

How Do We Handle Demonic Forces and Spiritual Warfare?

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Most Christians have learned that the battle is not physical but instead it is wholly spiritual. What exactly does this mean? To the learned and those with understanding, it implies that in order to gain ground one must use their invisible or spiritual nature to overcome battles with opposition and not rely on their physical.

This is to say in a conflict, instead of physically combatting or engaging with someone who has physically assaulted you, you should instead seek a role using humility, using patience, and using other means and strategies to overcome them, in order to bruise their head with your heel.

Looking at Ephesians chapter six beginning at verse twelve it says, 'we wrestle not against flesh and blood'. This is to say that we are not fighting against physical people as it actually appears from the perception our eyes or mine. Instead, we are fighting against wickedness in high places, against rulers of darkness of this world. Just look at *Ephesians chapter 6*

Ephesians 6

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

To be in darkness one must be without light. If you are without light, according to the Bible, who are you without? Who is the light of the world? It tells us in St. John 8:12, that it is none other than Jesus Christ who says in the Scriptures that He is the light of the world and anyone who embraces the light will be removed from darkness. However

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people in darkness do not want to be exposed by the light therefore they will set their agenda to benefit themselves and eradicate anyone who opposes, and those who would receive the light.

The rulers of darkness work for or with Satan, and Satan opposes those things which God wants. Therefore the main way or method for Christians to overcome spiritual wickedness in high places, is to stand on the Word of God.

We must avoid the things that appear right in our minds and hold strong to the Word of God and what the Scriptures inform us of. In fact, Jesus was tempted by the same evil spirits and the same Satan that will tempt and scheme us, yet Jesus Christ overcame him.

In **Luke chapter 4** Jesus was approached directly by Satan with temptations after fasting from food for 40 days and 40 nights. Satan offered Jesus things tempting Jesus. Nevertheless, Jesus weapon of defense (against Satan) was an offensive use of scripture, it was the use of the Word of God. This should be the exact method in which we fight off the wiles of the devil or the spiritual wickedness in high places, we should use the word of God.

Luke 4

8 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

The reason being is that when we begin to drift off the path of righteousness, the only thing that can stabilize us is to revert back to what the Scripture says. For instance, when a man begins to believe he can lay with his neighbors wife, the only thing that will keep such a man in the path of righteousness is to read and do what the scriptures command, in this case where it says thou shalt not commit adultery.

Jesus commanded Satan to get behind him, Jesus used the phrase, "for it is written," this is a phrase we must get use to also. In the same chapter of the book of Luke, if we skip down to verse 33 through 36 we will see that while Jesus was reading and teaching in the synagogue that there was a man who had an unclean devil on him. The unclean devil knew exactly who Jesus Christ was and called Jesus the Holy One of God.

Let's look at it:

Luke 4

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

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

Jesus rebuked the man telling him to 'shut up' in revealing who He (Jesus Christ) is/was because Jesus wants us to come to the knowledge of Him by seeking it not by simply by having it given to us; and when Jesus rebukes the man and commanded the evil spirit come out of him, it happened just as Jesus commanded.

This clearly shows the **power** in which Jesus operated out of, which of course is a power that is only given to a very few or elect people who can exercise such high-level of faith.

In the remainder of the story in Luke 4, everyone was amazed at Jesus' authority and power, which He commanded the unclean spirits to come out. This is not done by a person who can yell the loudest or voice it with the most conviction, instead this is done only by those who have the amount of belief and faith in God necessary and believe that they can be used as a vessel to operate the Lord's will.

In Mark chapter 5 when Jesus came out of His ship, He met another man with an evil spirit on him. This man was dwelling in the tombs of his local area and no man could bind him because he was too strong and no man could put him in chains because he was too aggressive.

Mark 5

2 And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit,

3 Who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains:

However, when he saw Jesus come off the ship, he immediately recognize who Jesus the Christ was. The reason he was able to recognize Jesus is because the man was filled with loads of evil spirits. These are the same evil spirits who once occupied Heaven, but were thrown out after following Satan. If you are filled with the spirit of God, evil spirits will soon recognize you and attempt to stop your ministering in Jesus name. That is a topic for another study.

Mark 5

6 But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him,

7 And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not.

8 For he said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit.

9 And he asked him, What is thy name? And he answered, saying, My name is Legion: for we are many.

Jesus once again commanded the evil spirits to come out of the man and in dramatic fashion the spirits asked to enter into a bundle of pigs, which violently ran into a body of water and drowned. The people in the local area of course were amazed and frightened by this and asked Jesus to leave the town.

Nevertheless, the way Jesus used **authority to resist evil spirits** is through His high level of faith in His Father in heaven to act through Him to remove the evil spirits from the people who needed it. We must act in the same manner if we want to have any type of power over the evil in the world.

In order to attain this power we must first attain wisdom knowledge and understanding of the Word of God and the ability to exercise it to its full capacity. Doing this will lead us to be able to embrace the baptism of the Holy Spirit, which will give us the power to speak with authority and do all the great miracles Jesus did and said we would do (John 14:12).

When Jesus told the Pharisees they erred in scripture by not knowing the scripture nor the power of God, this is a big statement, because it told us directly that many people do not know scripture and they erred in it. Their error causes a lack of faith and misunderstanding of the power of God, therefore they cannot begin to exercise the faith required to do the works of God.

Matthew 22

29 Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.

The way to handle demonic forces and spiritual warfare is to read and do “what is written,” in the scriptures as Jesus defeated Satan. This is by exceedingly high levels of faith in the Father and His Christ.

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