

## DEMONOLOGY AND DELIVERANCE #8

### **“Deliverance and Healing”**

#### I. Introduction

##### A. The 3 Elements of New Testament Ministry

##### 1. **There are 3 elements that made up most of the earthly ministry of Jesus:**

- a. He preached the Gospel
- b. He healed the sick
- c. He cast out demons

##### **Kim Harrington**

**“It’s nearly impossible not to notice the threefold aspect of Jesus’ ministry. Everywhere He went he did three things: He preached the Gospel, He healed the sick, and He cast out demons. On occasion He multiplied food, walked on water or did various other miracles, but nearly every ministry day included the three mainstays of what Jesus Christ considered the Gospel: preaching, healing, and delivering people from the bonds of Satan.”**

2. If we make the ministry of Jesus our model, we cannot deny that there is a close connection between physical healing and deliverance from demons.

##### **Mark 1:32-34**

**At evening, when the sun had set, they brought to Him all who were sick and those who were demon-possessed. And the whole city was gathered together at the door. Then He healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons...**

- a. We find the same pattern in the Gospel of Luke:

##### **Luke 4:40-41**

**When the sun was setting, all those who had any that were sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and He laid His hands on every one of them and healed them. And demons also came out of many, crying out and saying, "You are the Christ, the Son of God!"**

b. The Book of Acts summed up Jesus' work on earth this way:

**Acts 10:38**

**...how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.**

c. Any serious study of the ministry of Jesus shows that he healed the sick and cast out demons.

**Derek Prince**

**“Jesus made no hard-and-fast distinction between healing sickness and expelling demons.”**

3. But we also need to notice the same close connection between healing and deliverance in the ministry of Jesus' *disciples*:

**Mark 3:13-15**

**And He went up on the mountain and called to Him those He Himself wanted. And they came to Him. Then He appointed twelve, that they might be with Him and that He might send them out (1) to preach, and (2) to have power to heal sicknesses and (3) to cast out demons:**

a. Jesus obviously intended His disciples to what He did; heal the sick and cast out demons...

**Matthew 10:1-2**

**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.**

b. We find the same thing in the Gospel of Luke:

**Luke 9:1-2**

**Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases. He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.**

c. Here we have the same 3 things Jesus did being done by the disciples: they preached the Gospel, cast out demons, and healed the sick.

4. Why does it matter? Because Mark's version of the Great Commission proves that Jesus commanded His church to do the same 3 things!

**Mark 16:15, 17-18**

**"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."**

a. So let me make a controversial statement:

**Based on (1) the ministry of Jesus, (2) the ministry of the Disciples, and (3) the Great Commission, we can see that any church that does not preach the Gospel, heal the sick, and cast out demons is not a fully functioning New Testament church.**

5. Preaching the Gospel must include the ministries of healing the sick and expelling demons! Why? Because...

**B. Salvation, Healing and Deliverance Go Hand in Hand**

1. **Review: man is a triune being, consisting of spirit, soul, and body.**

- When I believe the preaching of the Gospel, my spirit is born again
- But my soul and my body are still subject to physical sickness and demonic attack

2. **This is why the Gospel has to include healing for sickness that attacks our bodies and deliverance from demons that attack our souls!**

3. A proper preaching of the Gospel has to include healing of sickness and deliverance from demons. Sometimes we need both.

4. Not all sickness and disease is caused by demons; but some is.

**Derek Prince**

**"Demons can, I believe, be the cause of almost every kind of physical pain and sickness, but it takes discernment to distinguish between sickness and pains that have a demonic cause and those that are purely physical."**

5. Let's look at some examples from the ministry of Jesus.

## II. Examples of Deliverance and Healing

### A. The Spirit of Infirmity

#### **Luke 13:11-13**

**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.**

1. This woman was suffering from a severe case of scoliosis (or curvature of the spine) so severe that she could not stand up straight.

a. Today we would put her in a back brace; or send her to surgery.

b. But in this case, the problem was not only physical, it was demonic! She had a spirit of “infirmity.”

#### **“infirmity”**

**(Greek: astheneia (as-then'-i-ah); feebleness (of mind or body); by implication, malady; morally, frailty:**

**KJV - disease, infirmity, sickness, weakness.**

2. Now notice that Jesus did 2 things:

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

**But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, (1) "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity." And (2) He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.**

a. Here we have the perfect picture of how healing and deliverance go hand in hand: He commanded her to be “loosed from” here infirmity (deliverance from a spirit) and “He laid His hands on her” (which is the ministry of healing).

b. Sometimes we need deliverance; sometimes we need healing; sometimes we need both! Jesus left neither one undone.

3. The subsequent verses tell us more:

#### **Luke 13:14**

**14 But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, "There are six days on**

which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day."

#### **Luke 13:15-17**

**15 The Lord then answered him and said, "Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it? 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?" 17 And when He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.**

- a. This proves that the woman was a believer, a “daughter of Abraham” who had a right to be healed.
- b. It also shows that even though the source of her sickness was demonic, Jesus ministered healing without directly addressing the ‘spirit of infirmity’.

### **B. Mute (Dumb) Spirit**

#### **Luke 11:14**

**And He was casting out a demon, and it was mute. So it was, when the demon had gone out, that the mute spoke; and the multitudes marveled.**

1. One Jewish Bible scholar noted that the “multitudes marveled” because their religious leaders had taught them that spirits had to speak and identify themselves before they could be cast out; they never knew that the inability to speak was caused by a demon!

### **C. Blind and Mute**

#### **Matthew 12:22-23**

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

1. We point out once again that the term **“demon-possessed”** is a tragic **mistranslation of the Greek word** here that has caused many Christians to reject the doctrine of deliverance.

- a. Christians cannot be demon-possessed; the Greek word is “demonized”; the best translation would be “under the influence” of a demon.
- b. Some of the less popular translations are closer to correct:

**“demon afflicted” (Message Bible)**

**“under the power of a demon” (Amplified Bible)**

**“controlled by demons” (Complete Jewish Bible/New International Readers Version)**

**“demonized” (The One New Man Bible)**

2. Not all blindness is demonic; some is purely physical; this one was demonic.

#### **D. Epilepsy**

##### **Mark 9:17-18**

**17 Then one of the crowd answered and said, "Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit. 18 And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not."**

1. This young man was suffering from symptoms that today we call epilepsy.

a. Modern medicine treats this condition with drugs; but Jesus dealt with the demon.

##### **Mark 9:20**

**Then they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth.**

**21 So He asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. 22 And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us."**

**23 Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." 24 Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"**

##### **Mark 9:25-27**

When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!" Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.

## E. The Spirit of Death

1. Never ignore the nature of the devil.

a. Jesus rebuked the religious leaders of His day...

**John 8:44-45**

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

2. There is such a thing as the spirit of death.

**Revelation 6:8**

So I looked, and behold, a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him.

a. Derek Prince once ministered to a woman plagued by man demons, including hate, addiction and uncleanness. One of the demons was the spirit of death which had entered her 3 years earlier when she nearly died on the operating table of a large hospital.

b. Hospitals are hangouts for spirits of sickness and the spirit of death.

c. Just this week, our worship leader Bekah Williams was healed of a tremor in her left hand that she had suffered for years. Roger and Donna Miller ministered to her and he asked her if she had ever touched a dead person. She had, at a funeral of a near relative who had committed suicide. They rebuked the spirit of death and the tremor disappeared; and it's still gone!

3. Jesus called the devil a murderer and a liar.

**John 8:44-45**

**He is a liar and the father of it...**

a. In 1 Kings 22, the Bible says that a “lying spirit” filled the mouth of the false prophets.

4. There are lying spirits that can attack a physical body with symptoms that seem to indicate a serious problem when the Doctors can find nothing physically wrong with you.

a. I have had many, many attacks, aches and pains and symptoms over the years that were nothing more than demonic.

\*In the book “They Shall Expel Demons”, God healed Derek Prince’s wife Ruth from several serious physical problems and gave her assurance she was delivered. When the pains began to return she recognized it as demonic...

**“These are lying symptoms—lying spirits, trying to steal God’s promise from me!”**

**Ruth Prince**

b. I am NOT encouraging you to ignore physical symptoms of serious sickness; but to recognize that some symptoms are lying spirits seeking to open the door to the spirit of fear or the spirit of death.

c. Jesus spoke of a spirit of fear that would cause men’s hearts to fail in the end times...

**Luke 21:26**

**...men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth...**

d. The spirit of fear can open the door for heart trouble.

5. Medical science recognizes a connection between our mental condition and our physical body; but sometimes our mental condition is influenced by demons:

**Derek Prince**

**“Negative emotional spirits can produce an attitude of mind that either opens the door to sickness or else prevent sick people from receiving their healing by faith. Some examples of negative spirits are rejection, fear, grief, unforgiveness, discouragement, disappointment and despair. In such cases, it**



**is usually necessary to expel the negative spirit before seeking to minister physical healing.”**

6. In our personal experience we have seen demonic activity is common in some cases of: Colitis, arthritis, epilepsy, cancer.

### **III. Review and Conclusion**

#### **A. Review**

1. The 3 great ministries of Jesus were preaching the Gospel, healing the sick, and casting out demons. The 3 great ministries of Jesus disciples were preaching the Gospel, healing the sick, and casting out demons. The 3 great ministries Jesus commissioned to His church were preaching the Gospel, healing the sick and casting out demons!

2. There is a close connection between healing the sick and casting out demons. But it takes discernment to distinguish between sickness and pains that have a demonic cause and those that are purely physical.

3. 5 of the 9 gifts of the Holy Spirit listed in **1 Corinthians 12**, are helpful in healing and deliverance ministry: 2 are especially important.

- The word of knowledge
- The discerning of spirits

4. So since God has called us to this ministry, let us close by saying this prayer in unison:

#### **Closing Prayer**

**Heavenly Father, we come to you in the name of Jesus, that you might anoint us to fulfill your Great Commission: to proclaim the Gospel, to heal the sick, and to cast out demons. We ask you to equip us the gifts of the Holy Spirit, especially the word of knowledge and the discerning of spirits, so that we may distinguish between sickness and pains that have a demonic cause and those that are purely physical. We commit ourselves to be free and to help others be free as well. In Jesus name. Amen!**