

ABCD's of Deliverance

Class 4 — Casting Out Demons

Our Authority

Matthew 10:1, 8 NKJV “And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, **He gave them power over unclean spirits**, to **cast** them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease. **8** Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.”

1. Freely you have received, freely give. What did the disciples receive? **Authority**. Jesus expected them to use what He had given them to minister to others.

Mark 16:17 NKJV “And these signs will follow those who believe: **In My name they will cast out demons**; they will speak with new tongues;”

1. Evidently, demons will continue to be a present-day issue until Jesus' return. Our response? **Cast them out!**

This is a very simple process...

Believe in the name of Jesus → Cast out demons

1. We can do this because we've been granted authority.

Possession

Mark 5:1–5 NKJV “Then they came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gadarenes. **2** And when He had come out of the boat, immediately there met Him out of the tombs a man with an **unclean spirit**, **3** who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no one could bind him, not even with chains, **4** because he had often been bound with shackles and chains. And the chains had been pulled apart by him, and the shackles broken in pieces; neither could anyone tame him. **5** And always, night and day, he was in the mountains and in the tombs, crying out and cutting himself with stones.”

1. Let's notice several behaviors of a man who had an unclean spirit:
 1. Supernatural strength
 2. Tormented mind
 3. Self-harm
2. People chained him and attempted to tame him but couldn't. What is spiritual in nature cannot be treated through natural means.

Mark 5:7–13 NKJV “And he cried out with a loud voice and said, ‘What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore You by God that You do not torment me.’ **8** For He said to him, ‘**Come out of the man, unclean spirit!**’ **9** Then He asked him, ‘What is your name?’ And he answered, saying, ‘My name is Legion; for we are many.’ **10** Also he begged Him earnestly that He would not send them out of the country. **11** Now a large herd of swine was feeding there near the mountains. **12** So all the **demons** begged Him, saying, ‘Send us to the swine, that we may enter them.’ **13** And at once **Jesus gave them permission.** Then the **unclean spirits went out** and entered the swine (there were about two thousand); and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and drowned in the sea.”

1. When Jesus gave the command, the spirits knew they had to go. If He told them to leave the country, they had to leave; if He gave them permission to enter the pigs, then that was where they would go.

Mark 5:14–20 NKJV “So those who fed the swine fled, and they told it in the city and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that had happened. **15** Then they came to Jesus, and saw the one who had been **demon-possessed** and had the legion, sitting and clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. **16** And those who saw it told them how it happened to him who had been demon-possessed, and about the swine. **17** Then they began to plead with Him to depart from their region. **18** And when He got into the boat, he who had been demon-possessed begged Him that he might be with Him. **19** However, Jesus did not permit him, but said to him, ‘Go home to your friends, and tell them what **great things** the Lord has done for you, and how He has had **compassion** on you.’ **20** And he departed and began to proclaim in Decapolis all that Jesus had done for him; and all marveled.”

1. So, in the Bible, we see the unclean spirit is also referred to as a demon. The NKJV translates the words “demon possession” from the word **daimonizomai**, which might be better translated as the word **demonized**.
 1. **Daimonizomai** simply means to be under the power of a demon.
 2. This word is used 13 times in connection to a person being demonized. Most people were set free from these evil spirits during times when healing was also being ministered.
 3. Think about it: the man in the Gadarenes found Jesus. Should not others approach Him seeking help from the torment within?
2. Being made free from the power of a demon is a great thing! It is an outflow of God’s compassion to set free those under the power of evil spirits.

Oppression

Acts 10:38 NKJV “How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and **healing all who were oppressed by the devil**, for God was with Him.”

1. **Oppression — katadynasteuō:** to exercise harsh power over, dominate, or oppress.

1. In James 2:6, it is used to describe a rich man oppressing the poor by dragging them into courts.
2. Sickness and disease are referred to as satanic oppression.

Many people might ask the question, “Is all sickness and disease satanic oppression?” Or, in other words, “Is Satan responsible for all sickness and disease?”

1. Satan is not responsible when we violate laws of nature and get hurt. Is it the devil’s fault when we don’t hydrate, or if we walk out into the cold without a coat? We have a responsibility to take care of our bodies. If we don’t, then our bodies will respond in kind.
 1. I saw a prophet laying hands on a woman for renewed energy, and a word of knowledge was given to him: “She’s not eating right, and it’s affecting her energy levels.” If it was the result of satanic oppression, then he could have rebuked sickness and it would have left.
 2. Sickness that tries to come upon us with no correlation to anything we might have done to violate the laws of nature can be viewed as satanic oppression. We can treat it with the hostility of the name!
 3. Now let’s clarify something! All sickness and disease can be dealt with through the laying on of hands, whether or not it has its roots in a direct attack of the enemy.

Luke 13:10–13, 16 NKJV “Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. **11** And behold, there was a woman who had a **spirit of infirmity eighteen years**, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up. **12** But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, ‘Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity.’ **13** And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. **16** So **ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound—think of it—for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond** on the Sabbath?”

1. Jesus described this as a bond. Other verses describe a bond as a chain. Satanic oppression is a chain around a person’s flesh or a chain upon their mind.
2. This woman had a right to freedom based on her covenant relationship as a daughter of Abraham.

Satanic Influence

Acts 5:1–5 NKJV “But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession. **2** And he **kept back part of the proceeds**, his wife also being aware of it, and brought a certain part and laid it at the apostles’ feet. **3** But Peter said, ‘Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself? **4** While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have **you conceived this thing** in your heart? **You have not lied to men but to God.**’ **5** Then Ananias, hearing these words, fell down and breathed his last. So **great fear came upon all those who heard these things.**”

1. The Bible clearly states that Ananias was responsible for allowing Satan to fill his heart to lie.
 1. As believers, we are held accountable for allowing Satan to influence us and conceive within our hearts evil.
 2. Don't bring to term the thoughts and influence of the devil. The devil only produces death, destruction, and loss. It's time to abort the plans of the enemy.

Acts 5:7–11 NKJV “Now it was about three hours later when his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. **8** And Peter answered her, ‘Tell me whether you sold the land for so much?’ She said, ‘Yes, for so much.’ **9** Then Peter said to her, ‘**How is it that you have agreed together to test the Spirit of the Lord?** Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out.’ **10** Then immediately she fell down at his feet and breathed her last. And the young men came in and found her dead, and carrying her out, buried her by her husband. **11** So **great fear came upon all the church and upon all who heard these things.**”

1. That word **test** is used in regard to Ananias and Sapphira's lies. In easy-to-understand language: “They were trying to put one over on Peter, the church, and the Holy Ghost.”
 1. It was a large-scale, very public deception in order to gain influence.
 2. Generally, what is done in public is dealt with publicly; what is done in private is dealt with privately.

Ephesians 4:25–27 NKJV “Therefore, **putting away lying**, ‘Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor,’ for we are members of one another. **26** ‘Be angry, and do not sin’: do not let the sun go down on your wrath, **27** nor give place to the devil.”

1. Lying, anger, and wrath are all associated with giving Satan place in our lives.

I'd like to bring up two more satanic influences in Peter and Judas.

Peter...

Matthew 16:22–23 NKJV

22 “Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, ‘Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!’ **23** But He turned and said to Peter, ‘**Get behind Me, Satan!** You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men.’”

Judas...

John 13:25–27 NKJV

25 “Then, leaning back on Jesus' breast, he said to Him, ‘Lord, who is it?’ **26** Jesus answered, ‘It is he to whom I shall give a piece of bread when I have dipped it.’ And having dipped the bread, He gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon. **27** Now after the piece of bread, **Satan entered him.** Then Jesus said to him, ‘What you do, do quickly.’”

As we learned last week, when we give our flesh first place, it creates an opening for the enemy...

Let's look at the words of Paul...

1 Corinthians 9:24–27 NLT “Don’t you realize that in a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize? So run to win! **25** All athletes are disciplined in their training. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize. **26** So I run with purpose in every step. I am not just shadowboxing. **27** I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should. Otherwise, **I fear that after preaching to others I myself might be disqualified.**”

1. In other words, putting the flesh under and being disciplined is insurance against disqualification.
2. Let's live our lives with our eyes set on Jesus, intent on finishing our own race.
3. **Hebrews 12:11 AMPC** “For the time being no discipline brings joy, but seems grievous and painful; but afterwards it yields a peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it [a harvest of fruit which consists in righteousness—in conformity to God’s will in purpose, thought, and action, resulting in right living and right standing with God].”