

Ephesians 6

10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. **11** Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. **12** For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age,^[c] against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*.

Matthew 17

14 And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying, **15** “Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic^[c] and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. **16** So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him.”

17 Then Jesus answered and said, “O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me.” **18** And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour.

19 Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not cast it out?”

20 So Jesus said to them, “Because of your unbelief;^[d] for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. **21** However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.”

Mark 9

14 And when He came to the disciples, He saw a great multitude around them, and scribes disputing with them. **15** Immediately, when they saw Him, all the people were greatly amazed, and running to *Him*, greeted Him. **16** And He asked the scribes, “What are you discussing with them?”

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.”

19 He answered him and said, “O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me.” **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,^[a] 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!”

25 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!” **26** 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.” **27** But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.

28 And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?”

29 So He said to them, “This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting.”

Mark 9:19 Jesus answers the man’s statement about the disciples being unable to cast out the demon. When Jesus responds, it is solely to that man, not the general audience, to include the disciples. Verse 19 “He answered *him*” “*Faithless* (apistos- unfaithful/unbelieving) *Generation* (genea/genos- men of the same stock/family, kindred/family/offspring).

-Why would a child be susceptible to such spirits? Because the father allowed such spirits around his family being unfaithful and unbelieving.

Jesus said: “How long” (will I be with you?) “How long” (will I bear/endure/sustain).

Jesus was weary of dealing with this mans/family history of unfaithfulness and was warning him of time running out.

-People in want MUST WANT to be helped. People in need of a miracle, must want to be whole. People in need of deliverance must want to be delivered.

I. The Desire of Satan is to Destroy

-**possession** (affliction by inside influence) (totally given over to/surrendered)

-oppression (affliction by outside influence) (resisting/battling)

1 Peter 5

8 Be sober, be vigilant; because **[c]** your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

1. The Unclean Spirit's aim was to **destroy** the now whom it possessed.

-If you struggle with an ungodly spirit, it's goal is to destroy you.

(Spiritually and Physically)

Matthew 10:28

28 And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

-Its visitation isn't a seasonal/temporary/one time only thing; its mission is to destroy you.

-This is why the spirit would throw the boy into the fire and water (a perversion and mockery of the spiritual life which comes through water and fire!

II. The Desire of Satan is to Return

Horsefly story. Horseflies always comes back around!

Matthew 12

43 "When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest, and finds none. **44** Then

he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when he comes, he finds *it* empty, swept, and put in order. **45** Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last *state* of that man is worse than the first. So shall it also be with this wicked generation."

A evil spirit's process:

"What about my past residence?"

"Is it vacant or occupied?"

-It looks like Jesus has been here.

-It's clean.

-It's put in order.

-It looks like an apostolic lady.

-It looks like an apostolic man. **But is it occupied with the Holy Spirit?**

The house is clean and orderly, but empty! NOT FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT.

"After a spirit withdraws, it wonders and returns looking for dry places, but eventually, it will return to past residences to check on availability!"

-Why do you think you go through seasons of moral success and then experience failure again?

-Why do you think you have been sober for a period of time and doing well, but then 6 months later struggle with those same feelings?

The reason they continually check up and search for dry places is because their end game is always to destroy your soul.

III. The Surrendered Soul is The Demise of Satan

Within the scope of praying with others who are afflicted by spirits (possessed/oppresed), 1. the vessel of God must be surrendered to God and 2. the afflicted must be **willing** to surrender to God.

1. Here's what happens when someone (not surrendered) attempts to minister to someone of demonic crisis:

Acts 19

13 Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists took it upon themselves to call the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, "We[a] exorcise you by the Jesus whom Paul preaches." **14** Also there were seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, who did so.

15 And the evil spirit answered and said, "Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?"

16 Then the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, overpowered[b] them, and prevailed against them, [c] so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

2. Here's what happens when someone (dealing with demonic possession yet is willing to surrender to God) encounters a submitted/surrendered vessel of God:

Mark 5

Then they came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gadarenes.[a] **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,[b] 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.**6** **When he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and worshiped Him.**

-No where in scripture did Jesus battle with a demon possessed person.

-When Jesus steps on the scene, demons flee

-When we step on the scene, demons ought to flee!

2 Corinthians 5

17 Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. **18** Now all things *are* of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, **19** that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

20 Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore *you* on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.

We cannot control others who are not surrendered to Jesus Christ.

We cannot force others to submit to Jesus Christ.

Everyone has been gifted 'Free Will' to chose whom they will serve.

Our responsibility, is to surrendered to the Holy Spirit daily so when the opportunity comes, we are equipped to rise to the occasion.

Tongues and interpretation during Azusa street revival:

"A generation will arise which worships a God to whom the never pray"