*

**Isaiah 1:18**

*"Come now, and let us reason together," Says the Lord, "Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool.*

**Isaiah 43:25**

*I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake; And I will not remember your sins.*

**Isaiah 44:22**

*I have blotted out like a thick cloud, your transgressions, And like a cloud, your sins. Return to Me, for I have redeemed you.*

**1 John 2:1-2**

*1. My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.*

*2. And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.*

5. The Holy Spirit then floods his heart and it is made new, he places a personal trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, and consecrates his life to Him.

**Matthew 10:32**

*Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him will I also confess before My Father who is in heaven.*

6. He believes with his whole heart that Almighty God has saved him by grace and accepts him as he is.

**Ephesians 2:8-9**

*8. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,*

*9. not of works, lest anyone should boast.*

7. As he receives Jesus, he receives life and is in union with Him.

**John 20:31**

*but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.*

**John 15:7**

*If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.*

8. This union means that the Father has a true, obedient Son, Christ, living in a human container.

**Colossians 1:27**

*To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.*

9. This union will be perfected and it will be Christ operating in and as the believer.

**2 Corinthians 3:18**

*But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.*

### 3.2 THE PURPOSE OF THE BODY OF CHRIST

God knew that the body would need to mature to stand against the enemy and the flesh. Jesus gave gifts to the body to perfect the saints. By perfection we mean completeness, maturity, uprightness, having neither spot nor blemish, being totally obedient.

- \* **perfect** - to bring back into alignment, when out of alignment there is an open door to demonic activity.

**Ephesians 4:11-12**

*11. And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,  
12. for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.*

Although apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers are necessary they are not the foundation of our faith, Jesus Christ is the only foundation.

**1 Corinthians 3:11**

*For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.*

- \* **framed** - put in order by the Word of God, most people who come for deliverance are in a chaotic state.

### **Hebrews 11:3**

*By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.*

- \* **restore** - to reinstate him because of misconduct.
  - i. Some defilement or spotting within caused by false doctrines.
  - ii. Defiled by moral mistakes (sin).

### **Galatians 6:1**

*Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.*

- \* **adjust** - arrange - Paul prayed night and day that they might perfect what was lacking in their faith.

### **1 Thessalonians 3:10**

*night and day praying exceedingly that we may see your face and perfect what is lacking in your faith?*

As we keep our focus on the Word of God, the five-fold ministry will be there to bring us back into alignment, we will then put in order, reinstate, adjust and arrange our lives so that they will be in line with God's Word. As we speak and teach the Word, faith is built up, sin is dealt with by repentance, (which is a powerful tool removing the ground of satan's attack), people are aligned, the demons are cast out and inner healing is administered.

A heart that has been perfected wants the Holy Spirit to come and search out the innermost man, to shine into all the hidden parts, to investigate, expose and dig out all that is unlike Christ. Those who hide a secret sin however do not want to be searched, probed or convicted. In the Gospels we read that Jesus drove out demons regularly and consistently in public, it was not a private affair.

## **Christians cannot be demon possessed.**

We are spirit being, with a soul and we live in a 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.*



The soul consists of the intellect, the will and the emotions. Before salvation man is a body with a spirit. His soul and spirit are closely connected because his soul dominates the spirit. Adam was dead in sin.

***Ephesians 2:1***

*And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins.*

This is bondage. At conversion (born again) the truth separates the soul and the spirit so that the sons of God are led by the Spirit through the Spirit dictating to the body and the soul.

***Romans 8:14***

*For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.*

- \* At death the body will go to the grave and return to dust, the spirit will return to God to hear divine sentence of its destination from death until the resurrection of the body.

***Ecclesiastes 12:7***

*Then the dust will return to the earth as it was, And the spirit will return to God who gave it.*

The soul will either go to heaven awaiting the resurrection or to hell awaiting the judgement.

***2 Corinthians 5:8***

*We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.*

***Luke 16:19-31*** tells the story of The Rich Man and Lazarus.

*22. So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried.*

*23. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.*

*24. Then he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.*

- \* Our spirits are saved, "born again", or made alive at salvation, after which our souls become subject out the life-long process of sanctification.

**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.*

\* The spirit cannot be invaded by demons.

**Colossians 3:2-4**

*2. Set your minds on things above, not on things on the earth.  
3. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.  
4. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.*

**1 Corinthians 6:20**

*For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.*

**Demons and their influence are seen in the soul and body of an individual.**

**Sanctification is not striving to be holier than everyone else. It is the process by which the Holy Spirit brings us more and more to death on the cross and into new life with Jesus.**

**Deliverance for a Christian represents the eviction of trespassing spirits who are squatters in our souls and bodies.**

**Mark 1:23**

*Now there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit. And he cried out.....*

**Mark 7:25**

*For a woman whose young daughter had an unclean spirit heard about Him, and she came and fell at His feet.*

Demons are in your body and in your soul. A squatter is one who settles on land without rights or title or payment of rent.

### 3.3 CAUSES OF DEMONIZATION

Behind the captivity of man is sin. Demons vary greatly in power and wickedness, therefore their influence would of necessity differ in severity, manner and manifestation.

#### 3.3.1 **Personal involvements / sin:**

The fallen nature of man's evil desire turns humanity toward evil without the active intervention from Satan.

##### **James 1:14**

*But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.*

Continuous, unconfessed sin opens the door so that demons can exist in an unyielded life, God sees the heart. Continual persistent attitudes will give satan ground to have a foothold.

##### **Ephesians 4:26**

*Be angry, and do not sin: do not let the sun go down on your wrath.*

##### **1 Corinthians 4:5**

*Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one's praise will come from God.*

The purpose of a foothold is to gain entry. These are some footholds:

Lying, bitterness, resentment, unforgiveness, rebellion, selfishness, anger, harmful words spoken against each other.

Unhealthy or emotional weakness makes a person vulnerable to demonic attack. The devil chooses the weakest individual, at the weakest moment in the weakest place.

#### 3.3.2 **Inherited factors:**

Sins of the ancestors or generational sin.

**Exodus 20:5**

*.....For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me.*

Demons manage to extend their lease on families even though a person may not be the guilty party because of the authority transference that occurs during pacts, oaths, ceremonies and festivals.

Examples are freemasonry, satanism, witchcraft, cults and false religions. Satan is a legalist, the bottom line is that if he has been given ground due to sin or curses, you could be oppressed and/or tormented by a demon until the hole in the hedge is shut and the demons cast out. Lust, sexual deviation, occultism and witchcraft and all addictions, a variety of mental problems, rejection, anger and temper and sickness and allergies can all pass down the bloodline.

**Ask yourself:** What do I see in myself that I have heard about or seen that was evident in my parents or grandparents?

Generational sin comes in three forms:

1. We inherit the genes through the bloodline.
2. Sin descends by example, monkey see, monkey do.
3. Sin and its effects descend by sowing and reaping.

Some mistakenly think that God has revoked His judgement connected with the second commandment. They quote Ezekiel 18:1-4 where God condemns the misuse of this particular proverb. God is referring directly to the proverb and not the second commandment. The rebels in Israel were using it to cast the guilt of their judgement back on their ancestors. God is saying that man cannot blame his father for his sin and ignore his own guilt. Each individual is judged for his own sin.

**3.3.3**

**Through hurts and abuse:**

A person is prone to demonization when they have been emotionally devastated as in sexual abuse and it has not been dealt with effectively.

### 3.3.4 Through accident and trauma

Many sicknesses have a demonic source so we can believe that we will be healed of those illnesses and diseases that have a demonic origin when the spirit of infirmity and its related spirits are cast out.

#### **Luke 13:12-13**

12. *But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity."*

13. *And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.*

## 4. SCRIPTURE REFERENCES FOR DELIVERANCE IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

If we did not need deliverance, why would Jesus teach us to pray for it?

#### **John 17:15**

*"I do not pray that You should take them out of this world, but that You should **keep them from the evil one.**"*

#### **Matthew 6:13**

*And do not lead us into temptation, **But deliver us from the evil one,** For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

\* It is the right for the children of God to have deliverance.

#### **Matthew 15:16-26**

16 *So Jesus said, "Are you also still without understanding?"*

17 *"Do you not yet understand that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and is eliminated?"*

18 *"But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man.*

19 *"For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.*

20 *"These are the things which defile a man, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile a man."*

21 *Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon.*

22 *And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed."*

23 But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us."

24 But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

25 Then she came and worshipped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!"

26 But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs."

- \* If you yield to something, you are captive to it.

### **Romans 6:16**

*Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?*

- \* Receive another spirit, seducing demons.

### **2 Corinthians 11:3-4**

3. *But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.*

4. *For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or if you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted - you may well put up with it!*

- \* Deluding demons enter from listening to false teachers.

### **1 Corinthians 2:2**

*For if I make you sorrowful, then who is he who makes me glad but the one who is made sorrowful by me?*

### **1 John 4: 1-3**

1. *Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.*

2. *By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God,*

3. *and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.*

**1 Timothy 4:1**

*Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons.*

- \* Satan bound the daughter of Abraham. Is the "daughter of Abraham" the same as a Christian?

**Luke 13:16**

*"So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound - think of it - for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?"*

- \* Salvation came to this house because Zaccheus was a son of Abraham.

**Luke 19:9**

*And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham.*

- \* If you belong to Christ, you are Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise.

**Galatians 3:29**

*And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.*

- \* Neither give place to the devil - it must be possible to give the devil place if we are commanded not to.  
**Place** = occupancy, vacancy, position of control, influence.

**Ephesians 4:27**

*nor give place to the devil.*

Simon the Sorcerer was known for his power. He offered money to be able to lay hands and have results. He was still in bondage to the occult and his self-promoting views even after he believed and was baptised.

**Acts 8:9;24**

9 *But there was a certain man called Simon, who previously practised sorcery in the city and astonished the people of Samaria, claiming that he was someone great,*

24 *Then Simon answered and said, "Pray to the Lord for me, that none of the things which you have spoken may come upon me."*

**James 3:14-15** addresses believers about the bitter envy in their hearts saying it was demonic.

14. *But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth.*

15. *This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic.*

#### **4.1 CHRISTIANS WHO WERE DEMONIZED**

\* **Judas**

He had a covetous heart and was a thief. (John 12:6) He betrayed Jesus and Satan entered him.

**John 13:2**

*And the supper being ended, the devil having already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray Him.*

**Luke 22:3**

*Then Satan entered Judas, surnamed Iscariot, who was numbered among the twelve.*

\* **Peter**

Satan asked if he could sift him;

**Luke 22:31**

*And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat.*

**Matthew 16:23**

*But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men."*

The devil spoke through Peter even though he was committed to Jesus.

**Luke 22:33**

*But he said to Him, "Lord, I am ready to go with You, both to prison and to death.*

\* **Ananias and Saphira**

Satan filled their hearts so they lied to the Holy Spirit.



**Acts 5:3**

*But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to a lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself?"*

Very seldom do we find a single demon in a person. Demons are found to be in families.

**Mark 1:23-24**

*23 Now there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit. And he cried out,*

*24 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!"*

In this man there was a spokesman demon - a strongman or ruler spirit. He was in charge of the demonic operation. He shouted "let us alone", yet earlier in v24 the demon spoke in the singular form.

We see that the demonized person can be invaded by a rank of evil spirits.

**Luke 8:26-40**

*26 Then they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee.*

*27 And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs.*

*28 When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!"*

*29 For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness.*

*30 Jesus asked him, saying, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," because many demons had entered him.*

*31 And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss.*

*32 Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. And they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them.*

*33 Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned.*

*34 When those who fed them saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country.*

35 Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid.

36 They also who had seen it told them by what means he who had been demon-possessed was healed.

37 Then the whole multitude of the surrounding region of the Gadarenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. And He got into the boat and returned.

38 Now the man from whom the demons had departed begged Him that he might be with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying,

39 "Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you." And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.

40 So it was, when Jesus returned, that the multitude welcomed Him, for they were all waiting for Him.

They are set up as a co-ordinated system of evil with the lesser spirits under the authority of a leader. In this case there are 6,000 demons under a leader. "My name is legion we are many".

It is always an array of related demons rather than an assortment of unrelated ones. When Jesus commanded them to come out it was in the continuous tense.

## 5. REASONS WHY WE DON'T CONVERSE WITH DEMONS

**The object of deliverance is to evict** (cast it out, not to get it to speak.)

- i. We follow Jesus example.

**Mark 1:25**

*But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet, and come out of him!"*

Jesus rebuked the demon who was willing to speak. Demons are anti-Christ in all they say and do.

- ii. You are allowing the person to operate as a medium when demons converse with you - obtaining information causes the person to fall into sin.

**Deuteronomy 18:10-12**

10 *"There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, or one who practices witchcraft, or a soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer,*

11 *"or one who conjures spells, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead.*

12 *"For all who do these things are an abomination to the LORD, and because of these abominations the LORD your God drives them out from before you.*

- iii. They are all liars and deceivers - satan is the father of lies, they have his nature.

**John 8:44**

*"You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.*

- iv. We have access to all truth and all power in and through the Holy Spirit and His gifts. The One who has called us to warfare will equip us for warfare.

**6. WHO MINISTERS DELIVERANCE?**

The whole church is an army that is in the midst of a spiritual battle therefore: All can.

Jesus sent out the twelve:

**Luke 9:1-2**

1 *Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases.*

2 *He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.*

Jesus sent out the seventy:

**Luke 10:1-16**

1 *After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go.*

2 *Then He said to them, "The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into His harvest.*

3     *"Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs among wolves.*  
4     *"Carry neither money bag, knapsack, nor sandals; and greet no one along the road.*  
5     *"But whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house.'*  
6     *"And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest on it; if not, it will return to you.*  
7     *"And remain in the same house, eating and drinking such things as they give, for the labourer is worthy of his wages. Do not go from house to house.*  
8     *"Whatever city you enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you.*  
9     *"And heal the sick there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'*  
10    *"But whatever city you enter, and they do not receive you, go out into its streets and say,*  
11    *'The very dust of your city which clings to us we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near you.'*  
12    *"But I say to you that it will be more tolerable in that Day for Sodom than for that city.*  
13    *"Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes.*  
14    *"But it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment than for you.*  
15    *"And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be thrust down to Hades.*  
16    *"He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me."*

Jesus commissioned His followers:

**Mark 16:17**

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

They all had relationship with Jesus and therefore had authority.

They had been with Jesus and were full of the Holy Spirit.

There is a possibility of danger when there is no relationship with Jesus.

**Acts 19:14-15**

14    *Also there were seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, who did so.*

15 *And the evil spirit answered and said, "Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?"*

16 *Then the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, overpowered them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.*

The sons of Sceva did not know Christ intimately and acted in self-confidence. The demons physically overpowered them and disgraced them.

There is a time to go to war and a time not to. Not all are sent to the front-line. Although some will stay at home to intercede, all will benefit from the victory of battles won.

### **1 Samuel 30:21-25**

21 *Now David came to the two hundred men who had been so weary that they could not follow David, whom they also had made to stay at the Brook Besor. So they went out to meet David and to meet the people who were with him. And when David came near the people, he greeted them.*

22 *Then all the wicked and worthless men of those who went with David answered and said, "Because they did not go with us, we will not give them any of the spoil that we have recovered, except for every man's wife and children, that they may lead them away and depart."*

23 *But David said, "My brethren, you shall not do so with what the LORD has given us, who has preserved us and delivered into our hand the troop that came against us.*

24 *"For who will heed you in this matter? But as his part is who goes down to the battle, so shall his part be who stays by the supplies; they shall share alike."*

25 *So it was, from that day forward; he made it a statute and an ordinance for Israel to this day.*

In **Judges 7** we read how the same laws of warfare applied to Gideon. He started with 32,000 men of which 22,000 were sent away because of fear. Of the 10,000 left only 300 were called. A sovereign God called 300 men to go to war and 9,700 not to go by the way that they drank water. There was no rebuke or disappointment recorded. Those that go to war should not think that they are more spiritual or more favoured of God than those who stay and those who stay should not criticise those whom God has called to battle.

The following situations need consideration:

1. Newly weds (time to establish a marriage)

**Deuteronomy 24:5**

*"When a man has taken a new wife, he shall not go out to war or be charged with any business; he shall be free at home one year, and bring happiness to his wife whom he has taken.*

2. Tired, fearful and afraid (very tiring ministry).

**Judges 7:3a**

*Now therefore, proclaim in the hearing of the people, saying, 'Whoever is fearful and afraid, let him turn and depart at once from Mount Gilead.'*

3. Laws of warfare - those with a new home, new vineyard, engaged, fearful and fainthearted must stay at home.

**Deuteronomy 20:1,6-8**

1 *"When you go out to battle against your enemies, and see horses and chariots and people more numerous than you, do not be afraid of them; for the LORD your God is with you, who brought you up from the land of Egypt.*

6 *'And what man is there who has planted a vineyard and has not yet eaten of it? Let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle and another man eat of it.*

7 *'And what man is there who is betrothed to a woman and has not married her? Let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle and another man marry her.'*

8 *"The officers shall speak further to the people, and say, 'What man is there who is fearful and fainthearted? Let him go and return to his house, lest the heart of his brethren faint like his heart.'*

## 6.1 REQUIREMENTS

The ministry of deliverance is only possible where there is authoritative charismatic power. This authority is no human quality but a decisive breakthrough of the Holy Spirit in the active faith of the minister who is at one mind with Christ.

**1 Corinthians 6:17**

*But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.*

## **Of those that go they must:**

1. Have an anointing.

### ***Isaiah 61:1***

*"The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, because the LORD has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; he has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;*

The greater your love the greater the anointing.

2. Be able to hear and discern the voice of God.
3. Must exercise the gifts of the Holy Spirit.
4. Be uncompromising, refuse to be defeated by a defeated foe.
5. Have a servant's spirit, a listening ear and be willing to lay down your life.
6. Have compassion, be able to love the person receiving ministry for who he is and be able to communicate this love to him/her. Watch you body language, facial expressions etc.
7. Have patience, be able to detect roots and not just doctor the symptoms (fruit).
8. Must be able to confront the person receiving ministry with personal responsibility for sin and accountability.

## **NO REPENTANCE - NO DELIVERANCE**

Repentance must come before times of refreshing. It is God's presence that will usher in the refreshing.

### ***Acts 3:19***

*"Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord,*

## 7. PREPARATION FOR DELIVERANCE

In preparation for deliverance we must allow the Holy Spirit to search our hearts for sins, since repentance will remove the grounds for satan's attack. We must know that demons did not create our sin. They are ours alone.

### **Mark 7:21-22**

21 *"For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,*

22 *"thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness.*

Demonization is a process that begins as sin and continues to invite demonic infestation. Demons cannot defile us unless we have already defiled ourselves.

### 7.1 REPENTANCE

Repentance is the foundation for deliverance. True repentance will deal with actions, words and deeds. Repentance from dead works

### **Acts 26:20**

*"but declared first to those in Damascus and in Jerusalem, and throughout all the region of Judea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent, turn to God, and do works befitting repentance and the works of the flesh.*

### **Gal 5:19-21**

19 *Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness,*

20 *idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies,*

21 *envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.*

Repentance involves giving up all our own futile human efforts to save ourselves.

### **Hebrews 6:1**

*Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God,*



To be penitent for the hurt that we have caused the Lord and others by what we have done, it is willing to die to what we have been and to allow God to change us into what he wants us to be.

**Acts 17:30**

*"Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent,*

We must understand that we cannot repent when we feel like it. It is a gift and we need to take it when it is offered to us, let us be sure to repent when God's wave of repentance is moving in our lives.

**Acts 11:18**

*When they heard these things they became silent; and they glorified God, saying, "Then God has also granted to the Gentiles repentance to life."*

**Hebrews 3:7-8**

7 *Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: "Today, if you will hear His voice,*  
8 *Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, in the day of trial in the wilderness,*

We must hate sin and our sinful nature. We must be broken before the Lord with a brokenness that is a total shattering of our entire human strength and ability. We must fully realise the sin that we have and the reproach it brings to Christ. We then have the absolute assurance that things are going to change and that rebuilding will come.

**REMORSE**

Judas is an example of one who had remorse and did not repent. He was a covetous man concerned with the control and power of money. **John 12:3-6** When he realised that he had betrayed an innocent man he was sorry and felt guilty. Although he tried to make restitution he did not take responsibility or accountability for his weakness, which had motivated him to commit such an act. In remorse he hanged himself. He failed to ask for forgiveness for the sins that had caused him to become stiff-necked and hard at heart. He was sorry for the pain caused to himself and to others but not truly repentant for the sin itself and its effect on his relationship with God.

## Five things flow out of repentance:

### 1. Conviction

When a person is convicted of sin, they will be brought onto their knees and completely humbled until they have no hope in themselves. The Word of God, our conscience and the Holy Spirit bring conviction. The conscience is a divinely implanted faculty in man, telling him that he ought to do right. When it is smothered and when a man ignores it or becomes accustomed to its voice, it loses its effect.

#### **1 Timothy 4:2**

*speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron*

### 2. Contrition

There is a deep sorrow and humiliation of heart, the **heart is broken for sin**.

#### **Psalm 51:17**

*The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart - these, O God, You will not despise.*

Godly sorrow will work/produce repentance.

#### **2 Corinthians 7:9-11**

9 Now I rejoice, not that you were made sorry, but that your sorrow led to repentance. For you were made sorry in a godly manner, that you might suffer loss from us in nothing.

10 For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death.

11 For observe this very thing, that you sorrowed in a godly manner: What diligence it produced in you, what clearing of yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what vehement desire, what zeal, what vindication! In all things you proved yourselves to be clear in this matter.

The weight of the guilt causes us to cry out, "I have sinned against the Lord". God saves the contrite spirit.

#### **Psalm 34:18**

*The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit.*

**Isaiah 57:15**

*For thus says the High and Lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, with him who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.*

**Isaiah 66:2**

*For all those things My hand has made, and all those things exist," says the LORD. "But on this one will I look: on him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, and who trembles at My word.*

**3. Confession of sin**

Nothing can replace confession, be specific and truthful.

**Proverbs 28:13**

*He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.*

**Psalms 32:1-5**

*1 Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.*

*2 Blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.*

*3 When I kept silent, my bones grew old through my groaning all the day long.*

*4 For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my vitality was turned into the drought of summer. Selah*

*5 I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah.*

**Matthew 5:23-24**

*23 "Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you,*

*24 "leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.*

**1 John 1:9**

*If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

Do not hide or cover up sin. Sin between God and me, I confess to God in my closet. If I have done a man wrong I confess my sin to God and to man.

#### 4. **Conversion**

There is a 180° turn about from our evil ways. We have a hatred of sin.

##### **Proverbs 28:13**

*He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.*

The **heart is broken from sin.**

##### **Ezekiel 36:31-33**

31 *"Then you will remember your evil ways and your deeds that were not good; and you will loathe yourselves in your own sight, for your iniquities and your abominations.*

32 *"Not for your sake do I do this," says the Lord GOD, "let it be known to you. Be ashamed and confounded for your own ways, O house of Israel!"*

33 *'Thus says the Lord GOD: "On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will also enable you to dwell in the cities, and the ruins shall be rebuilt.*

#### 5. **Confession of Christ** with fruits of repentance is the culmination of the walk of repentance.

##### **Matthew 3:8**

*"Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance,*

##### **Romans 10:9**

*that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.*

## 7.2 **STEPS INTO REPENTANCE**

1. Get alone with god and as He brings before you the sins you have committed LIST THEM on a sheet of paper.
2. Now CONFESS each sin as a sin unto the Lord. Be specific.
3. Ask for forgiveness and for cleansing in the blood of Jesus.
4. REPENT of your sin by telling the Lord in a simple prayer that you, by His grace are going to turn your back on those sins and that you are turning those areas of your life over to Him.

5. Give THANKS that He has forgiven your sins.

**1 John 1:9**

*If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

Accept your forgiveness.

6. If you need to restore or give back anything to anyone, or make reparation to a person for loss or injury inflicted, or repair broken relationships, do it. This is called restitution.

**Luke 19:8**

*Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold."*

**Leviticus 6:1-7**

1 *And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying:*

2 *"If a person sins and commits a trespass against the LORD by lying to his neighbour about what was delivered to him for safekeeping, or about a pledge, or about a robbery, or if he has extorted from his neighbour,*

3 *"or if he has found what was lost and lies concerning it, and swears falsely-- in any one of these things that a man may do in which he sins:*

4 *"then it shall be, because he has sinned and is guilty, that he shall restore what he has stolen, or the thing which he has extorted, or what was delivered to him for safekeeping, or the lost thing which he found,*

5 *"or all that about which he has sworn falsely. He shall restore its full value, add one-fifth more to it, and give it to whomever it belongs, on the day of his trespass offering.*

6 *"And he shall bring his trespass offering to the LORD, a ram without blemish from the flock, with your valuation, as a trespass offering, to the priest.*

7 *"So the priest shall make atonement for him before the LORD, and he shall be forgiven for any one of these things that he may have done in which he trespasses."*

## 8. FOUR PRINCIPLES

### 8.1 HONOURING OUR PARENTS

#### ***Deuteronomy 5:16***

*'Honour your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may be well with you in the land which the LORD your God is giving you.*

#### ***Proverbs 20:20***

*Whoever curses his father or his mother, his lamp will be put out in deep darkness.*

To honour is to obey, respect and to love and cherish in all proper conduct. It can be understood that children will have grounds for not honouring their parents when they behave contrary to the Word of God and demand that their children do likewise.

When we are adults, to honour means to provide for them financially when they are in need or when they are ill or unable to take care of themselves. Honouring our parents involves all that we have done and do with our lives.

Have we and do we live a life that brings honour to our parents? We need to ask God for forgiveness and possibly our parents. Make a decision to honour them even if they have failed you and were not there for you when you needed them. God's promise to you is a settled, peaceful life.

### 8.2 JUDGING

#### ***Matthew 7:1-2***

*1 "Judge not, that you be not judged.*

*2 "For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.*

The traits that bother us in others are often the habits we dislike in ourselves. Because of our bad motives and conduct we blame, condemn and get angry instead of checking to see if we deserve the same criticism. The bitter root judgement entangles us in that which we have judged in our parents we end up doing or becoming in our lives. Critical parents produce children who are full of criticism.

**Romans 2:1**

*Therefore you are inexcusable, O man, whoever you are who judge, for in whatever you judge another you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things.*

Although it is hard to swallow, the Bible is very clear that no matter how unfair the circumstances are that have caused a child or adult to become bitter, angry or full of hatred, it is still the person's hatred or bitterness, no one else's. Each of us are accountable for our own reactions and actions as we will always have a choice.

### **8.3 SOWING AND REAPING**

**Galatians 6:7**

*Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.*

**Hosea 8:7**

*"They sow the wind, and reap the whirlwind. The stalk has no bud; it shall never produce meal. If it should produce, aliens would swallow it up.*

Every action has results. Often that which was sown is slow in coming but this principle applies every time. Sow good seed i.e. plant to please God and you'll reap joy and everlasting life.

**Galatians 6:8**

*For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.*

Sow to your flesh and from the flesh reap corruption.

Many are reaping what they have sown in their youth, if you have not sown good seed into your marriage, your children's lives, your work etc. you will now be reaping crop failure. God's judgement on mankind's actions is administered in succeeding generations.

**Exodus 20:5**

*you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me,*

## 8.4 UNFORGIVENESS

### **Matthew 6:14-15**

14 *"For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.*

15 *"But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.*

### **Mark 11:25**

*"And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses.*

This is the most important principle. We must understand that God does not forgive us because we forgive others, but it is because of His great mercy that He forgives our sins. However we want to be like Him so we must forgive those that need to be forgiven. Those who are unwilling to forgive have not become one with Christ who was willing to forgive those who crucified Him.

When we forgive it must be from the heart of wanting to please our Father. There must be no pretending. It is a decision in your head. Forgiveness says we will pay the price for the other person's sin, in other words we feel the effect of the pain and hurt that it brings, but we choose to release them. This is what Jesus did when He died on the cross to pay for the forgiveness of our sins. When we forgive we release the one who is guilty and place ourselves in their stead.

### **Forgiveness is threefold:**

1. We seek God's forgiveness that is infinite.

### **Jeremiah 31:34**

*"No more shall every man teach his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."*

### **Micah 7:9**

*I will bear the indignation of the LORD, because I have sinned against Him, until He pleads my case and executes justice for me. He will bring me forth to the light; I will see His righteousness.*



2. We forgive others.

**Colossians 3:13**

*bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.*

**Ephesians 4:32**

*And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you.*

3. We forgive ourselves for how can we not when God has forgiven us?

**The fruits of unforgiveness towards others:**

hatred  
bitterness  
suspicion  
resentment  
conflict  
revenge  
jealousy  
murder  
stress

**The fruits of unforgiveness toward God:**

doubt  
unbelief  
rebellion

**The fruits of unforgiveness toward yourself:**

guilt  
condemnation  
unworthiness  
shame  
self-hatred  
embarrassment  
suicide

**The consequences of unforgiveness:**

poor health

negative emotions

broken relationships

broken fellowship with God

open door in one's life to demons