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Introduction

Demons, Sickness and Spiritual Warfare

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A person's spirit is that person's life. When the spirit is gone, the body is dead. James said, "the body without the spirit is dead...." Jesus also equated the spirit with life.

John 6:63

63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. (KJV)

In the verse above, "quickeneth," means to "give life." Then, He equated "life" and "spirit" concerning the words which He spoke. In other words, "spirit" and "life" are interchangeable because spirit is life.

In Revelation 13:15, the False Prophet will have power to give life unto the image of the beast so that the statue can talk. The word translated "life" is the Greek word "spirit." The translators of the King James Version recognized the vital link between spirit and life.

Rev 13:14-15

14 And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

(KJV)

The "life" of that image that will be made to talk in Revelation 13: 15, is "spirit." What kind of spirit is it? Did it come from God? No, it will be a Satanic spirit. It will be a demon that makes that image (statue) live.

In Luke 13: 11, Jesus healed a woman afflicted (for eighteen years) with a bent back. He said that she had been bound by Satan. He said that she had a "spirit" of infirmity.

Luke 13:11

11 And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself.

(KJV)

Luke 13:16

16 And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day? (KJV)

What Does "Spirit of Infirmity" Mean?

When we read that expression, "spirit of infirmity," many of us just pass over it. But what does this "spirit of infirmity" mean? The answer to this question was the driving force that caused me to seek to understand the relationship between demon activity and sickness in the bodies of the children of God.

Luke, who wrote the above passage, was a physician. He probably knew as much about medicine and physical maladies as anyone in his day. He recognized that an evil spirit (Jesus called it "a spirit of infirmity") had produced her sickness. Numerous Scriptures verify Jesus' assertion that sickness is demonic.

Matt 8:16

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: (KJV)

Matt 9:32-33

32 As they went out, behold, they brought to him a dumb man possessed with a devil.

33 And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake: and the multitudes marvelled, saying, It was never so seen in Israel.

(KJV)

Matt 12:22

22 Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw. (KJV)

Mark 1:23-25

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.

25 And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him.

(KJV)

Mark 9:25

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. (KJV)

Luke 4:35

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. (KJV)

Luke 9:1

1 Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases. (KJV)

Luke 10:19

19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. (KJV)

Luke 13:11

11 And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself. (KJV)

Acts 10:38

38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him. (KJV)

Eph 6:12

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. (KJV)

If that woman had lived today and had gone to the best clinic in the land to get a diagnosis, they would have diagnosed her with arthritis in her backbone, curvature of the spinal column, slipped disc, etc.. But nobody would have diagnosed that woman with having an evil spirit. Luke, who recorded this event, recognized that Satan is the author of sickness. The Book of Job says the same thing.

Job 2:3

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? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause. (KJV)

Job 2:7

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. (KJV)

How does Satan inflict sickness on Christians?

How, then, does he inflict sickness on people? Revelation 13: 15 above, gives us a clue. The False Prophet did not give that statue "life," he gave him "spirit." The "spirit," in turn, provided its life since spirit is life. Just as Satan was the animator of the statue, he also provides the life force of many sicknesses in the form of demons. This leads us to this; *many sicknesses have a life force (spirit) which came from Satan*. This life force is a demon.

If you put a sickness under a microscope, you will not see the spirit (life) that animates it. But you will see the effect of that spirit. You will see the damage that it does to the body. But the moment that wicked spirit (demon) is cast out of that body, the sickness dies. Consequently, it will pass out through the body. It dies because it has no more spirit, it has no more life. When the life is gone out of it, it will wither up and go away.

Demon induced sickness is how Satan afflicts the bodies of believers. This may not be the only way he afflicts them, but this is certainly one way he does it. This staggers the mind of many modern believers. They can not grasp this. They can not take it in because it is contrary to everything they believe. They are so conditioned to the modern mindset. They can recognize a virus, germ or bacteria under a microscope, but little do they know that a spirit that can animate it, causing it to live. Force the spirit of that virus to leave and the virus dies, dries up and is just passed out through the body. Then, the person afflicted with it recovers fully.

Can a Christian be demon possessed?

Many ask, "Can a Christian be demon possessed?" No! "Possessed" implies "ownership." Neither demons nor Satan can own (possess) a Christian. But they can harass and afflict them. The case of Paul proves this. He had a thorn which was a "messenger" of Satan. (The Greek word translated, "messenger" is the Greek word for "angel." In other words, Paul was hounded by a demon assigned to kill him. He describes how it attempted to murder him.

2 Cor 11:23-33

23 Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I am more; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft.

24 Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one.

25 Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep;

26 In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren;

27 In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness.

28 Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches.

29 Who is weak, and I am not weak? who is offended, and I burn not?

30 If I must needs glory, I will glory of the things which concern mine infirmities.

31 The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which is blessed for evermore, knoweth that I lie not.

32 In Damascus the governor under Aretas the king kept the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desirous to apprehend me:

33 And through a window in a basket was I let down by the wall, and escaped his hands.

(KJV)

Demon harassment and affliction can include sickness. See again the Scriptures cited above. The woman, in the passage from Luke's Gospel quoted above, was sick with a spirit of infirmity (demon). Demons are responsible for many, many sicknesses. How many, no one can say for sure. Nevertheless, we must know how to engage them in Spiritual Warfare to dispel them and get rid of the sicknesses they cause. The balance of this book addresses this issue.

Actually, we will address five major issues in this volume. (1) How to deal with your personally assigned demon. (2) How to defeat demon induced sickness. (3) What are the Five Offensive Weapons God has given us to defeat demon induced sicknesses? (4) Why these Five Offensive Weapons work. (5) Where and how *you* can get the confidence and the courage to defeat demons and sickness.

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