

HOLDING —◆— OUR —◆— LAND & TEMPLE

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Introduction

This booklet deals with another very vital issue — STAYING FREE FROM DEMONIC PROBLEMS!!!

The scriptural pictures of the process of learning to 'Hold the Land' are found in:

Ex. 23:27-30; (cf. Deut. 7:21-26).

The New Testament reality of the pictures are found in:

Matt. 12:28-30, 43-45; (cf. Luke 11:21-28).

We will be comparing the Israelites conquering the Promised Land, and cleaning it of the enemies living in it — to individual believers conquering their Promised Land / their Body and cleaning it of the enemies living in it. In 1 Cor. 10:1-13 it says the things that happened to the Israelites are examples for us, so we don't make the same mistakes. So we are going to look at their lives and make the spiritual application to our lives.

The overall emphasis of this booklet is: SELF-DELIVERANCE.

This is the concept that was covered in 'Spiritual Warfare — Basics'.

As I stated in that booklet: From my perspective, one of the reasons we don't see or hear much about believers being delivered, or needing deliverance after Acts 2 (the beginning of the church) is because they were being made into disciples and knew how to live in James 4:7.

We as believers need to know how to Submit to God — and Resist the Devil. As we do this, the demonic realm will flee. This is a process the scripture calls: Sanctification.

Sanctification is working with the Holy Spirit to achieve SELF-DELIVERANCE.

I am going to begin this booklet by briefly referring to some things that we will cover in more depth when we look at the booklet: 'Demonic Infestation and Manifestation.' But it's good to have a little understanding of these things to more fully understand how to 'Hold our Land / Temple'.

I will be stating 'demonic' or 'demons' most of the time, but in my statements, I am also including 'Fallen Angels'.

1. Demons Don't Live in Our Spirit or Soul — They Live in Our Body / Temple

A. Our body acts as a house / tabernacle / temple. (1 Cor. 6:19-20; 2 Cor. 5:1-2)

1. It houses our spirit, and as born-again believers: the Holy Spirit.
 - a. Those are the only spirits it's supposed to be housing. No other spirit is supposed to be living in it.
2. It is not limited to having just one spirit occupy it, or it couldn't also house the Holy Spirit. So other spirits can live in our temple with us. This is seen many times in the gospels.

B. The concept of other spirits being able to live in us was made very clear to me during a deliverance session when one of the demons was answering a question I had asked. I asked: how can demons get access to a human to be in them?

1. The answer was: we look for or help create a 'live hole'.
2. A 'live hole' is an area that becomes available to them when we enter into sin. The picture is: they are able to enter into the temple and secure a small living space that is 'legally theirs'.
3. The reason it's 'legally theirs' is because it's an area of our lives that are not submitted to God.
 - a. If it's not submitted to God, it's open game because there are only 2 Kingdoms at work on this earth.
 - b. Either one will rule, or the other will rule.

2. Can Christians be Demon Possessed?

A. When a demon has access to our temple, do they now possess us?

1. ABSOLUTELY NOT.
2. Possession speaks of 'Ownership'.
 - a. As a believer, we are owned by God through the Blood of Jesus Christ. (Isa. 43:1; Acts 20:28; 1 Cor. 6:19-20; 7:23; 2 Cor. 5:1-2; Eph. 1:7, 13-14; Heb. 9:12; 1 Pet. 1:18-19; Rev. 5:9)
 - b. We have been translated out of the Kingdom of Darkness into the Kingdom of Jesus: Col. 1:13-14.
 - c. Spiritually (in our spirits) we are New Creations in Christ: 2 Cor. 5:16-17.
 - d. For that reason, as believers: WE CAN'T BE DEMON POSSESSED!!
 - Possession speaks of ownership.
 - We have been bought back (redeemed) by the blood of Jesus and we are not our own; we are owned by God.
3. I do not believe a person who is possessed can be delivered until the ownership of the person changes.
 - a. If the Kingdom of Darkness owns them, the demons have every right to be there.
 - b. They need to be saved / born-again. Now they can be delivered.

B. However, Christians can be 'Demonized' — a term used in the gospels and translated in the KJV as 'Possessed'

1. Young's Analytical Concordance defines it as: "To be demonized, be as a demon".
2. We will look at this word in more depth in the 'Demonic Infestation and Manifestation' booklet. For now, here's the definition we are giving to it:
 - a. To be demonized is to be influenced, harassed, held in bondage, tormented, in some areas of a person's life.
 - b. This can happen on a range from like 1 - 10.
 - 1 being mild, and 10 being severe.

C. Christians can also 'Give Place to the Devil'

1. This is found in Eph. 4:27, and in that verse is associated with not correctly handling our anger.
2. Even as a believer, if a demon has gained access to our temple, we need to be delivered of it.

3. Do Christians Need On-Going Deliverance?

By On-Going Deliverance, I'm referring to being prayed over by others and having something cast out on an On-going basis.

A. The answer to that is NO!!

1. But we do need on-going Sanctification. Sanctification produces Self-Deliverance.

As we make the correct choices concerning our lives and sin, and take a stand in our Authority as a believer — the demons will leave.

2. We should be living free from the Kingdom of Darkness. Scripturally sin and the Kingdom of Darkness have no authority or power over us.

3. Our temple should contain 2 spirits: Ours and the Holy Spirit.

B. However: if we continue living in a way that is not in submission to God, we can have on-going problems — because then we are submitting areas of our life to the other Kingdom

But then we must realize that we are still immature and needing to face our trials / temptations with perseverance which will produce maturity. (James 1:2-3)

At that point, our problem isn't really needing deliverance — we need to mature.

C. Something that bothers me very deeply is that in scripture, once we get into the New Covenant after Christ's death and resurrection; followed by the beginning of the New Testament Church (Acts 2), there is only one possible scriptural example a believer being inhabited by a demon. It was under the ministry of Phillip the Evangelist. However we don't know if the demons manifested before or after the people's salvation

The only other indicator that it can happen is found in Eph. 4:27.

Why do we have so much trouble with demons and Christians in our time?

My opinion is this: I can't speak to the world, but in the United States I see far too many believers living very half-hearted, luke-warm, uncommitted, lazy, complacent, undisciplined Christian lives. Many Christians are openly living in 2 Kingdoms at the same time — God's Kingdom, and via their lack of submission — the Devil's Kingdom. We have been taught a cheap Grace that says we can Live and Do any way we want and still be saved.

I believe this is a Lie and a Deception that has entered the church. As a result, many Christians have given 'place' to the demonic realm by 'submitting' themselves to that Kingdom.

D. From the absolute lack of believers needing deliverance once we entered the New Covenant, to the great number of professing Christians who now have demonic encounters, manifestations, being tormented and harassed, something is seriously wrong

E. Believers to Martyrs



1. There is a natural progression of growth that is to take place once someone is Born-Again. (It flows from the bottom — upward on this chart)

There is a gradual progression that is supposed to take place in a believer's life. Scripturally, we are not to be making Believers. We're to be making Disciples. (Matt. 28:19-20). That doesn't seem to be happening in America.

2. The minimum we should be is a Disciple. Every believer should become a Disciple.

Yet there are various characteristics that identify Disciples, and very few Christians seem to fill the qualities.

F. Here are the scriptural references to what is required to be a 'Follower':

1. Matt. 8:19-22; 10:32-39. (Esp. v. 38); 16:24-27.
2. Luke 9:57-62
3. John 6:2; 12:26; 21:22 (NIV)
4. 1 Thess. 2:13-15 (KJV)
5. 1 Tim. 6:9-12 (KJV)
6. 2 Tim. 2:20-22 (KJV)

7. Heb. 6:11-12, 14; 13:7 (KJV)

8. 1 Pet. 2:18-23 (NIV)

9. 3 John 11 (KJV)

G. A Disciple is a Follower who has taken the next step which primarily revolves around the concept of 'Death to Self'. However, the end product of that 'Death to Self' is a supernatural flow of 'Life' to and through the Disciple

Here are the scriptural references to what is required to be a 'Disciple':

1. Matt. 9:14-15; 10:24-26, 32-39; 12:48-50

2. Luke 14:16-35

3. John 8:31-32; 13:35; 15:8

H. Moving from a Believer → A Follower → A Disciple demands growth

1. Deliverance is not the key to overcoming sin in our lives.

Obedience that is built on the foundation of the Fear of the Lord and Love for God is the key to overcoming sin in our lives and living victoriously.

2. It's that growth and maturity that brings us to a point where we are not struggling to overcome the demonic & sin. We've matured past the struggle because we've matured enough to know God. (1 John 2:12-17)

3. Becoming a Disciple requires Discipline. Discipline requires Obedience. Obedience requires Suffering. (1 Pet. 4:1-2). Immaturity avoids Suffering.

In the American Church — we have settled on the end goal as: making Believers

1. The American Church is a very Immature Group of People.

We are not much different than the ungodly culture and society around us.

a. We are Self-Centered and think everything revolves around us.

b. We are complacent and lazy.

c. We commit to very, very little when it comes to the things that will advance the Kingdom of God, typically because it may require some work on our part, so therefore it's an inconvenience.

d. Perseverance and staying with a job until it's done is severely lacking.

e. We look for churches and life-styles that pamper us.

f. The typical American Christian does practically nothing to be of service / a servant for the Kingdom.

g. We live very much as if our life were our own.

- We live like we want to live.
 - We do what we want to do.
 - Rarely do we make plans, choices, set priorities, and live our life according to what God has asked us to do. If we do, it is very short lived.
2. Our life is all about us, which is a classic sign of being Arrested at a very young age and being very Immature.
- a. The typical American Christian carries many of the characteristics of a young child. (Some of the characteristics are listed above)
 - b. But then why wouldn't we be immature? The predominant focus of America's Church and Ministers is to make Believers, not Disciples.

J. I believe this is the problem. We are not to be content with merely being saved. We're supposed to be Disciples, which will automatically produce Ministers, Leaders, and Martyrs

1. Why has it become that way?
- a. The American church has embraced a feel-good gospel. It's not about death to self, so the life of God can flow through us. The American gospel is about being able to be saved, and still do basically everything you want to do.
 - b. That's what gets us into trouble. That I believe is the core of the demonic problem in the American church.
2. The American Church and the people are not focused on growing and maturing in our salvation.
- a. We want things to happen easily and quickly for us.
 - b. We don't want to have to suffer or struggle to overcome a problem in our life.
 - c. We want to stay happy and entertained.
 - d. So getting deliverance from some demon, is a quick and easy way to solve our old nature / flesh problems.
 - e. It takes the responsibility and the work out of the equation for us.
3. As a result we remain very immature and quite useless to the Kingdom. We don't understand Peter, James and Paul regarding what they have to say about growing and living victoriously for God. Nor are the bulk of American Christians interested in learning it and understanding.

2 Pet. 1:3-11 (NIV)

[3] His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. [4] Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the

corruption in the world caused by evil desires. [5] For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; [6] and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; [7] and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. [8] For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. [9] But if anyone does not have them, he is nearsighted and blind, and has forgotten that he has been cleansed from his past sins.

[10] Therefore, my brothers, be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure. For if you do these things, you will never fall, [11] and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

James 1:2-4 (AMP)

[2] Consider it wholly joyful, my brethren, whenever you are enveloped in or encounter trials of any sort or fall into various temptations.

[3] Be assured and understand that the trial and proving of your faith bring out endurance and steadfastness and patience.

[4] But let endurance and steadfastness and patience have full play and do a thorough work, so that you may be [people] perfectly and fully developed [with no defects], lacking in nothing. (NIV: [4] Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.)

Rom. 5:3-4 (AMP)

[3] Moreover [let us also be full of joy now!] let us exult and triumph in our troubles and rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that pressure and affliction and hardship produce patient and unswerving endurance.

[4] And endurance (fortitude) develops maturity of character (approved faith and tried integrity). And character [of this sort] produces [the habit of] joyful and confident hope of eternal salvation.

4. Our Bodies — Our Land (in Exodus)

In the Old Testament, the Israelites were taken from Egypt to the Promised Land. They had been slaves in Egypt, but in the Promised Land they were 'Promised' a place where they wouldn't be slaves, but could serve God freely and live in abundant Blessings.

A. For us in the New Testament time period, this no longer speaks of the physical land of Egypt. In 1 Cor. 10, Paul says that everything that happened to the Israelites in the Old Testament is an example / type / picture of something we are dealing with in our time, and can learn from them how to live in our time era

B. The picture of the Old Testament 'Promised Land' applies to us and our land. Everyone has land — it's our physical bodies

1. Our bodies are made of dirt (land).
2. As believers, our bodies are the focus of where the old nature resides. The KJV often refers to the enemy of serving God as our "Flesh".
3. Our flesh cannot be made new like our spirit or renewed like our soul. The flesh must be ruled and controlled; its desires and misdeeds are to be put to death.
 - a. Our bodies need to be changed to go to heaven. They are fallen, and will not be restored in their condition. They must be made new — or re-created in order to remove the 'fallen nature' element from them.
4. Like the land of Egypt, the old nature / flesh made us slaves to sin.
 - a. Eph. 2:1-3.
 - b. Rom. 6:12-23.
5. However, the Promised Land (Grace) set us free from the slavery that comes via our bodies.
 - a. Eph. 2:4-10.
 - b. Rom. 6:1-14.

C. Since sin gives the legal right to the demonic realm to enter our land (flesh), we can be free of them if we reclaim our land

1. When sin is in our life, for deliverance purposes it's called: 'Sin-Ground'.
 - a. Our land has sin, and that gives demons legal right to in-habit it.
 - A little play on words that is very true in this case: demons can get 'in' to our land, by the 'habits' we live in. ('in-habit')

b. That's why we need to deal with the old nature / fleshly desires and control / kill them. If not, they become a reason demons can mess with us.

c. Remember: there is a war period of time in conquering the flesh that we all go through in various areas of our lives. Don't get under condemnation if you find yourself struggling with something for a time. (Rom. 7)

D. IF DURING THE WARTIME OF OVERCOMING SOMETHING IN YOUR LIFE, YOU SENSE THAT SOMETHING HAS GAINED ACCESS TO YOUR BODY / FLESH AGAIN AND IS LIVING IN YOUR BODY, DO SELF-DELIVERANCE, AND CAST IT OUT

IT'S A FIGHT OF FAITH!!!

HOLD YOUR LAND!!!

James 4:7 (NKJV)

[7] Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

1. A large reason why I don't cast everything out for people is because if I'm continually doing deliverance with them, they won't grow in their Faith and their Authority.

2. Believers need to take a stand on 'sin'.

3. Believers need to exercise their 'Authority' and cast them out.

4. I am trying to create Disciples, who walk in the power of God themselves. We have too many 'weak Christians', who need everything done for them. We are called to grow / mature / develop and become 'Generators and Transmitters' of the things of God — like our Heavenly Father. (Matt. 5:48)

We have far too many 'Consumers' who live 'weak and helpless' Christian lives. They need everyone to do most things for them.

I'm trying to change that with the people God has given me to work with.

E. It can be a process of learning how to 'Gain Control of' and 'Hold our Land'

1. But it's a necessary process because:

a. It sanctifies and strengthens us as Believers.

b. It matures us.

c. It teaches us War.

*** This entire process is pictured very well in the OT story of the Israelites entering and subduing the Promised Land.

F. Let's start looking at this in Exodus:

Ex. 23:20-33 (NKJV)

[20] "Behold, I send an Angel before you to keep you in the way and to bring you into the place which I have prepared. [21] Beware of Him and obey His voice; do not provoke Him, for He will not pardon your transgressions; for My name is in Him. [22] But if you indeed obey His voice and do all that I speak, then I will be an enemy to your enemies and an adversary to your adversaries."

1. In context, this is speaking of taking the children of Israel into the Promised Land.

2. The type / picture of the Angel: This is the Holy Spirit.

a. Here is the key to driving demons out of our land and keeping them out. It's following and listening to the Holy Spirit.

b. If we disobey him, no forgiveness or freedom are given to us.

c. If we obey him, he will be an enemy to our enemies.

3. NT application:

a. Jesus said he drove spirits out by the "Finger of God" which was the Holy Spirit. (Matt. 12:28; Luke 11:20)

[23] "For My Angel will go before you and bring you in to the Amorites and the Hittites and the Perizzites and the Canaanites and the Hivites and the Jebusites; and I will cut them off. [24] You shall not bow down to their gods, nor serve them, nor do according to their works; but you shall utterly overthrow them and completely break down their sacred pillars."

4. All the nations named here are pictures of sin and the demonic.

5. We are not to serve them at all. They should be completely overthrown in our lives.

[25] "So you shall serve the LORD your God, and He will bless your bread and your water. And I will take sickness away from the midst of you. [26] No one shall suffer miscarriage or be barren in your land; I will fulfill the number of your days."

6. To truly walk in the Blessings of God, we need to be getting the enemies out. The enemies are 'sin' and the 'demonic' which hold onto the sin.

[27] "I will send My fear before you, I will cause confusion among all the people to whom you come, and will make all your enemies turn their backs to you. [28] And I will send hornets before you, which shall drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hittite from before you."

7. This pictures the driving out process.

8. This is what happens when we say: "When God moves, everything moves". He says that he will cause confusion in them and will send hornets to begin driving them out. (I'm not sure what hornets are in the NT when dealing with demons.) God begins moving on the situation / person and as a result, everything gets stirred up. That's why people will typically experience a huge amount of anxiety / fear / confusion / distress / and even pain — when the deliverance

process is drawing near or beginning. They are sensing what the demons are experiencing.

[29] "I will not drive them out from before you in one year, lest the land become desolate and the beasts of the field become too numerous for you. [30] Little by little I will drive them out from before you, until you have increased, and you inherit the land."

9. Full and complete deliverance at one time doesn't work for most people. The reason is: they must increase in their spiritual authority and strength to fill the land that has just been vacated. If we don't fill our temple / land, other intruders come in and other problems develop.

For the people in the OT, this was the physical land they were entering. For us in the NT, this is our body / temple. Demonic spirits can live in portions of it. This can cause various physical and spiritual issues in our lives. When a demon is cast out, it's our job to increase our spiritual rulership, and fill that area of our lives.

So deliverance will happen a little at a time to give us the time needed to grow and fill our land.

[31] "And I will set your bounds from the Red Sea to the sea, Philistia, and from the desert to the River. For I will deliver the inhabitants of the land into your hand, and you shall drive them out before you."

10. True deliverance sets boundaries. The demons are not always coming back. We are truly delivered as 'WE' drive them out.

[32] "You shall make no covenant with them, nor with their gods. [33] They shall not dwell in your land, lest they make you sin against Me. For if you serve their gods, it will surely be a snare to you."

11. Don't make any covenants / agreements with sin or the demons. If we do, it will pull us into serving the Kingdom of Darkness.

12. If we remain involved with sin, and serve the demonic, it will become a snare / trap / noose around our neck as we try to live for God.

5. Our Bodies — Our Land (in Deuteronomy)

Deut. 7:16-26 (NKJV)

[16] "Also you shall destroy all the peoples whom the LORD your God delivers over to you; your eye shall have no pity on them; nor shall you serve their gods, for that will be a snare to you."

A. Don't compromise on sin. It's what gives the demonic the legal right to gain access to us

1. Destroy sin / the demonic in your life, or it will be a snare / noose to you.
2. Snares choke an animal / person slowly by cutting off the supply of air.

a. 'Air' is a type of the Holy Spirit. ("Breath" — Pneuma in Greek)

The word 'spirit' literally means: "breath / wind / movement of air".

b. An evil spirit will interrupt the flow of the Holy Spirit. Once the Holy Spirit is no longer able to flow in our lives because of the snare that is choking us out — then the evil spirit begins to operate resulting in our serving it.

[17] "If you should say in your heart, 'These nations are greater than I; how can I dispossess them?' — [18] you shall not be afraid of them, but you shall remember well what the LORD your God did to Pharaoh and to all Egypt: [19] the great trials which your eyes saw, the signs and the wonders, the mighty hand and the outstretched arm, by which the LORD your God brought you out. So shall the LORD your God do to all the peoples of whom you are afraid."

B. Never fear demons, and don't ever think that God can't get them out — so some things you will have to live with. THAT IS A LIE!!!

We have been created in the 'God Class' of beings. When the Holy Spirit energizes us — there is no spirit (including Satan) that can stand against us.

[20] "Moreover the LORD your God will send the hornet among them until those who are left, who hide themselves from you, are destroyed. [21] You shall not be terrified of them; for the LORD your God, the great and awesome God, is among you. [22] And the LORD your God will drive out those nations before you little by little; you will be unable to destroy them at once, lest the beasts of the field become too numerous for you. [23] But the LORD your God will deliver them over to you, and will inflict defeat upon them until they are destroyed. [24] And He will deliver their kings into your hand, and you will destroy their name from under heaven; no one shall be able to stand against you until you have destroyed them."

C. This is describing the deliverance process. It doesn't happen all at once. It goes slowly so we can fill the land that is being set free

1. These things (including their kings / kingdoms / hierarchy of command) must be destroyed.
2. This is not something we can play with / compromise on / or make covenants with them.
3. God will drive them out little by little. Here is the concept I refer to as peeling the onion.
 - a. Deliverance is generally a process. It's like peeling an onion — we take off a layer at a time. (little by little)
 - b. Why? There is a growing time needed for us. As we look at the book of Judges later in this booklet, we will see that sometimes the Israelites couldn't subdue an enemy until they grew 'stronger'.
 - c. That is true of us also. Sometimes some growth is needed on our part before we will live in complete freedom.
4. According to Jesus, the 'beasts of the field' are picturing other demons that are worse than the original demon or demons. This is discussed under Section IX, page 32 — 'We Cannot Remain Empty, Swept, and Garnished'.
5. However, right now — don't miss v. 23-24:

Victory is coming. It just may not happen all at once.

[25] "You shall burn the carved images of their gods with fire; you shall not covet the silver or gold that is on them, nor take it for yourselves, lest you be snared by it; for it is an abomination to the LORD your God. [26] Nor shall you bring an abomination into your house, lest you be doomed to destruction like it. You shall utterly detest it and utterly abhor it, for it is an accursed thing."
6. This scripture has some very interesting things to say about getting free and remaining free from demons.
 - a. Some physical items, we need to get rid of. They represent nothing but the demonic, and to keep them is to invite them into our lives.
 - b. They shouldn't even be in our house. They will bring destruction to the family, because it's accursed by God and has demons attached to it.
 - c. We can't play with the things of sin, and think we'll live free of the demonic. This is called compromise and making covenants with them.
7. Items can be jewelry, record albums, books, magazines, videos, movies, etc.
 - a. cf. Acts 19:17-20.

6. Two Types of Access

We addressed this principle in 'Spiritual Warfare — Basics' and 'Demonic Infestation & Manifestations'. Let's briefly review the 2 different kinds of access.

(1) Access to us outwardly

This is when they can influence us, talk to us, agree with our flesh in tempting us, align situations / circumstances, harass us, etc. — But they never gain permanent access to our fleshly temple. (Eph. 4:27) This is the counterpart to "The Holy Spirit coming upon" or "Being with" someone.

The temptation of Jesus (Matt. 4). The Devil affected Jesus from the outside. He did not have access to inhabit him.

When the devil spoke through Peter (Matt. 16:22-23). There is no scriptural evidence that Peter had a demon, or the devil physically manifesting through him. So where did he get the thinking / idea that he spoke? Why did Jesus recognize it as being demonic?

Another example is in John 8 where the teachers of the law, and Pharisees, and Jews confronted Jesus. Again, there is no physical manifestation of a demon in this chapter, yet Jesus states these people are under the devil's / demonic influence. Were they inhabited? It doesn't indicate it. Yet, Jesus clearly says there's demonic activity going on in their lives.

Outward access is when demons can affect us, but they don't have the right to live in our physical being. (Our land / temple) In some cases, the sin may need to be dealt with for the demonic influence gotten off of us — other times we simply need to take a stand against them (Eph. 6:10-18), but we're not inhabited / infested.

(2) Inward access is when they have the legal right to get inside of our bodies to take up residence

(I don't know what gives them the legal right to move from an 'Outward Influence' to an 'Inward Access', but it happens).

One of the ways that I am aware of this being scripturally possible is via incorrectly handled Anger. (Eph. 4:27). Another way is when we submit ourselves to the Kingdom of Darkness in an area of our life. (Rom. 6:12-19; Eph. 2:1-3)

However, once they have bodily access to us, now they have much more affect and control.

Some examples:

Mark 1:23-26 — Demon speaks through a man.

Mark 5:1-20 — Man with the Legion.

Mark 9:17-29 — The boy with the deaf and dumb spirit.

Acts 8:7 - The ministry of Phillip the Evangelist.

Acts 16:16-18 - The girl with the Spirit of Divination.

Once a demon has the right to take up residence in us, they will literally have to be cast out (because they are now in us).

If they haven't gained 'Inward Access', they don't have to be cast out. If they are still outside of our body / temple — then we need to take a 'Stand Against' them like Paul instructed (Eph. 6:11-18), and Jesus did (Matt. 4:1-11).

*** If they have gained 'Inward Access', the Big Question is: What has happened that has given them access to us??

We can be prayed over and go through all the deliverance sessions in the world, but if we don't deal with the what is causing the access problem — we'll never be free.

Is the Access Issue — some personal sin we are involved in?

— a curse that's been put on us?

(If so, why did it have the power to rest on us?)

— a generational / sins of the father's issue?

The core of our freedom is in closing the door into our life. (The access problem)

7. The Corporate Anointing and Over-Coming / Victory

A. There is a picture of our growth that is found in the Old Testament. Let's look at it and see why God makes us "Fight the Fight of Faith"

B. Here is a glimpse into their lives as they took the Promised Land

There is a lot we can learn and apply to our own lives. (1 Cor. 10)

C. The Promises of Victory

Joshua 1:2-3 (NKJV)

[2] "Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them — the children of Israel. [3] Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses."

Joshua 1:5-9 (NKJV)

[5] "No man (NT picture: demonic / fallen angels) shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you. [6] Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. [7] Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. [8] This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. [9] Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

D. The Fear of the Lord falls on the Israelites' enemies

Joshua 2:1 (NKJV)

[1] Now Joshua the son of Nun sent out two men from Acacia Grove to spy secretly, saying, "Go, view the land, especially Jericho." So they went, and came to the house of a harlot named Rahab, and lodged there.

Joshua 2:8-11 (NKJV)

[8] Now before they lay down, she came up to them on the roof, [9] and said to the men: "I know that the LORD has given you the land, that the terror of you has fallen on us, and that all the inhabitants of the land are fainthearted because of you. [10] For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the

Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were on the other side of the Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom you utterly destroyed. [11] And as soon as we heard these things, our hearts melted; neither did there remain any more courage in anyone because of you, for the LORD your God, He is God in heaven above and on earth beneath."

Joshua 2:24 (NKJV)

[24] And they said to Joshua, "Truly the LORD has delivered all the land into our hands, for indeed all the inhabitants of the country are fainthearted because of us."

1. PLEASE NOTICE: This is a key. Fear reveals what will be defeated.
2. They knew they could prevail, because the enemies were afraid.

Joshua 5:1 (NKJV)

[1] So it was, when all the kings of the Amorites who were on the west side of the Jordan, and all the kings of the Canaanites who were by the sea, heard that the LORD had dried up the waters of the Jordan from before the children of Israel until we had crossed over, that their heart melted; and there was no spirit in them any longer because of the children of Israel.

Joshua 6:1-2 (NKJV)

[1] Now Jericho was securely shut up because of the children of Israel; none went out, and none came in. [2] And the LORD said to Joshua: "See! I have given Jericho into your hand, its king, and the mighty men of valor."

3. THE DEMONIC REALM KNOWS THEY ARE DEFEATED. THAT'S WHY THEY STIR UP, AND TRY TO FORTIFY THEIR SIN-GROUND WHEN THEY GET INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD, OR THE PRESENCE OF A BELIEVER WHO KNOWS THEIR AUTHORITY.

E. Instructions and Obedience required to continue to defeat their enemies

Joshua 6:17-19 (NKJV)

[17] "Now the city shall be doomed by the LORD to destruction, it and all who are in it. Only Rahab the harlot shall live, she and all who are with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent. [18] And you, by all means abstain from the accursed things, lest you become accursed when you take of the accursed things, and make the camp of Israel a curse, and trouble it. [19] But all the silver and gold, and vessels of bronze and iron, are consecrated to the LORD; they shall come into the treasury of the LORD."

1. We can't keep anything in our life that identifies with or is directly connected to the enemy — demonic.
 - a. This can be favorite sins, ungodly habits, poor attitudes, etc.

Joshua 7:1 (NKJV)

[1] But the children of Israel committed a trespass regarding the accursed things, for Achan the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took of the accursed things; so the anger of the LORD burned against the children of Israel.

2. Here is a picture of what happens when we hang on to something sinful in our lives. God told them to get rid of everything that was associated with their enemies (our application: demonic or kingdom of darkness).

3. Some in the group refused, so as a result — the people lost their power.

*** REMEMBER: we are dealing with a 'Corporate Anointing' here. This is all of Israel working together to get the enemies out. Later on we'll see this switch to an 'Individual Anointing' where the individual tribes were to get the enemies out.

What is this showing to us? It's showing that a few people in a church (Corporate Anointing) can hinder the whole group. This is shown very clearly in the book of 1 Corinthians where the whole book is written to address 'divisions in the church'.

God flows freely in unity. That's why it's pointed out that on the day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit was given, the people were in complete unity. That's the atmosphere the Spirit operates in with complete freedom. (Acts 2:1)

Joshua 7:2 (NKJV)

[2] Now Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which is beside Beth Aven, on the east side of Bethel, and spoke to them, saying, "Go up and spy out the country." So the men went up and spied out Ai.

Joshua 7:4-12 (NKJV)

[4] So about three thousand men went up there from the people, but they fled before the men of Ai. [5] And the men of Ai struck down about thirty-six men, for they chased them from before the gate as far as Shebarim, and struck them down on the descent; therefore the hearts of the people melted and became like water.

4. That's what happens when we try to go after demons, and there is sin in our lives. The anointing / ability / power from the Holy Spirit doesn't work well.

F. Repentance is needed to restore God's Favor

[6] Then Joshua tore his clothes, and fell to the earth on his face before the ark of the LORD until evening, he and the elders of Israel; and they put dust on their heads. [7] And Joshua said, "Alas, Lord GOD, why have You brought this people over the Jordan at all — to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us? Oh, that we had been content, and dwelt on the other side of the Jordan! [8] O Lord, what shall I say when Israel turns its back before its enemies? [9] For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land will hear it, and surround us, and cut off our name from the earth. Then what will You do for Your great name?"

1. That's the typical human response — even today people go into the same type of thinking, when the demonic doesn't obey us right away.

[10] So the LORD said to Joshua: "Get up! Why do you lie thus on your face? [11] Israel has sinned, and they have also transgressed My covenant which I commanded them. For they have even taken some of the accursed things, and have both stolen and deceived; and they have also put it among their own stuff. [12] Therefore the children of Israel could not stand before their enemies, but turned their backs before their enemies, because they have become doomed to destruction. Neither will I be with you anymore, unless you destroy the accursed from among you."

2. Notice: God doesn't get into despair with them. His answer: fix the problem.

G. Sin must be removed to continue to defeat the enemy

Joshua 7:19-21 (NKJV)

[19] Now Joshua said to Achan, "My son, I beg you, give glory to the LORD God of Israel, and make confession to Him, and tell me now what you have done; do not hide it from me." [20] And Achan answered Joshua and said, "Indeed I have sinned against the LORD God of Israel, and this is what I have done: [21] When I saw among the spoils a beautiful Babylonian garment, two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold weighing fifty shekels, I coveted them and took them. And there they are, hidden in the earth in the midst of my tent, with the silver under it."

1. He wanted some of the things the Kingdom of Darkness has to offer. God told everyone to get rid of everything belonging to the Kingdom of Darkness (for them: the enemies), but he didn't obey.

2. The same thing will happen today in spiritual warfare if we try to hang on to things from the Kingdom of Darkness and still get rid of the demons.

Joshua 7:24-8:3 (NKJV)

[24] Then Joshua, and all Israel with him, took Achan the son of Zerah, the silver, the garment, the wedge of gold, his sons, his daughters, his oxen, his donkeys, his sheep, his tent, and all that he had, and they brought them to the Valley of Achor. [25] And Joshua said, "Why have you troubled us? The LORD will trouble you this day." So all Israel stoned him with stones; and they burned them with fire after they had stoned them with stones. [26] Then they raised over him a great heap of stones, still there to this day. So the LORD turned from the fierceness of His anger. Therefore the name of that place has been called the Valley of Achor to this day.

3. This is a picture of 'putting the flesh to death / killing it' if we want to live in victory / freedom.

H. Once sin has been dealt with — Victory / Overcoming is restored

[1] Now the LORD said to Joshua: "Do not be afraid, nor be dismayed; take all the people of war with you, and arise, go up to Ai. See, I have given into your hand the king of Ai, his people, his city, and his land. [2] And you shall do to Ai

and its king as you did to Jericho and its king. Only its spoil and its cattle you shall take as booty for yourselves. Lay an ambush for the city behind it."

[3] So Joshua arose, and all the people of war, to go up against Ai; and Joshua chose thirty thousand mighty men of valor and sent them away by night.

Joshua 8:8 (NKJV)

[8] "And it will be, when you have taken the city, that you shall set the city on fire. According to the commandment of the LORD you shall do. See, I have commanded you."

Joshua 8:28 (NKJV)

[28] So Joshua burned Ai and made it a heap forever, a desolation to this day.

1. The awesome aspect of God's character: when we repent, and obey — everything is restored to us.

More Victories under Joshua as a united Israel

Joshua 10:1-8 (NIV)

[1] Now Adoni-Zedek king of Jerusalem heard that Joshua had taken Ai and totally destroyed it, doing to Ai and its king as he had done to Jericho and its king, and that the people of Gibeon had made a treaty of peace with Israel and were living near them. [2] He and his people were very much alarmed at this, because Gibeon was an important city, like one of the royal cities; it was larger than Ai, and all its men were good fighters. [3] So Adoni-Zedek king of Jerusalem appealed to Hoham king of Hebron, Piram king of Jarmuth, Japhia king of Lachish and Debir king of Eglon. [4] "Come up and help me attack Gibeon," he said, "because it has made peace with Joshua and the Israelites."

[5] Then the five kings of the Amorites — the kings of Jerusalem, Hebron, Jarmuth, Lachish and Eglon — joined forces. They moved up with all their troops and took up positions against Gibeon and attacked it.

[6] The Gibeonites then sent word to Joshua in the camp at Gilgal: "Do not abandon your servants. Come up to us quickly and save us! Help us, because all the Amorite kings from the hill country have joined forces against us."

[7] So Joshua marched up from Gilgal with his entire army, including all the best fighting men. [8] The LORD said to Joshua, "Do not be afraid of them; I have given them into your hand. Not one of them will be able to withstand you."

1. Exceptional Supernatural things were happening.

Joshua 10:10-14 (NKJV)

[10] So the LORD routed them before Israel, killed them with a great slaughter at Gibeon, chased them along the road that goes to Beth Horon, and struck them down as far as Azekah and Makkedah. [11] And it happened, as they fled before Israel and were on the descent of Beth Horon, that the LORD cast down large hailstones from heaven on them as far as Azekah, and they died. There

were more who died from the hailstones than the children of Israel killed with the sword.

[12] Then Joshua spoke to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel: "Sun, stand still over Gibeon; and Moon, in the Valley of Aijalon." [13] So the sun stood still, and the moon stopped, till the people had revenge upon their enemies. Is this not written in the Book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and did not hasten to go down for about a whole day. [14] And there has been no day like that, before it or after it, that the LORD heeded the voice of a man; for the LORD fought for Israel.

2. The Victories continue to pile up. We're on a roll.

Joshua 10:16-22 (NKJV)

[16] But these five kings had fled and hidden themselves in a cave at Makkedah. [17] And it was told Joshua, saying, "The five kings have been found hidden in the cave at Makkedah." [18] So Joshua said, "Roll large stones against the mouth of the cave, and set men by it to guard them. [19] And do not stay there yourselves, but pursue your enemies, and attack their rear guard. Do not allow them to enter their cities, for the LORD your God has delivered them into your hand." [20] Then it happened, while Joshua and the children of Israel made an end of slaying them with a very great slaughter, till they had finished, that those who escaped entered fortified cities. [21] And all the people returned to the camp, to Joshua at Makkedah, in peace. No one moved his tongue against any of the children of Israel.

[22] Then Joshua said, "Open the mouth of the cave, and bring out those five kings to me from the cave."

Joshua 10:26 (NKJV)

[26] And afterward Joshua struck them and killed them, and hanged them on five trees; and they were hanging on the trees until evening.

Joshua 10:28 (NKJV)

[28] On that day Joshua took Makkedah, and struck it and its king with the edge of the sword. He utterly destroyed them — all the people who were in it. He let none remain. He also did to the king of Makkedah as he had done to the king of Jericho.

Joshua 10:31-40 (NKJV)

[31] Then Joshua passed from Libnah, and all Israel with him, to Lachish; and they encamped against it and fought against it. [32] And the LORD delivered Lachish into the hand of Israel, who took it on the second day, and struck it and all the people who were in it with the edge of the sword, according to all that he had done to Libnah. [33] Then Horam king of Gezer came up to help Lachish; and Joshua struck him and his people, until he left him none remaining.

[34] From Lachish Joshua passed to Eglon, and all Israel with him; and they encamped against it and fought against it. [35] They took it on that day and

struck it with the edge of the sword; all the people who were in it he utterly destroyed that day, according to all that he had done to Lachish.

[36] So Joshua went up from Eglon, and all Israel with him, to Hebron; and they fought against it. [37] And they took it and struck it with the edge of the sword — its king, all its cities, and all the people who were in it; he left none remaining, according to all that he had done to Eglon, but utterly destroyed it and all the people who were in it.

[38] Then Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to Debir; and they fought against it. [39] And he took it and its king and all its cities; they struck them with the edge of the sword and utterly destroyed all the people who were in it. He left none remaining; as he had done to Hebron, so he did to Debir and its king, as he had done also to Libnah and its king.

[40] So Joshua conquered all the land: the mountain country and the South and the lowland and the wilderness slopes, and all their kings; he left none remaining, but utterly destroyed all that breathed, as the LORD God of Israel had commanded.

Joshua 10:42 (NKJV)

[42] All these kings and their land Joshua took at one time, because the LORD God of Israel fought for Israel.

3. A united attack against Israel.

Joshua 11:1-8 (NKJV)

[1] And it came to pass, when Jabin king of Hazor heard these things, that he sent to Jobab king of Madon, to the king of Shimron, to the king of Achshaph, [2] and to the kings who were from the north, in the mountains, in the plain south of Chinneroth, in the lowland, and in the heights of Dor on the west, [3] to the Canaanites in the east and in the west, the Amorite, the Hittite, the Perizzite, the Jebusite in the mountains, and the Hivite below Hermon in the land of Mizpah.

[4] So they went out, they and all their armies with them, as many people as the sand that is on the seashore in multitude, with very many horses and chariots.

[5] And when all these kings had met together, they came and camped together at the waters of Merom to fight against Israel.

[6] But the LORD said to Joshua, "Do not be afraid because of them, for tomorrow about this time I will deliver all of them slain before Israel. You shall hamstring their horses and burn their chariots with fire." [7] So Joshua and all the people of war with him came against them suddenly by the waters of Merom, and they attacked them. [8] And the LORD delivered them into the hand of Israel, who defeated them and chased them to Greater Sidon, to the Brook Misrephoth, and to the Valley of Mizpah eastward; they attacked them until they left none of them remaining.

J. A Large KEY to remaining Victorious

Joshua 11:15 (NKJV)

[15] As the LORD had commanded Moses his servant, so Moses commanded Joshua, and so Joshua did. He left nothing undone of all that the LORD had commanded Moses.

1. This is huge to gaining freedom from the demonic and remaining free.
 - It's called: OBEDIENCE.
2. With it, anything is possible. Without it, our enemies conquer us.
3. The danger is: when everything is going well, we become complacent and let some things slip that the Lord has asked of us — which results in going back into bondage and the enemy gaining a foothold again.

8. The Individual Anointing and Over-Coming / Victory

Judges 1:1-4 (NIV)

[1] After the death of Joshua, the Israelites asked the LORD, "Who will be the first to go up and fight for us against the Canaanites?"

A. Now we are entering into a new dimension of securing freedom

1. Up until this time, all the tribes worked together as a group when they went to war against an enemy. Now they will begin working as individual tribes.
2. This is the perfect picture of a Believer learning how to do deliverance, and then moving on to doing deliverance themselves.

a. When we learn, we should have support of the group. People around us who know some of what to do and how to do it. But in real life, it's not possible to always wait for the group to help you with a battle.

b. There comes a time we have to learn how to do it on our own. That is the picture the Lord is showing here.

[2] The LORD answered, "Judah is to go; I have given the land into their hands."

[3] Then the men of Judah said to the Simeonites their brothers, "Come up with us into the territory allotted to us, to fight against the Canaanites. We in turn will go with you into yours." So the Simeonites went with them.

[4] When Judah attacked, the LORD gave the Canaanites and Perizzites into their hands and they struck down ten thousand men at Bezek.

Judges 1:17-19 (NIV)

[17] Then the men of Judah went with the Simeonites their brothers and attacked the Canaanites living in Zephath, and they totally destroyed the city. Therefore it was called Hormah. [18] The men of Judah also took Gaza, Ashkelon and Ekron — each city with its territory.

[19] The LORD was with the men of Judah. They took possession of the hill country, but they were unable to drive the people from the plains, because they had iron chariots.

B. Now this is interesting. We're beginning to see some obstacles to gaining full deliverance and freedom

1. Not all the enemies were equal in resistance. Not all demons are equal in how they resist.
2. The Israelites couldn't get Canaanites out of the plains.

Judges 1:21 (NIV)

[21] The Benjamites, however, failed to dislodge the Jebusites, who were living in Jerusalem; to this day the Jebusites live there with the Benjamites.

Judges 1:27-35 (NIV)

[27] But Manasseh did not drive out the people of Beth Shan or Taanach or Dor or Ibleam or Megiddo and their surrounding settlements, for the Canaanites were determined to live in that land.

3. Some enemies (demons) are determined to stay. What do we do with them?

4. There is a huge key that is about to be revealed.

[28] When Israel became strong,

5. There can be a growing process needed in us before we are able to defeat / get rid of the demons.

6. However, once we have grown stronger in our spiritual abilities, DO NOT MAKE THE MISTAKE THE ISRAELITES DID.

[28] When Israel became strong, they pressed the Canaanites into forced labor but never drove them out completely. [29] Nor did Ephraim drive out the Canaanites living in Gezer, but the Canaanites continued to live there among them. [30] Neither did Zebulun drive out the Canaanites living in Kitron or Nahalol, who remained among them; but they did subject them to forced labor. [31] Nor did Asher drive out those living in Acco or Sidon or Ahlab or Aczib or Helbah or Aphek or Rehob, [32] and because of this the people of Asher lived among the Canaanite inhabitants of the land. [33] Neither did Naphtali drive out those living in Beth Shemesh or Beth Anath; but the Naphtalites too lived among the Canaanite inhabitants of the land, and those living in Beth Shemesh and Beth Anath became forced laborers for them.

7. They compromised and turned their enemies into slaves. Their enemies now served their needs.

Application: when dealing with sin and demons, don't develop the thinking: we can control this stuff in our lives. We like it, and we enjoy it so let's hang on to it — we won't be controlled by it, but we'll make it serve us.

Rather than getting rid of the sin and demons, we make a covenant with them to let them live in us. We enjoy what they can do for us — so we make them serve us.

8. THIS IS A DECEPTION.

a. As we found out earlier in this study, if we don't get them out, they will become a snare to us — and will eventually choke us out of the flow of the Holy Spirit, and possibly kill us. (Deut. 7)

9. If we have the power / ability to make them our slaves, we also have the ability to get them out of our land. (This was a mistake)

[34] The Amorites confined the Danites to the hill country, not allowing them to come down into the plain. [35] And the Amorites were determined also to hold out in Mount Heres, Aijalon and Shaalbim,

C. Here we have a complete turn of events. Rather than the Danites taking control of their land, the enemy actually put the Danites into bondage

1. The enemy is determined to hold on.
2. Again, there is a learning and growing curve that is being shown to us.

Notice the rest of verse 35:

[35] And the Amorites were determined also to hold out in Mount Heres, Aijalon and Shaalbim, but when the power of the house of Joseph increased, they too were pressed into forced labor.

D. As the power of the house of Joseph increased

1. They grew stronger, then the ability came to finish the job.
2. However, they made the same mistake: instead of getting rid of them, they made a covenant of slavery with them.

Judges 2:1-3 (NIV)

[1] The angel of the LORD went up from Gilgal to Bokim and said, "I brought you up out of Egypt and led you into the land that I swore to give to your forefathers. I said, 'I will never break my covenant with you, [2] and you shall not make a covenant with the people of this land, but you shall break down their altars.' Yet you have disobeyed me. Why have you done this? [3] Now therefore I tell you that I will not drive them out before you; they will be [thorns] in your sides and their gods will be a snare to you."

E. The Israelites thought by keeping the enemies and making them slaves, it would be better. In the end, it turned out worse for them

1. They were what we would still consider 'christians', but the result was:
 - a. They lost the supernatural touch in their lives. (v. 3a)
 - b. The enemies (demonic for us) became thorns and snares to the people. (v. 3b)

F. They forgot the command God had given them at the beginning:

Ex. 23:32 (NKJV)

[32] "You shall make no covenant with them, nor with their gods. [33] They shall not dwell in your land, lest they make you sin against Me. For if you serve their gods, it will surely be a snare to you."

G. They were still what we would consider Christians. But they never lived in the full Freedom that God intended for them

Judges 2:7 (NIV)

[7] The people served the LORD throughout the lifetime of Joshua and of the elders who outlived him and who had seen all the great things the LORD had done for Israel.

9. We Cannot Remain ‘Empty, Swept, and Garnished’

A. Jesus gives us a stern warning about NOT Holding our Land, and what happens if we don’t

1. When someone either receives deliverance with another’s help, or when they do self-Deliverance, there is a responsibility they must assume concerning their House / Temple / Land.

IT MUST BE FILLED, INHABITED, OCCUPIED.

IT CANNOT BE LEFT EMPTY, SWEEPED, AND GARNISHED.

2. This concept goes back to what we learned in Exodus and Deuteronomy: If our temple is not attended to correctly, wild animals will multiply in it. Jesus describes the wild animals as other demons that are worse than the first.

B. Here’s the scripture:

Matt. 12:43-45 (KJV)

[43] When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none.

[44] Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished.

[45] Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.

1. When a demon / spirit is cast out, they will return to see if they can get back into the person. In order to keep them out, we need to take care of 3 things: we need to make sure it isn’t ‘Empty, Swept, and Garnished’.

2. Here is a word study on it. Let’s look at what that means.

Verse 43:

“[43] When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none.”

G169 (“Unclean”)

ἀκάθαρτος

akathartos

ak-ath’-ar-tos

From G1 (as a negative particle) and a presumed derivative of G2508 (meaning cleansed); impure (ceremonially, morally (lewd) or specifically (demonic));—foul, unclean.

G1831 (“Gone” out)

ἐξέρχομαι

exerchomai

ex-er'-khom-ahee

From G1537 and G2064; to issue (literally or figuratively):—come-(forth, out), depart (out of), escape, get out, go (abroad, away, forth, out, thence), proceed (forth), spread abroad.

G444 (“Man”)

ἄνθρωπος

anthrōpos

Thayer Definition:

1) a human being, whether male or female

1a) generically, to include all human individuals

G444 (“Man”)

ἄνθρωπος

anthrōpos

anth'-ro-pos

From G435 and ὤψ ὤψς (the countenance; from G3700); manfaced, that is, a human being:—certain, man.

G3700

ὀπτάνομαι / ὀπτομαι

optanomai / optomai

Thayer Definition:

1) to look at, behold

2) to allow one's self to be seen, to appear

G372 (“Rest” - Strong's Concordance)

ἀνάπαυσις

anapausis

an-ap'-ow-sis

From G373; intermission; by implication recreation:—rest.

G373

ἀναπαύω

anapauō

Thayer Definition:

1) to cause or permit one to cease from any movement or labour in order to recover and collect his strength

2) to give rest, refresh, to give one's self rest, take rest

3) to keep quiet, of calm and patient expectation

G372 (“Rest” - Thayer’s Lexicon)

ἀνάπαυσις

anapausis

Thayer Definition:

- 1) intermission, cessation of any motion, business or labour
- 2) rest, recreation

Verse 44:

[44] Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished.

G3624 (“House” - Strong’s Concordance)

οἶκος

oikos

oy'-kos

Of uncertain affinity; a dwelling (more or less extensive, literally or figuratively); by implication a family (more or less related, literally or figuratively):—home, house (-hold), temple.

G3624 (“House” - Thayer’s Lexicon)

οἶκος

oikos

Thayer Definition:

- 1) a house
 - 1a) an inhabited house, home
 - 1b) any building whatever
 - 1b1) of a palace
 - 1b2) the house of God, the tabernacle
 - 1c) any dwelling place
 - 1c1) of the human body as the abode of demons that possess it
 - 1c2) of tents, and huts, and later, of the nests, stalls, lairs, of animals
 - 1c3) the place where one has fixed his residence, one’s settled abode, domicile
- 2) the inmates of a house, all the persons forming one family, a household
 - 2a) the family of God, of the Christian Church, of the church of the Old and New Testaments
- 3) stock, family, descendants of one

C. Please notice the definitions of the word ‘house’

1. It can mean the person, the person's home (which first of all is our body), the person's family, the person's descendants.
2. In a corporate setting, it can be referring to the family of God, a Church.

D. This is important because it broadens the understanding of where demons can dwell in the first place. This demon is coming back to its first dwelling place which can be any of the things listed under 'C' above

G2064 ("Come" - Thayer's Lexicon)

ἔρχομαι

erchomai

Thayer Definition:

- 1) to come
- 1a) of persons
- 1a1) to come from one place to another, and used both of persons arriving
- 1a2) to appear, make one's appearance, come before the public
- 2) metaphorically
- 2a) to come into being, arise, come forth, show itself, find place or influence
- 2b) be established, become known, to come (fall) into or unto
- 3) to go, to follow one

E. This demon / spirit will literally show up to look inside of the person, etc

1. What is it looking for?
 - It's looking for 3 things: Empty, Swept, and Garnished.
2. If these exist, it's coming back. (We will lose our deliverance)

G4980 ("Empty" - Strong's Concordance)

σχολάζω

scholazō

skhol-ad'-zo

From G4981; to take a holiday, that is, be at leisure for (by implication devote oneself wholly to); figuratively to be vacant (of a house):—empty, give self.

G4980 ("Empty" - Thayer's Lexicon)

σχολάζω

scholazō

Thayer Definition:

- 1) to cease from labour, to loiter
- 2) to be free from labour, to be at leisure, to be idle
- 2a) to have leisure for a thing

- 2b) to give one's self to a thing
- 3) of things
- 3a) of places, to be unoccupied, empty
- 3b) of a centurion's vacant office
- 3c) of vacant ecclesiastical offices
- 3d) of officers without charge

F. "Empty" - how does that apply to a Christian?

1. When the demon was driven out, a huge spiritual work was accomplished, and new territory in the person (their temple / land) was opened up.
2. This person is taking a spiritual break from any work they could be doing with and on themselves.
 - a. They are taking it easy.
 - b. They're taking a holiday type of approach and mentality to their life.
 - c. They're in a posture of spiritual leisure.
 - d. They're not doing any real spiritual work on themselves.
 - e. They're free from any spiritual labor, and are spiritually idle.
3. In other words: they're not working on much of anything to mature, grow, or develop their spiritual life and their new found freedom.

They're being lazy / complacent.
4. They're on a spiritual holiday / vacation.

G4563 ("Swept" - Strong's Concordance)

σάρῳ

saroŷ

sar-o'-o

From a derivative of σαίρω sairō (to brush off; akin to G4951) meaning a broom; to sweep:—sweep. (G4563 — per Thayer's, the same definition)

G. "Swept" - what does that mean?

1. They've cleaned some things up.
2. They have likely gotten things out of their life that helped cause the problem in the first place.
3. They've cleaned some things up.

G2885 ("Garnished" - Strong's Concordance)

κοσμέω

kosmeō

kos-meh'-o

From G2889; to put in proper order, that is, decorate (literally or figuratively); specifically to snuff (a wick):—adorn, garnish, trim.

G2885 (“Garnished” - Thayer’s Lexicon)

κοσμέω

kosmeō

Thayer Definition:

- 1) to put in order, arrange, make ready, prepare
- 2) to ornament, adore
- 3) metaphorically to embellish with honour, gain honour

H. “Garnished”

1. This is referring to having prepared, or made their house ready by decorating, adorning, and putting it in order. It’s like decorating for a guest / party.
2. The inference is to getting ready for a guest or someone to come.

So what’s the main problem with this person after receiving deliverance?

The main issue is they’re not engaged spiritually. They’re on vacation, taking a spiritual holiday. They are not giving themselves to any form of effort to fill the spiritual emptiness that was left by the demon leaving. They’re not making an effort to grow, develop, and mature in God.

They’ve done some things to clean up their life, and even get ready for God to come and do more in their life — but they’re currently idling spiritually.

1. It’s this attitude that’s going to cause the problems.
2. They should be in the Word, Prayer, Submersing themselves with Praise & Worship Music, involved with growth activities like Bible Studies, Church Services, Learning how to Follow Jesus / the Spirit, Applying themselves to Feed this New-Found Freedom, Etc. (Everything that would help them grow and mature)
3. Instead of making it a priority and putting some effort into growing — they’ve decided to take life easy and be spiritually idle.
4. This is the attitude that makes them vulnerable to Re-Infestation. And v. 45 gives us the outcome of their approach.

Verse 45:

[45] Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.

G4198 (“Goeth” - Thayer’s Lexicon)

πορεύομαι

poreuomai

Thayer Definition:

1) to lead over, carry over, transfer

1a) to pursue the journey on which one has entered, to continue on one's journey

1b) to depart from life

1c) to follow one, that is: become his adherent

1c1) to lead or order one's life

G3880 ("Taketh" - Strong's Concordance)

παραλαμβάνω

paralambanō

par-al-am-ban'-o

From G3844 and G2983; to receive near, that is, associate with oneself (in any familiar or intimate act or relation); by analogy to assume an office; figuratively to learn:—receive, take (unto, with).

G1525 ("Enter" - Thayer's Lexicon)

εἰσερχομαι

eiserchomai

Thayer Definition:

1) to go out or come in: to enter

1a) of men or animals, as into a house or a city

1b) of Satan taking possession of the body of a person

1c) of things: as food, that enters into the eater's mouth

2) metaphorically

2a) of entrance into any condition, state of things, society, employment

2a1) to arise, come into existence, begin to be

2a2) of men, to come before the public

2a3) to come into life

2b) of thoughts that come into the mind

G2730 ("Dwell" - Strong's Concordance)

κατοικέω

katoikeō

kat-oy-keh'-o

From G2596 and G3611; to house permanently, that is, reside (literally or figuratively):—dwell (-er), inhabitant (-ter).

G5501 ("Worse" - Strong's Concordance)

χείρων

cheirōn

khi'-rone

Irregular compound of G2556; from an obsolete equivalent χέρης cheris (of uncertain derivation); more evil or aggravated (physically, mentally or morally):—sorcerer, worse.

J. The definitions listed above for Matt. 12:45 say it all

1. This demon jumps into action and gets moving.
2. He recruits and actively seeks out other demons that will help him when he moves back in. He's looking to make this person so bound, that he won't get cast out a 2nd time.

K. The person's life becomes a bigger mess than it was before

10. The Need for Every Believer to Learn Self-Deliverance

Judges 2:10-17 (NIV)

[10] After that whole generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation grew up, who knew neither the LORD nor what he had done for Israel.

A. This thing of living for God and keeping ourselves free from enemies (demons) is an individual accomplishment

1. What our parents, or someone else did will not ensure our freedom.

[11] Then the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the LORD and served the Baals.

[12] They forsook the LORD, the God of their fathers, who had brought them out of Egypt. They followed and worshiped various gods of the peoples around them. They provoked the LORD to anger [13] because they forsook him and served Baal and the Ashtoreths.

B. Now we are going to be starting all over again

1. Rather than the Blessing of the former generation multiplying and continuing on, it will be lost, and the demonic will re-inhabit God's people.

[14] In his anger against Israel the LORD handed them over to raiders who plundered them. He sold them to their enemies all around, whom they were no longer able to resist.

C. This is the reverse picture of redemption (when God buys us back)

1. God became angry (wanted something to stop). What did he want to stop?
 - a. He wanted them to stop serving the other Gods (demons).
2. The result, he had to sell them back to the demonic owner. Their choices brought about the loss of their redemption.

[15] Whenever Israel went out to fight, the hand of the LORD was against them to defeat them, just as he had sworn to them. They were in great distress.

D. His hand was against them. He couldn't help them. He no longer owned them which removed his right to intervene

1. The result: Great Distress.

[16] Then the LORD raised up judges, who saved them out of the hands of these raiders. [17] Yet they would not listen to their judges but prostituted themselves to other gods and worshiped them. Unlike their fathers, they quickly turned from the way in which their fathers had walked, the way of obedience to the LORD's commands.

E. Every generation, every person needs to obey God for themselves

1. When we don't, the enemy comes back and re-inhabits our land (body and life).
2. And in the middle of it all, God tries to send people to deliver us. But we have the choice to choose our sin and bondage.

Judges 2:20-3:2 (NIV)

[20] Therefore the LORD was very angry with Israel and said, "Because this nation has violated the covenant that I laid down for their forefathers and has not listened to me, [21] I will no longer drive out before them any of the nations Joshua left when he died. [22] I will use them to test Israel and see whether they will keep the way of the LORD and walk in it as their forefathers did." [23] The LORD had allowed those nations to remain; he did not drive them out at once by giving them into the hands of Joshua.

[1] These are the nations the LORD left to test all those Israelites who had not experienced any of the wars in Canaan [2] (he did this only to teach warfare to the descendants of the Israelites who had not had previous battle experience):

F. This is a huge principle:

1. We can only play around with the enemy (demonic realm) for a time and be entangled with them again. When we do that, there will come a time when God will not come and quickly / easily to set us free.

By our taking it for granted, we get into a situation where God allows us to suffer a little longer with the problem.

Why would he do that? What's the purpose? To teach us this isn't a game, Sin is Deadly, Demons will try to destroy us. This is not something we play with, but we need to take seriously. He's trying to MATURE us.

2. There will be a battle on our part to get them out of our land.
 - a. Why won't God do it quickly for us?
 - b. It's because of our forsaking him and what he's told us to do. We willfully disobeyed and went the wrong direction.
3. The result: he's going to test us.
 - a. The test: What do we really want?
Do we really want to serve God?
Do we really want to be free?
We have to make a choice.
 - b. The test: Is to teach us what war is really like.
Will we learn how to war?

Will we learn the principles of warfare?

4. The Purpose: Produce Warriors:

- a. Who cherish their Freedom and their God.
- b. Who won't Disobey.
- c. Who won't Compromise on what God is asking of them.
- d. Who won't make a Covenant with the Enemy and let him live.
- e. Who won't play games with the spirit realm and God.
- f. Who will put God first in their lives, and do Everything he asks.

5. These are the people he will:

- a. Fight for.
- b. Fight with.
- c. Empower.
- d. Drive the enemies out (demons) before them.
- e. Cause to Live in Victory / Overcoming,

Because they know how to

HOLD THEIR LAND / TEMPLE

11. Reconstructing / Fortifying Our Temple

Now we need to look at the Reconstruction and Fortification of our temple so that we don't have any areas in us that are 'Empty, Swept, and Garnished'. (Matt. 12; Luke 11)

'Empty, Swept, and Garnished' is covered in the booklet: 'Strong Man — Demonic'.

Eph. 6:10-18 KJV

Eph. 6:10 KJV Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

Eph. 6:11 KJV Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. Eph. 6:12 KJV 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. Eph. 6:13 KJV Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Eph. 6:14 KJV Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; Eph. 6:15 KJV And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Eph. 6:16 KJV Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. Eph. 6:17 KJV And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Eph. 6:18 KJV Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

A. There is a very simple thing we need to remember in the issue of 'Staying Free From Demons'. It is this:

There was a reason they were there in the first place. Make sure we don't give them the same excuse to come again. (Take the welcome mat away)

B. Eph. 6 tells us how to do that. Remember: this armor is not physical, but spiritual; and it is played out in the soul. (mind / will / emotions)

1. Playing out in the soul means that what Paul is doing here is giving us a physical armor picture to look at with our thinking. He then assigns a specific quality to each armor piece / section. This is so we can get a mental picture.
2. However, everything he talks about with each piece of armor, plays out in our soul (mind, will, emotions, intellect, and reasoning). This is not spiritual armor worn by our spirit man; these are attitudes / choices we make in our soul in how we're going to live for God.
3. This is the mindset and attitude of our soul. We must make the choice to live in:
 - a. The constant / conscious awareness of our Salvation (Helmet).
 - b. Righteousness and Right Standing with God (Breastplate).

- c. Truth, Honesty, Truthfulness (Loins Gird).
- d. Peace with God, Ourselves and as possible with Others (Feet Shod).
- e. Living by Faith no matter what is thrown at us (Shield).
- f. We move forward and attack every area with the Word / Scripture as the Holy Spirit wields it through us (Sword of the Spirit).
- g. Praying without ceasing, with all prayers, and in the Spirit.
- h. Watching: keeping our spiritual eyes open.

4. This mindset will affect our choices, priorities, decisions, and everything we think, say, and do in this life. (The Soul Realm)

C. Let's go through this section of scripture and look at it a bit more in-depth

v. 10 - Our strength is in the Lord and in his power.

v. 11 - To do that we need the 'WHOLE Armour' of God. The thing we're standing against is the wiles (tricks, devices) of the devil.

v. 12 - Our true struggle is not with people. The real struggle is with spiritual / demonic forces.

v. 13 - For that reason, get the whole armour on, so we can stand and be knocked down / flattened.

v. 14 - First thing he brings up is truth. We must be 100% truthful, honest, and transparent. Our loins area is where we eliminate waste, and reproduce. As we are truthful in our lives and relationships, we eliminate the things in us that are potentially toxic to our spirit and soul, and we will reproduce only things of God / Truth. If we are not truthful, the opposite takes place.

- Secondly, he brings up Righteousness. Righteousness is being right with God and doing what is right before him. It covers what represents that deepest part of us — Our Heart.

(The heart in scripture speaks of the deepest part of our Spirit / Soul)

To beat demonic forces, we must do what the Word says — what we know is right. There can't be any games with what we can get away with. (Esp. — When no one is watching. When no one will find out)

The bible talks about the deceptiveness of the heart, and how we can deceive ourselves in the Deepest part of us. Once we're self-deceived / blind to ourselves, it's impossible to stay right before God. Hence, we have an opening to our temple.

v. 15 - We need to always be prepared and ready to do the things that bring peace. If we're not producing peace in our lives, we're producing strife. And where you have strife, you have every kind of evil. (James 3) Obviously making way for the demonic.

v. 16 – Our approach to life must become one of ‘Faith’. The unbelief, doubt, negativism, pessimistic attitude, poor confessions and speech, etc. must be replaced with ‘Faith’.

The KJV says Faith is a living ‘Substance’. The NIV calls it ‘Being Sure’. Demons love it when we waver between opinions; when we don’t stand solid on something; when we don’t decide and commit; when we leave a back door open to step back from a situation and spread the blame around. Etc. They will pepper us with ‘Fiery Darts’.

These darts will weaken us in all areas of our being. Once God has told us something, we need to stand solid on it.

v. 17 – The Helmet of Salvation denotes and thinking change. We can’t go on thinking about life like we did before. Our mind must be renewed. An easy way to find where the thinking was off is to ask yourself this question: in what area was I being affected demonically?

Because wherever they were — your thinking is not correct. It was likely off before they gained access to you — that’s why the access was given. But once they are in, it’s like a bad apple in the bag of apples. It may start with one localized area, but it will spread quickly and mess with everything else around it.

v. 17 – The sword of the spirit (or, the sword the spirit wields – AMP) which is the word of God. What comes out of our mouth. Does it align with / agree with the Word? Is it in agreement with the Holy Spirit? How much scripture, or scriptural principles are we talking in comparison to the amount of stuff we talk that is more in agreement with the Kingdom of Darkness? Our fight with sin, and the demonic is won with our mouth!!!! Are we fighting the fight of the Word and faith?

v. 18 – Praying. We need to be in constant communication with the Holy Spirit and God. If we don’t know what our commander, teacher, and guide is saying, we’re trying to figure it out on our own. That makes us sitting ducks in spiritual warfare, because we don’t have a clue what is going on in that realm without the Spirit telling us.

And our prayers are not only for us, but for others also. Because what’s going on in them can also affect us. So we’re told to be ‘Watching thereunto’.

The end result of all of this will be: A Retrained / Renewed Mind.

A Crucified Flesh.

Our mind will be renewed to come into agreement with the Word and the Holy Spirit. This comes by listening to and doing the Word as the Holy Spirit reveals it to us. That’s how we come to see where we are in ‘Poverty of Soul’ and thinking like the ‘Curse’. The more we think like God, the easier it is to see where the demonic play and live.

As we find all the weak areas, we need to stop them from continuing on in us. That’s called Crucifying the Flesh. (Rom. 6:6, 8:36, 13:14; 2 Cor. 4:11; Gal. 2:20, 5:16, 24;

Col. 3:3, 5) It is simply putting to death the old nature and its desires. You kill it so it can no longer affect you.

If we don't kill it, the flesh / old nature will slowly rise back up and rule us. When that happens, we're open game for the devil, because our flesh / old nature is an enemy of God. (Rom. 7)

12. Wounds, Lies, and Demons

We have talked a lot about the scriptural and logical sides of deliverance. Now let's look a little deeper at the Soul and the Gateways or Doors that are often present with Demonic Issues. This is a very important concept in the realms of seeing someone get free from the Demonic and their past. So even though this is a short section, please don't underestimate the importance of it.

As human beings, we are a 3-part being: spirit, soul, and body.

Gen. 2:7 (KJV)

[7] And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

Gen. 2:7 (AMP)

[7] Then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath or spirit of life, and man became a living being.

A. The 3 Parts:

1. The Dust of the Ground: our physical body.
2. The Breath of Life: our spirit.
3. Became a living Soul: The interface between the spirit person and the body.
: Our soul.

B. Here's how they play into being affected by Demons

1. Our spirit.
 - a. As an unsaved person, they can be owned (possessed) by the Devil and Demons. They have not received the purchase for their freedom that Jesus did on the cross, so they are not redeemed (bought back) by the blood of Jesus (the currency given for our purchase — Gal. 3:13-15; 1 Pet. 1:18-19).
They have not been translated out of the Kingdom / Power of Darkness yet, nor have they been brought into the family of God — the Heavenly Father. They are still of their father the Devil and his Kingdom (John 8:42-47).
 - b. As a saved / born-again person, we cannot be owned (possessed) by the Devil or Demons. We are bought by the Blood of Jesus and been redeemed. We have received the purchased of our salvation which gives us our freedom (John 8:36).
We have been translated out of the Power / Kingdom of Darkness and into the Kingdom of Jesus (Col. 1:13-14). We are children of our Heavenly Father (John 1:12; 1 John 3:1), and are in the Family of God (Eph. 2:19, 3:14-15).
 - c. So what are believers experiencing when the demonic realm is coming against them?

- It's not possession. Satan can't own a believer, and when you possess something, it means you have control over it, or own it.
- It's demonization ("demonized").
 - They are being harassed, tormented, infiltrated, buffeted, vexed, etc., but they are not possessed.
- The demonization is actually a Soul / Body issue. The demons can't touch the person's born-again spirit. (We will discuss this below)

2. Our Soul.

a. Soul in the Hebrew is: 'Nephesh'.

Soul in the Greek is: 'Psuche'.

b. Both the Old and New Testaments are referring to the same aspect of the person. They are referring to our:

- 'Mind, Will, Emotions, Intellect, and Reasoning'.
- It's what we are referring to when we refer to our mind.
- From my perspective the Soul is the Brain, or operates in the Brain. It is the interface between the spirit realm / our spirit and our physical body. A spirit being needs an avenue to contact and operate in the physical realm. That avenue / link between the two realms is our Soul.

3. Our Body.

a. This is our Land / Dirt (Gen. 2:7). It is the suit we wear so we can interact with the earth / physical realm.

b. It is the house / temple for our spirit and the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 3:16; 6:20). It has been designed specifically for our spirit to live in while we are on the earth.

c. It is the part of us that is still fallen, even when we are born again and have become a new creation in Christ (2 Cor. 5:17; 1 Cor. 15:42-54). It will be made new at our resurrection (1 Cor. 15:42-54).

C. Let's talk about being "Demonized"

1. This is the word Jesus used to describe people who were struggling with demonic issues.

a. The Greek word is: "Daimonizomai". Young's Concordance defines it as: "To be Demonized, to be as a demon".

b. Demonization is describing the state of a person. The condition of the person can be on a range from like 1-10 (1 being mild, and 10 being severe).

Mild can be like an irritation, or slight issue.

Severe can be a immobilizing torment, complete takeover, possession.

So when the word 'Demonized' is used: it is describing a minor to a major issue in the person's life that is being caused by demons.

2. Thayer's Greek / English Lexicon defines it as:

a. (G1139) - Used 11 times in the N.T.

"To be under the Power of a Demon; In the N.T. are persons afflicted with especially severe diseases, either bodily or mental (such as paralysis, blindness, deafness, loss of speech, epilepsy, melancholy, insanity, etc.), whose bodies in the opinion of the Jews demons had entered, and so held possession of them as not only to afflict them with ills, but also to dethrone the reason and take its place themselves; accordingly the possessed were wont to express the mind and consciousness of the demons dwelling in them, and their cure was thought to require the expulsion of the demon".

b. (G2192) - Used 2 times in the N.T.

"To have, to hold; to have in the hand;

"In the sense of wearing (gesture); of garments, arms and the like;

"To have possession of the mind; agitating emotions;

To hold fast, to keep; to have, comprise, involve; to regard, consider, hold as"

3. Webster Dictionary has 2 definitions for the word — 'Demonized'.

a. One is the same definition as 'Demon'. That's the first one.

Definition of Demon (Demonize)

- 1a: an evil spirit (e.g., "angels and demons")

b: a source or agent of evil, harm, distress, or ruin (e.g., "the demons of drug and alcohol addiction"; "confronting the demons of his childhood")

- 2: usually daemon : an attendant power or spirit.

- 3: usually daemon, mythology : a supernatural being whose nature is intermediate between that of a god and that of a human being.

- 4: one that has exceptional enthusiasm, drive, or effectiveness.

- 5: daemon : a software program or process that runs in the background.

b. The second definition is listed below:

Definition of Demonize:

verb

- transitive verb

- : to portray (someone or something) as evil or as worthy of contempt or blame : VILIFY

D. When someone is Demonized, it is usually referring to an operation of a demon from inside the person. (It may include

outward attacks, but most often it seems to be referring to an inward problem)

1. Now remember: we are a 3-part being: spirit, soul, and body.
 - a. The body is the house / temple for our spirit, and the Holy Spirit. It can also be a house / temple for demonic spirits. The human body was designed to house a spirit, and it can house 1 to 1000's. (Mark 5:1-20)
2. The demonic spirit will live in the physical body, and try to affect the spirit of the person through the soul.

It is exactly the opposite of how the human being is made to function:

- We are a spirit, that lives in our body, and we operate that body and function in the physical realm via accessing the body through our soul. It flows from the spirit, to the soul, to the body. That's because we possess the temple we live in.
- Demons don't own us, unless we are unsaved. Then they can operate in a person much like the human spirit would.

But as born-again Christians, we are owned by God, and we are in possession of our temple / body. So demons can't simply get into a body and access the brain and begin running the body like it was theirs. So their goal is to convince the Soul (mind, will, emotions) of a different way of living than the born-again spirit is endeavoring to live through the soul.

Now remember: the Soul needs renewing (Rom. 12:1-2). When it was dead in trespasses and sins, it did what the 'fallen nature / flesh / body' wanted to do which was sin, and live according to the Devil's way of life (Eph. 2:1-3). When the spirit is born-again / made new, it wants to follow God. So now there is a struggle that goes on in the Soul (mind, will, emotions) as to which way we will choose to live. Will we live according to our Spirit, or will we live according to the flesh? (This is the central theme of most of Paul's writings.)

The difficult part is that the Soul gravitates toward / craves the things of the body / flesh — not the spirit (Psalms 119:25 — "my soul cleaves to the dust"). So it's easier to do what the body wants than what the spirit wants.

3. Demons get into the physical body, and try to sway the soul to do what they want via feelings, emotions, thoughts, reasoning, desires, etc.
 - a. With a believer: they are being influenced by the demon that is living in them. This is what is called 'Demonized'. It can range from a mild influence (#1) to major influence (closer to #10).

So here is the big question: how did the Demons get into the person's body? What gives them the right or the access?

E. As was discussed in the previous books:

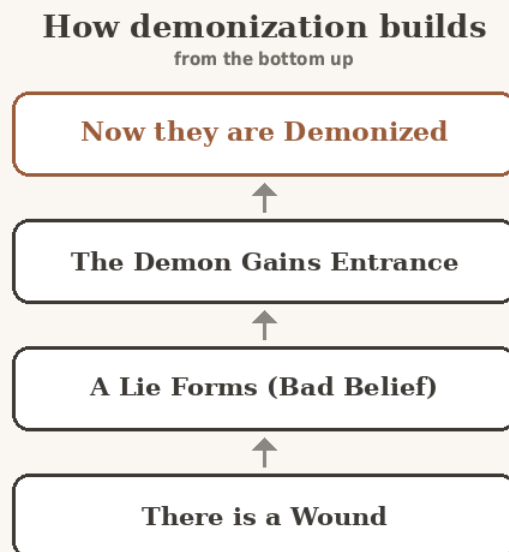
1. 'Spiritual Warfare — Basics'

The way in is always connected with sin — somehow.

With that in mind, now I want to take this a level deeper into how (from my perspective and experience) this happens most of the time. It doesn't make any difference if it was personal sin, or generational / sins of the fathers type of sin — it seems to all surround around one thing that happens that opens a person to the demonic realm.

It's when we are Wounded and we don't handle the Wound correctly.

F. This is how it builds: it goes from the bottom up in this chart:



1. Sin is typically what causes the Wound.
 - a. We either personally sinned, or we were sinned against.
2. Then because of the Wound, we form a Belief that is not true around the Wound / Pain that just entered our life.

That Belief is almost 100% of the time: A Lie.
3. The combination of the Wound and the Belief System / Lies that set up in us — is what opens the door to the Demonic.
4. The demon will sit on / hold onto the Wound / Lies and influence the person and try to run their lives with it.

a. The more access is given to the demons because we're not dealing with the Wounds correctly, and are believing Lies — the more likely that they will begin to access our brains and now have the ability to manifest in our physical bodies.

G. Then anytime we get in a situation that touches the Wounds and/or the Beliefs / Lies that we've built around the Wounds — the demonic will try to influence our Souls to react. That is what is called: Being Triggered

In Deliverance: the Wounds and the Lies can be dealt with before the Demon is cast out, or they can be dealt with after. Sometimes the demon is acting as a blocker to the mind, and until you get rid of them, you can't help the person deal with the Wounds and Lies. Other times, the Wounds and Lies can be dealt with first, and then the demon is cast out.

Once a demon is cast out, a person needs to fill their house / temple with the Spirit of God, with Truth, with New Beliefs, Etc. — so we're not left Empty, Swept, and Garnished — THE WOUNDS AND THE LIES WILL NEED TO BE DEALT WITH, or the demon will very likely come right back in.

This is why Jesus became so angry and pronounced such intense judgment on a person if they Wound a child (Matt. 18:1-7). Because when a child is Wounded, it sets them up for a lifetime of Torment and Suffering.

H. Here are some examples of the kinds of things that cause Wounds to Children and Adults

1. A Divorce that they feel they are the blame for.
2. A Divorce that they were blamed for.
3. Abuse: verbal, mental, physical, sexual, etc.
4. Rejection by parents, family, teachers, coaches, friends, etc.
5. Being made fun of for some reason, or being the object of ridicule.
6. Being blamed for the problems in a family.
7. Being blamed for problems in your parents lives.
8. Being made responsible to hold relationships together, that are not under your authority.
9. Being told they are ugly, stupid, a loser, not wanted, a problem, etc.
10. Not being Loved, Cared for, Taken Care of, Valued, Appreciated, etc.
11. Not being given a road back to restore a relationship when it was broken.
12. Being Compared to others that results in being less than / inferior to others.
13. Being cheated on by a spouse. Being ridiculed by a spouse. Spouse Betrayal.
14. Bullying.

15. Never being accepted / feeling accepted by any group of people.

13. Conclusion

There are times that newly saved or young Christians will need our help in getting some demonic thing out of their lives. This is OK.

There are times that older Christians need the same help. We need to help them, but this is more abnormal.

- By this time they should have learned Self-Deliverance.
- Understand they may need to be taught how to Self-Deliver, and hold their Deliverance.

The younger we are in our new life with God, and the more wounded we are, it can be very difficult to see the Wounds and the Lies / Beliefs we built around the Wounds.

- Very often, people need help finding these two.
- To help them, it's imperative you are led by the Spirit, and not your own sense and reasoning.
 - The Spirit will reveal Truth and bring Freedom.
 - Sense and Reasoning without the Spirit often result in more Confusion and Bondage.

The thing we always need to remember:

- As important as Deliverance, or Self-Deliverance (Sanctification) is,
- The understanding of how to Hold our Deliverance / Land / Temple is just as important — and in some cases, even more important.

We need to learn these principles for ourselves, and teach them to others in order to help them get free of demonic issues.

This scripture pretty much sums up the importance of it, and answers the why we need to learn how to 'Remain Free of Demons'.

Luke 11:24-26 (NIV)

[24] "When an evil spirit comes out of a man, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it. Then it says, 'I will return to the house I left.' [25] When it arrives, it finds the house swept clean and put in order. [26] Then it goes and takes seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there. And the final condition of that man is worse than the first."