

Spiritual Warfare

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**I was regretting the past
and fearing the future
Suddenly my Lord was speaking**

“My name is I am”

**he paused
I waited, He continued
“when you live in the past
with it’s mistakes and regrets
it is hard, I am not there
My name is not I was**

**when you live in the future
with it’s problems and fears
it is hard, I am not there
m\My name is not I will be**

**when you live in this moment
it is not hard, I am here
My name is I am”**

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1. INTRODUCTION

WE ARE AT WAR:

There are times and seasons when God has opened the eyes of a generation to the spirit realm and revealed hidden truths.

We are living in one of those seasons.

The spirit of wisdom and revelation has been opening the eyes of God's people like never before.

The strategies of Satan are being unmasked and the church is about to embark on the greatest season of warfare and victory that it has ever had.

We all like to feel we are doing pretty well, but God wants us to be free.

The scriptures declare that he, who the Son sets free, is free indeed. Only as we come into the truth, will we be free.

From the beginning Satan has invented many ways to turn man from the true worship of God, to the worship of created things, instead of the Creator.

The spirit of Satan, unlike the Spirit of God, is always at war with the Gospel of Christ, so are Christ's followers at war – "...not against flesh and blood, but with principalities, against powers, against the rulers of darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.."

Just as there is a **Spirit of Christ** in the world (**Phil 1:19**), so is there a **spirit of anti-christ** (**1 Joh 4:1-4**)

2. THE SPIRIT WORLD

What happened in the past?

In the eternal past, we see God:

God the Father,

God the Son, and

God the Holy Spirit.

With them, uncountable numbers of angels were created to worship and to obey the Godhead. (See **Col 1:16**)

These angels were: the archangels - Michael and Gabriel, Cherubs, Seraphim and the normal angels.

Angels are divided into different orders and ranks.

Lucifer was a Cherub, beautiful, wise and perfect.

In **Isaiah 14** we find him. In its Latin root, the word Lucifer means "the one who brings light." In Hebrew the word is translated as "the sparkling one".

He was created without sin. Because angels were created with a free will, there was always the possibility that they could sin as well.

At some point, however, Lucifer made a grave error.

Thoughts of pride and unrighteousness came up inside him, and he decided to make himself equal with God and turned in rebellion against his Creator. **Ezek 28:5, 13-18.**

Lucifer didn't want to stay in his current rank as a servant, but wanted to be God himself instead.

A third of the angels followed Lucifer in his time of rebellion.

His sin and revolt wasn't tolerated in heaven and therefore they were all cast down from the presence of God. They were stripped of their beautiful bodies and were cast upon the earth as spirits. Some fell in the heaven, others on Earth, others in the sea (water) and some in the realm of the dead (Hades).

Lucifer lost his name and was now known only as "Satan" which means adversary or opponent or "Devil" which means deceiver. With him the fallen angels, now called "unclean spirits", "spiritual forces of evil" and "demons" (Different names for the same thing). Satan now becomes the leader on earth over the fallen angels and demons.

THE FOUR LEVELS OF THE SPIRIT WORLD:

Exodus 20: 3-5

"...you shall have no other gods before or besides Me.

You shall not make yourself any graven image (to worship it) or any likeness of anything that is in the **heavens above**, or that is in the **earth beneath**, or that is in **the water under the earth**;

You shall not bow down yourself to them or serve them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me..."

As you can see, the Bible speaks of gods that can be worshipped in the **heavens** above, the **earth** beneath, in **the water under the earth**.

When Satan and a third of the fallen angels were cast out of Heaven and fell according to **Luke 10:18**, they landed on these four places and took dominion:

1. The **HEAVENS**; being the second heaven, and where we get the spirits of the AIR. (Eph 2:2)
2. The **EARTH**; where we get animal spirits, spirits of the mountains, valleys, trees, forests, etc.
3. The **WATER**; where we get water spirits, namely mermaids, Neptune, queen of the coast, etc.
4. **UNDER THE EARTH**; where we get the realms of the dead, ancestral spirits, Satanism, spiritism, vampires, etc.

Just because Christ had ascended to Heaven and Satan had been cast down, does not mean that all is well.

Those who dwell in Heaven should rejoice, although the earth is in for a short period of woe while Satan's anger is unleashed in the earthly arena.

There is a **Mystery of Godliness (1 Tim 3:16)** and a **mystery of iniquity (2 Thes 2:7)**.

The Mystery of Godliness is from the time of Christ's war with Satan in Heaven, to His second coming.

The symbol used as **His Church** is a pure woman.

The **Harlot of Revelation** in the 17th chapter represents Satan's huge system of false worship, and his movements in the world.

She is the "mother" of all pagan religions of the world.

The first time we see Satan again, is in the Garden of Eden.

As enemy of God and of man, he retaliated.

He could not touch God Himself, but he could make war against the very image of God within man. His delight was to defile that image, to destroy it, to humiliate it, and to that end he worked tirelessly.

Satan knew that man was destined to take his place of dominion.

From the moment of man's creation, he saw him as a rival whom he needed to eliminate.

As he lost his body and existed only as a spirit, he could only come to Eve in a body borrowed from a snake to deceive her and bring her over to sin.

It was his strategy to first deceive Eve and then Adam, and in doing so regain the authority of earth again.

C.S. Lewis wrote:

"One of the things that surprised me when I first read the New Testament seriously was that it talked so much about a Dark Power in the universe – a mighty evil spirit who is held to be the power behind death and disease and sin.

Christianity affirms that this Dark Power was created by God and was good when he was created, and then went wrong.

Christianity affirms that we are at war.

But, it does not think this war is a war between independent powers.

It is a civil war, a rebellion, and we are living in a universe occupied by the rebel.

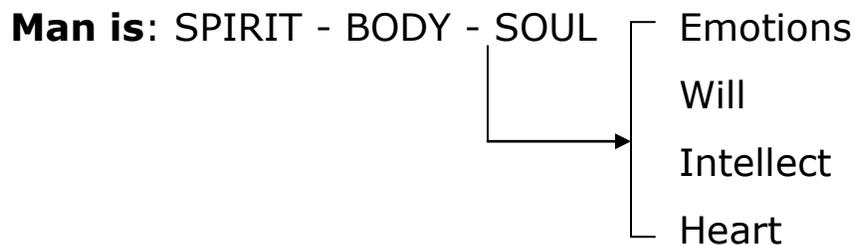
Enemy-occupied territory – that is what this world is."

God is almighty,
He is all powerful,
He is all knowing,
He is always present and
He is eternal.

The devil is only an angel:

He is not all powerful, -present, -knowing or eternal.

At the end he and all the evil spirits will be thrown into the lake of fire.



True freedom in Christ will only come when we have a revelation on the two key areas of spiritual warfare.

1. Locate our enemy
2. Locate the battlefield.

The problem with the war on evil is that we are having a difficult time locating our enemy and the battlefield.

YOUR ENEMY: WRONG THINKING AND

THE BATTLEFIELD: YOUR MIND

Intelligence is the key to winning the war.

(1) **If we can locate our enemy,** we have the overwhelming firepower to easily defeat him.

Satan is terrified of you discovering these two keys to warfare.

If we work according to a plan, we can locate our deeply hidden enemy - and that is half way to victory.

(2) **The second key is to locate the battlefield.**

This is revealed to us in the book of **2 Corinthians 10:3 – 5**

“For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does.

The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world.

On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.

We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.”

The battlefield is in our minds.

Despite all the work of the enemy in the atmosphere - if he has no access to our minds, we will have total victory.

If we can win the battle of the mind, we can win the battle of life.

Satan sets up strongholds in our thought life.

It is the same strategy that he used on Eve in the garden.

He did not have the power to take her captive.

He had to convince her to willingly surrender herself to his control and influence.

He had to cause her to want to follow him.

He had to plant seeds into her mind that she would act on: thoughts that were lies.

She had to become DECEIVED!

If he could only convince her of his lie, he could lead her into a path of destruction and bondage through disobedience.

He needed to establish a STRONGHOLD in her mind.

Satan's strategy was to get her to believe a lie, because once she believed the lie, her emotions would begin to lead her down a wrong path.

We are not to deny our emotions.

We are to make sure they are motivating us toward godly things and not the works of the flesh.

Emotions are all based on thoughts.

Your thoughts determine what you feel.

If what you think is correct, then what you feel will be correct.

If your thinking is wrong, then your feelings WILL be wrong.

People are drawn towards wrong things because they become convinced that these things, even though morally wrong, are actually good for them.

Christians fall into this trap all the time.

Sometimes it is such a small thing, but at the end it becomes so big.

If you are going to walk in total victory you must be able to locate your enemy and locate the battlefield.

Your greatest enemy is wrong thinking and the battlefield is your mind.

Your mind gets bombarded by:

- ❖ Doubts
- ❖ Temptations
- ❖ Evil thoughts
- ❖ Desire for Independence
- ❖ Pride
- ❖ Materialism
- ❖ Lusts
- ❖ Fear

Principle: Dr. Ed Murphy:

Satan can take advantage of any weakness within man and push that weakness to an extreme.

This extreme becomes a driving dominant – even destroying – thrust under satanic power.

Watch and defend against all EXTREMES.

John 10:10: “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy, I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”

Sin and disobedience cause open doors in your life.

Open doors give the devil legal right to come in and steal.

We fight a sin war:

- ❖ Sin wars against us as believers. (Heb 12:1 – 2; Heb 3:12 – 14)
- ❖ We believers must war against sin. (Heb 12:3 – 4)

I hate sin.

I choose not to sin.

I choose to be obedient.

It is not a life by chance, it is a life by choice.

Sin is Personal – from within – the “flesh”;

Sin is Social – from without – the “world”.

The Continuum of Sin:

- Thought
- Choice
- Habit
- Loss of control
- Bondage

Sin dimensions which can lead to demonization of believers and non-believers:

1. Generational sin and demonization.

People abused the truth as an excuse for their own sin.

Most of us will find that somewhere in the past, our ancestors committed themselves to Satan or powerful spirits, pledging their progeny to Satan in return for selfish favours.

Those actually involved in deliverance ministry find demonic transference from past generations to be a vivid reality.

2. Being a victim of child abuse.

3. Lack of forgiveness, bitterness, hatred, rage and severe rebellion.

4. Sexual sins of any type, but especially sexual intercourse.
5. Curses, spells against one's life by others.
6. Occult activity of any kind.

The Story: The serpent of Moses and Aaron / sorcerers and magicians in ***Exod 7:8-12***.

Billy Graham: "...You cannot stop the birds from flying around your head, but you can stop them from building nests in your hair.."

A state of spiritual warfare exists between Satan, his angels and the Kingdom of God.

One of our greatest weapons is knowledge.

Satan has no power over us beyond what we allow him to have.

That is why understanding his current status and our present position in Christ is so important!

There are three Broad Groups/Types of Believers, in relationship to the Sin War we are fighting:

1. Godly believers, totally committed to the absolute lordship of Christ, seeking to honour the Lord in every area of their lives.
2. Hypocrites, true believers, but they refuse to make a total commitment to the Lordship of Christ in every area of their lives. **(Luke 6:46-49)**
3. Sincere but defeated believers in one or more areas of their life, battling with strongholds of sin (Spiritual Warfare casualties!)

3. SATAN AND DEMON SPIRITS

I. SATAN: THE ORIGIN OF THE ENEMY: (*Col 1:16*)

Satan was created by God, through the Son Jesus Christ.

II. SATAN: HIS FALL:

Satan fell from his holy state when he rebelled against God, enticing perhaps one third of the angels to defect with him.

He had a proud heart, self-occupation and he was lifted up in pride.

God banished him from His presence to the earth.

III. SATAN: HIS NATURE:

He is a spirit being, and is the leader of the fallen angels.

He has different names in the Bible:

- ❖ The destroyer (Rev 9:11);
Dragon or Evil one (Matt 6:13);
Murderer (John 8:44);
- ❖ Satan's desire to control:
Prince of this world. (John 12:31)
Prince of demons. (Matt 9:34)
Prince of the power of the air. (Eph 2:2)
- ❖ Adversary / accuser.
Opposed to righteousness (Rev 12:10)
A roaring lion (1 Peter 5:8)
Angel of light, deceptive (2 Cor 11:14)

IV. THE ENEMY'S SETUP:

Satan has a highly organized set-up: (***Eph 6:12***)

- ❖ Chief rulers / principalities – hold the highest rank and authority.
- ❖ Authorities / powers – execute the will of the chief rulers.
- ❖ World forces – rulers of the darkness of this world.
- ❖ Spiritual forces in the heavenlies – afflict humanity in an evil way

Derek Prince's version:

We are not fighting persons with bodies. We are in a wrestling match with a very powerful and highly organized kingdom, which has rulers, sub-rulers and sub-sub-rulers. Each ruler is responsible to Satan for a certain area under his authority. Satan has the whole world divided up into areas that he seeks to dominate through these rulers...

Satan is in charge of "his angels".

Beelzebub is a commanding general.

Satan's headquarters are not in hell; they are in the heavenlies.

He is very much at large. Peter wrote this warning: ***1 Pet 5:8***

"The devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour."

Thus Lucifer, who became Satan or the devil, had control of the world through his hierarchy of fallen angels or demons and evil spirits, until Jesus Christ came to defeat them and restore authority to man, through faith in Him.

V. THE NATURE OF DEMONS: they have personalities:

- ❖ Intellect, emotions and a will. (Luke 8:26–35)
- ❖ They have personal names, and can speak. (Luke 4:33–35, 41)
- ❖ Intelligence – knew who Jesus was. (Mark 1:23–24)
- ❖ Will – appealed to Jesus not to cast them out. (Luke 8:32)
- ❖ Emotion – fear and trembling of judgement. (Luke 8:28)
- ❖ They are finite and limited in space, time and powers.
- ❖ They are invisible, but capable of manifestation, and they can change and assume fearsome forms, like animals.
- ❖ They are morally perverted.
- ❖ They operate in darkness, but may transform themselves into messengers of light.
- ❖ Termed unclean or evil spirits. (Luke 7:21)
- ❖ Vicious and powerful. (1 Peter 5:8)

Satan's goal is to dishonour God, by deceiving His people.

As he hates God, he hates God's people.

THE THREE LAWS:

Law 1: when a private person sins, only he is affected.

Law 2: when a family member sins, the entire family is affected.

Law 3: when a community or national leader sins, the entire community or nation is affected.

Words of Wisdom:

"...in any battle between the imagination and the will, the imagination will win every time..."

4. CAN DEMONS STILL HAVE CONTROL OVER CERTAIN AREAS OF A CHRISTIAN'S LIFE?

Man is: Spirit, body and soul.

With repentance you are born again and come under the authority of Christ Jesus. Unless you make the wrong choices later, your spirit cannot be attacked anymore.

Your body and soul however are still exposed to attack, even after redemption. (This can happen by way of emotional problems: depression, fear, feelings of inferiority or bitterness) or diseases and sickness of the body.

Your body and soul are not necessarily exempted from attack and you may still struggle with problems you had before you got saved.

Christians that were ill or struggled with emotional instability are not automatically healed just because they got saved.

Demons do not automatically exit the body of demonized unbelievers when the Holy Spirit comes in at conversion.

The answer to the question:

Yes, Christians can still be influenced by demonic influence, but only on the physical and soul levels.

We call this "***Demonization of believers***" or to be "***Demonized***".

Note: **NOT** DEMON POSSESSION!

Christians can definitely not be under **total** demonic influence. Their control is limited to certain areas of one's life.

There are two broad dimensions here:

1. DEMONIC AFFLICTION:

Definition: "...Satan, through his evil spirits, attacks the mind, emotions, will and/or the body of a human being (or group of human beings) be he a believer or an unbeliever.."

Demonic affliction is always **EXTERNAL** – mild to severe.

We are all subject to demonic affliction all the time (**Eph 6:10-13**).

We are constantly under general attack.

2. DEMONIC ATTACHMENT / DEMONIZATION:

Definition: "...Here Satan, through his evil spirits, exercise direct partial control over an area or areas of the life of a human being, be he a believer or an unbeliever..."

Demonic attachment is always **INTERNAL**.

It is readily admitted that under conditions of **SIN**, either the person's own sin or the sin of the others, individuals can suffer demonic attachment or demonization.

The terrible enigma of demonized Christians:

1. They were demonized before their conversion:

(i) All demons do not always automatically leave or detach themselves from the body of demonized unbelievers when they turn

to Christ. Nowhere in the Scripture is this promise – declared to be so.

(ii) This is especially true when the demonized are brought to Christ by the traditional Western logical-analytic approach towards evangelism. To be assured that demonized unbelievers will be set free from demons, both truth encounter and power encounter evangelism should occur.

(iii) Very often, these demons remain in the victim's life after conversion. They have **sin handles** (usually generational or child abuse) within that life to which they can attach themselves.

Again ***Eph 4:27***; "and do not give the devil a foothold".

While this ought not to occur, it often does.

2. They became demonized after their conversion to Christ because of serious sins they have committed as Christians or serious sin committed against them.

Notwithstanding everything Satan tries, it is a proven fact that a Christian that lives a life of obedience to God's Word, has nothing to fear of demons. To them the fear of demons is foolish.

Deliverance and inner healing means that a Christian will be delivered from any spirit that may still trespass in their body and soul.

In the Lord's Prayer (***Mat 6: 9–13***) Jesus teaches all Christians to pray on a daily basis: "lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." This shows that one can still make mistakes.

HOW DOES THE ENEMY OPERATE?

He comes to steal, to kill and to destroy. (**John 10:10**)

HOW DOES HE DO IT?

The enemy's three primary strategies are TEMPTATION, ACCUSATION and DECEPTION – all fruit of his lying nature:

1. By gaining advantage over those who will not forgive. (2 Cor 2:10-11)
2. By attacking / oppressing our physical bodies with tiredness, afflictions, mishaps, accidents, allergies, repeated sickness (Acts 10:38)
3. By tempting and enticing people to do evil (Matt 4:1 – 11; Eph 6:16)
4. By tormenting and afflicting people physically and mentally to keep them from knowing Jesus Christ as saviour and to keep believers from serving Jesus effectively (Matt 13:19; 1 Cor 5:5; 2 Cor 4:4; Rev 9:1–11)
5. By using the false teaching that comes from hypocritical men that corrupt the church. (1 Tim 4:2–3)
6. By enslaving and dominating people with addictions, compulsive thoughts, sexual sin and with physical infirmities. (Col 1:13)
7. After observing our weaknesses he harasses and opposes us. (2 Cor 12:7)

SO, DEMONS CAN:

- ❖ **"INFEST"** - to gather around a person with temporary control over certain areas of a person's life.
- ❖ **"INHABIT"** - but not ruling. They go into hiding, lying dormant, then expose themselves when there is a chance.
- ❖ **"OBSESS"** - have managed to install themselves securely in some area of a person's character. The demon governs feelings, thoughts and actions.
- ❖ **"POSSESS"** - demons have full control of the body, soul and spirit of the person. The original personality is entirely suppressed and there is a marked change in personality.

When a person is possessed, we will find:

1. Imitation:

They may know and proclaim Christian doctrine. A new personality with complete voice changes. (Matt 8:28,29; Acts 16:16,17; Mark 5:2-7)

2. Obsession: They have a fixation with death and suicidal mania. Have supernatural strength, fits of rage, immorality. (Matt 8:28; Mark 5:2-17)

3. Regression:

Inability to speak. Aversion to the things of God, resistance to spiritual things, speaks out curses and blasphemy against God and hatred for the Scriptures. (Mark 9:17,25; Matt 9:32,33; Matt 9;22; Matt 15;30,31)

4. *Insanity or mental illness:*

Attacks of delirium, destructive manner, acts of violence towards other people present. Marked clairvoyance. (Matt 17:15-18)

Christians cannot be demon-possessed.

Despite the powers of Satan and his demons, believers who are living in daily submission to the Lord, may confidently rest in their sovereign Creator and Saviour and successfully resist every onslaught of Satan, knowing that ultimately he will be cast into the lake of fire. **(Rev 20:10)**

Our spirits are saved, "born-again", made alive at salvation, after which our souls and bodies become subject to the process of sanctification. **(1 Thes 5:23)**

Sanctification is not striving to be holier than everyone else is.

It is the process by which the Holy Spirit brings us more and more to death on the cross and into a new life.

Deliverance for a Christian represents the eviction of trespassing spirits who are squatters in our souls and bodies. **(Mark 1:23, Matt 11:18, Mark 7:25)**

Words of Wisdom:

Just because it is **SUPERNATURAL**, does **NOT** necessarily mean it is of **the HOLY SPIRIT!**

Demons are in the body and in the soul.

- ❖ Jesus Christ defeated Satan's hosts at the cross. **(Col 2:15)**
- ❖ Jesus Christ controls all things and guarantees His wisdom, His love and His faithfulness that He will never leave or forsake us. **(Heb 13:5)**
- ❖ Neither can any demon separate us from the love of Christ. **(Rom 8:38-39)**

SEVEN TRUTHS TO REMEMBER:

- ❖ Christ possesses greater power than the devil **(Mark 1:24)**
- ❖ Christ has given His disciples power over the demons **(Luke 10:17, Mark 16:17)**
- ❖ Demons are afraid of true disciples of Christ **(Acts 16:16-17)**
- ❖ Demons recognize God's true servants but are not afraid of impostors **(Acts 19:15)**
- ❖ Demons know their time is short **(Rev 12:12)**
- ❖ Demons know their judgement awaits them **(Rev 20:1-3)**
- ❖ Demons know that the only force in the world able to defeat them, is the BLOOD AND THE NAME OF JESUS **(Rev 12:11)**

Words of Wisdom:

- * **God** always convicts, He never accuses or deceives.
- * **Satan** always accuses and deceives, he never convicts.

CAUSES OF DEMONIZATION

(i) Inherited factors

Sins of the ancestors.

Demons manage to extend their lease on families even though a person may not be the guilty party, because of the authority transference that occurs during pacts, oaths, ceremonies and festivals.

Examples: Freemasonry, Satanism, witchcraft, cults and false religions.

The bottom line is that if he has been given ground due to sin or curses, you could be oppressed or/and tormented by a demon.

Many sicknesses have a demonic source, "spirit of infirmity" in Luke 13:12-16.

Forms of generational sin:

- ❖ We inherit the genes through the bloodline.
- ❖ Sin descends by example: child see – child do.

Ask yourself: What do I see in myself that I have heard about or seen that was evident in my parents and grand parents?

(ii) Personal involvement

The fallen nature of man's evil desire turns humanity toward evil, without the active intervention from Satan.

They come in through continuous unconfessed sin, and if continual attitudes and reckless and foolhardy behaviour persist, it will give Satan ground to have a foothold.

The purpose of a foothold is to gain entry.

These are some door openers:

- ❖ Lying
- ❖ Bitterness
- ❖ Resentment
- ❖ Unforgiveness
- ❖ Rebellion
- ❖ Selfishness
- ❖ Anger
- ❖ Harmful words spoken against each other

(iii) Through hurts and abuse

A person is prone to demonization when they have been emotionally devastated, (sexual abuse) and it has not been dealt with

(iv) Through accident and trauma

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE OF DEMONS AND DELIVERANCE IN THE NEW TESTAMENT:

- ❖ Mark 1:23–26 (Man in synagogue had an evil spirit)
- ❖ Luke 13:10–16 (Satan bound “the daughter of Abraham”)
- ❖ Romans 6:16 (If you yield to something, you are captive to it)
- ❖ 2 Cor 11:3–4 (Receive another spirit)
- ❖ 1 Tim 4:1 (Deceiving demons)
- ❖ Gal 4:8–9 (Enslaved again)
- ❖ John 13:27 (Satan entered Judas Iscariot)
- ❖ Eph 4:27 (Neither give place to the devil – it must be possible to give the devil place if we are commanded not to)
- ❖ Matt 18:34 (Handed over to the tormentor – to cause pain and torment)

5. DOORWAYS TO DEMONIC INFILTRATION

5(i) INHERITANCE: (3rd & 4th generation)

Here we find that “Inherited demonic Spirits” are not caused through any personal sin, but through the sins of our forefathers. They will however lead us to open doors into either becoming involved in sinful deeds and attitudes, or will cause character flaws, e.g. pride, rebellion, rejection and bitterness.

Disobedience always has consequences.

So often these consequences affect our children as well.

Exodus 20:5, “God is a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation, of those who hate Him”. (Hate = not doing His will)

Deut 28:15; “..if you do not obey the Lord your God and do not carefully follow all his commands and decrees I am giving you today, all these curses will come upon you and overtake you.”

Deut 28:18; “the fruit of your womb will also be cursed..”

- ❖ SIN = falling short of the glory of God – missing the mark.
- ❖ TRANSGRESSION = moves into forbidden territory, violation of God’s law - rebellion. (***Eph 2:1***)
- ❖ TRESPASS = offence, (***Matt 18:15***)

- ❖ INIQUITY = that which we do by a lawless nature. “I know it is wrong, but I can’t stop.” “I’ve tried prayer, fasting, nothing helps!” Type of a compulsive behaviour.

Generational and familiar spirits cause bruises in your soul and in your body.

These bruises are caused by:

- ❖ Generation curses,
- ❖ Occult involvement and witchcraft,
- ❖ Sexual sin, and
- ❖ The breaking of soul-ties and divorce.

These bruises cause “masking”.

All these familiar spirits will manifest later in life , in:

- ❖ Alcoholism
- ❖ Divorce
- ❖ Illegitimate children
- ❖ Wife / Child battering
- ❖ Neglect of children
- ❖ Emotional & psychological traumas
- ❖ Suicide
- ❖ Adultery
- ❖ Diseases

To be cleansed, we must deal with the sin, the trespass and then depart from iniquity.

We must deal gently with people who have iniquity and bruises – they are taken captive by the devil’s will. **(2 Tim.2:26)**

(i) (a) ANCESTRAL SPIRITS

This implies that the human spirit of the ancestor can communicate.

This is incorrect, as it is not possible. To be absent from the body, a believer is present with the Lord, and an unbeliever is in Hades.

The familiar spirits of dead people do not wander. If they are present, they are always demonic.

People that work for you, or stay with you, can bring ancestral spirits into your house.

Witchdoctors can influence you as long as you wear their paraphernalia.

Ancestral spirits cannot be transmitted to innocent people, but work in those immediately involved with using mediums.

Christians can be set free from any ancestral spirits, and these can be expelled from them.

RELIGIOUS SINS:

History records: the greatest influence to man, outside the Bible, was **sun worship**.

Astrology is the basic foundation of all sciences of the occult, and the origin of all pagan religious systems.

IDOLATRY:

i) Biblical world was a world structured for centuries by demons of idolatry and polytheism along ancestral veneration and spirit magic.

ii) Witchcraft, sorcery and all occultism:

The use of drugs involved spells ..incantations and appeals to occult powers .. with the provision of various charms, amulets, etc. designed to keep the applicant or patient from the attention of and power of demons.

SPIRITISM:

Spiritism is involvement with the demonic realm.

The main aim of mediums is the communication with the dead.

The Word of God clearly condemns all effort to communicate with the dead and in the Old Testament this was a capital offence.

Lev 19:31: "Do not turn to mediums or seek out spiritists, for you will be defiled by them. I am the Lord your God."

Lev 20:27: "A man or woman who is a medium or spiritist among you must be put to death. You are to stone them."

Deut 18:11-12: "..to cast spells or who is a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead. Anyone who does these things is detestable to the Lord."

People involved in these practices, open the doors in their lives.

In Luke 16 the Lord confirmed the Old Testament teaching that the dead cannot send messages to the living, as there is no need for communication with those who have died.

Evil spirits are personalities and personalities have the ability to relate to one another.

When a person forms a relationship with an evil spirit (either willfully or in ignorance), he has a familiar spirit. Communication is the chief

characteristic of a familiar spirit. Anyone who becomes a channel of communication with an evil spirit, is also known as a medium or a channeller. **(Isa 29:4)**

When a man seeks supernatural knowledge, wisdom, guidance or power outside of his relationship with God and does not walk in the Holy Spirit, he is committing spiritual adultery.

These spirits require certain avenues to enter:

- ❖ Divination
- ❖ Hypnosis
- ❖ Imaginary playmates
- ❖ Transcendental meditation
- ❖ Drugs
- ❖ Rock music
- ❖ Eastern religions
- ❖ Games & toys (Dungeons and dragons)
- ❖ Water witching.

They are spirits that come through your family, and probably since your childhood.

They have been in your family for generations.

They came into your family because they were allowed to, many years ago

They had been given legal right to do so.

These spirits know your family, the problems of the family and they are "familiar" to the family and family members.

At a séance:

Familiar spirits observe a person from birth to death and will respond to a summons.

It will imitate the deceased person's voice and mannerisms and provide details of his life that will convince onlookers that he is indeed the spirit of the lost acquaintance.

A familiar spirit can inspire a false prophet to prophesy or divine over someone while providing uncanny details about the person's life, that he would have no way of knowing.

Demons also speak through a ventriloquist – **(Isa 8:19)**

Some "Fantasy friends" of small children are familiar spirits.

UNIVERSAL RELIGIONS:

*** ISLAM:**

We see today a Muslim mass-migration.

Thousands of Muslims worldwide are infiltrating the whole world.

The religion of Islam has as its focus of worship a deity by the name of "Allah".

The Muslims claim that Allah in pre-Islamic times was the biblical God of the Patriarchs, prophets and apostles. This is a lie.

The hard evidence demonstrates: the god Allah was a pagan deity.

In fact, he was the **Moon-god** who was married to the **sun goddess** and the **stars** were his daughters.

Their sign: **Crescent moon and star.**

When the moon is a crescent, every Muslim on the face of the earth will make a specific prayer to the moon.

Muslims have turned into religious fanatics, and they are busy with their plan of Islamization of the world.

A few years ago all the Islamic nations gathered together in Nigeria and committed 20 billion US dollars towards the furtherance of Islam in Africa.

A mosque is built at a cost of \$5000 and they made a commitment to build one mosque every 5 km on the African continent.

*** THE NEW WORLD ORDER:**

They are behind the I.M.F., the World Bank, I.F.C. and behind every structural adjustment program which is being implemented in Africa.

The easiest way to win people religiously, is to make them poor.

Then you can push them into any religion.

Their aim:

To control the world by controlling: Governments, schools, families, their money systems and their churches.

*** THE ILLUMINATI: They all work together:**

It is a religion and political organization.

The thing you see on the back of your one-dollar bill in USA, and it is the seal of the Illuminati.

If you know Latin you will see words down at the bottom.

It says: “..This new order that began 1776 – that means not the 4th of July, but May 1st 1776, the creation day of the Illuminati.

On the one dollar bill: there are three pyramids in a sphinx.

On the top of each pyramid is a capstone, with an eye in it.

The capstone is the Rothschild Family or Tribunal, that rules the Illuminati. They were the creators of it.

The eye is Lucifer, their god and their voice.

On the top is the Council of 13, called the Grand Druid Council.

Directly under them is the Council of 33 – that is the 33 highest Freemasons in the world.

Under them: the Council of 500. Here you find some of the richest people in the world. There are 500 of them.

Their real power is in their money.

With that they will try to control the whole world.

(i).(b) FAMILIAR SPIRITS

The principle of how they operate is clearly seen among the Hindu people. When a devout Hindu is on his deathbed, a chosen child or grandchild will be called – he will cling to life until he has arrived.

He will then say: “I give you my gods”

Spiritual transference takes place and he will die in peace.

The one who has received, will take on the habits and in the months and years ahead, will manifest in the same way as in the dead relative.

If the Hindu devotee dies unexpectedly and the acting out of this transference does not take place, some two weeks later they will call up the gods, and place them in the chosen one. Whether he wants it or not!

A matriarchal / patriarchal spirit can be dominant from one generation to the next.

If familiar spirits are passed on to people, we see physical and emotional symptoms in them:

These people present with very real medical problems and conditions, but they are usually a source of mystery to physicians who may be consulted.

Doctors usually say they are "psycho-somatic." They often do not find a specific diagnosis for these conditions, and very often they cannot be treated successfully.

Because these symptoms do not respond to medication, it is the open door for the patient to seek alternative medicine (certain forms of homeopathy, iridology, bio-rhythms, faith healing, etc.).

Symptoms of familiar spirits include:

- ❖ Extreme fatigue
- ❖ Headaches
- ❖ Forms of sinusitis
- ❖ Allergic reactions
- ❖ Heart palpitations
- ❖ Nervousness
- ❖ Shooting pains

- ❖ Heaviness and depression
- ❖ Nerve twitches
- ❖ Vibrations in the body
- ❖ Sensations of heat and cold

While these pass from generation to generation (sometimes skipping one), upon the death of the older family member, they can become active within the body and soul of the next generation from birth.

There are also systemic diseases that go from parents to children:

- ❖ Asthma
- ❖ Chronic airway disease in children and allergies
- ❖ High cholesterol
- ❖ Sugar diabetes
- ❖ Varicose veins
- ❖ Certain types of arthritis
- ❖ Certain blood diseases
- ❖ Certain cancers
- ❖ Porphyria

We also see some emotional conditions in this group:

- ❖ Anxiety
- ❖ Depression and heaviness
- ❖ Suicide
- ❖ Anger
- ❖ Manipulation

Deliverance from familiar spirits involves taking back the ground, not just walking the deliverance through.

They have begun their activity at birth and had a profound affect on the way the person thinks, acts and reacts (e.g. anger).

Renewing of the mind, **Rom 12:2** and taking back the ground.

Joel 2:25

It appears that children, who are born before the deliverance of their parents, manifest this activity early in years, on a limited basis.

At the age of puberty (age of accountability), the familial spirits have legal right to become more active. (Problems in adolescence are not just hormonal)

If parents are delivered of evil spirits while their children are younger than the age of accountability, they are set free immediately.

Demons will not pass into saved and delivered children at the death of their parents.

(i) (c) FREEMASONRY

Definition:

This is a philanthropic, benevolent, fraternal order of men who have bonded together under the Christian banner of "world brotherhood" for a common cause.

Freemasonry has a visible and an invisible society.

The visible society is a splendid camaraderie of free and accepted men enjoined to devote themselves to ethical, educational, fraternal, patriotic and humanitarian concerns.

The invisible society is a secret and most dignified fraternity of the elect, whose members are dedicated to the service of a mysterious secret, known only to them

The secret is a believe in Lucifer, also known as the devil and is kept from the overwhelming majority of its members.

They worship him and this is known as "the Luciferian doctrine."

There is a secret sign, a password and a handshake.

The initiation into Freemasonry is very similar to the initiation into witchcraft. (Witches – WICCA).

It is a wicked system of sworn deception, fraud and cunning craftiness from beginning to end.

Curses result from taking the oath in the first degree and demons enter in the "Entered Apprentice Degree".

Only at the 33rd degree do they proclaim that Lucifer is god.

Requirements:

Freemasonry is a religion - a universal religion.

It is a form of worship where all religions may unite.

It demands belief, has dogma, offers sacraments and promises salvation.

Christ, Buddha or Mohammed, the name of the one being worshipped means little, for the mason recognizes the light, not the bearer.

(1 John 2:23)

They worship at every shrine, bow before every altar whether in a temple, a mosque or a cathedral. They meet in a temple that has an altar.

They have their own bible that they say is a symbol of the volume of the sacred law and the will of God.

They call themselves "children of light" or of "the window".

Lucifer's name means "light".

Masons and their families come under a curse because of:

- ❖ Idolatry. (***Deut 11:26-28, 2 Kings 17:15-20***)
- ❖ They are handed over to the plunderer
- ❖ Rebellion, disobedience. (***Rom 1:18-23***)
- ❖ Self imposed curses from the vows that are made, (***Matt 12:36-37***)

They have three principal "moral witness"

- ❖ Faith in the great architect
- ❖ Hope in salvation
- ❖ Charitable work

The Spiritual symptoms:

These are often so clear that one can look at a family and know that there is a stronghold of Freemasonry in that family:

Apart from the physical symptoms common to most familial activity, one finds:

- ❖ Hardness of heart towards the things of the Lord.
- ❖ Those who do make a commitment struggle to grow, to read their bible, to pray, to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues.

- ❖ Marital strife: Adultery;
Divorces and
Difficulty for women to fall pregnant
- ❖ Homosexuality and lesbianism.
- ❖ Mental problems, from mild depression to insanity.
- ❖ Financial problems – poverty curse.
- ❖ Alcoholism.
- ❖ Pride that manifests as fits of rage – angry at the mention of masonry.
- ❖ Strokes;
- ❖ Cancers, and
- ❖ Multiple accidents.

To get out of it, all Masonic bibles, aprons, medals, badges, rings, white gloves, books and the suitcase must be destroyed by fire.
(Deut 7:25–26)

DOORWAYS TO DEMONIC INFILTRATION

5.(ii) OCCULT INVOLVEMENT

INTRODUCTION

We are all personally responsible for our attitudes, actions and reactions, because we all have choices to make. We cannot blame our parents or grandparents for the way things have turned out for us.

We must work out our salvation with fear and trembling. **Phil 2:12, Prov 1:23**

Along with freedom will come responsibility.

It is a false doctrine to teach of an instant and painless sanctification. To follow Jesus you must take up your cross, this is self-denial and crucifixion is a painful business.

Satan has grabbed this opportunity and built a stronghold in the minds of believers.

STRONGHOLD:

A stronghold is a way of thinking and feeling that has developed a life of its own within the person.

It is stronger than a habit, controlling and ruling; robbing one of free will and creating blurred vision, which will block out any teaching and light inspired by

God's Word that might contradict them. **(2 Cor 4:3-4)**

A stronghold in the mind is often a collection of thoughts that are in agreement with Satan's thoughts.

They are lies against what God has revealed about Himself or His children through His Word.

They are erected by a wounded soul - one whose needs have not been met, who has fears and humiliating memories to protect.

Many times lies are birthed from traumatic experiences that will keep truth out.

(2 Cor 10:4) "...the weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds."

We are told to pull down strongholds.
This we do with prayer and intercession.

Examples of strongholds are:

- ❖ Suspicion
- ❖ Doubt
- ❖ Independence
- ❖ False security
- ❖ Confusion
- ❖ Unforgiveness
- ❖ Fear
- ❖ Denial
- ❖ Self-indulgence

When a believer grasps this wrong doctrine of sanctification and a stronghold is built in his mind, he soon begins to live in denial and deception.

He now lives a double life, becoming a mask-wearer.

Read: Ex 20:1–5 and **1 Cor 10:14**. “Therefore my beloved flee from idolatry”

Two forms of idolatry:

- (i) Other gods take the place of the only true God – **Isa 45:21**.
- (ii) Those who have acknowledged false gods and who practice idolatry, have rejected the revelation of God available to them through creation.

In the old testament **Deut 13:12–17**, God told the Israelites over and over again to destroy everything and everybody, including the children in the land of Canaan. The Canaanites were worshippers of idols and practiced magical arts. Death was the only way to remove the influence and presence of the occult.

(a.) THE OCCULT

“That which is hidden” or the act of hiding something.

The occult seeks to alter a person’s consciousness level to make him aware of a supernatural dimension. The Lord does not look upon dabbling in occultism, as merely being deceived or cheated.

The greatest danger is that another power will invade your life and possession is possible.

Reasons for involvement:

- ❖ Wanting power over our own lives and/or the lives of others.
- ❖ Craving for guidance, counsel, advice or knowledge of the future.
- ❖ Seeking physical healing.
- ❖ Searching for protection because of fear of the unknown.

THERE ARE THREE BRANCHES OF THE OCCULT

(a.1) WITCHCRAFT

It is the power branch - Magic. (Counterfeit of God’s omnipotence)

1 Sam 15:23 “Rebellion is as the root of witchcraft”

Gal 5:19 Witchcraft is a work of the flesh.

Witchcraft is the natural religion of fallen man because he is a rebel.

It expresses itself in order to control people, using charms, fetishes, curses, potions, spells and / or incantations. The aim of all witchcraft is to control, using FEAR.

Fear of the unknown and fear of that which we cannot control.

The basis of all witchcraft is magic. No magic is innocent or fun, it is always sin. This includes:

- ❖ Black & white magic
- ❖ Forms of acupuncture
- ❖ Hypnosis
- ❖ Levitation
- ❖ Mind control
- ❖ Table tapping
- ❖ Psychic healing
- ❖ Iridology
- ❖ Charming away of warts
- ❖ Martial arts. (“Amid Buda”)

White magic = manipulation.

Black magic = this is sorcery and is destructive.

Here the intent is evil.

Sorcery is never for others, but against them for the sole gain of the sorcerer. He can send spirits to afflict his enemies!

(a.2) DIVINATION

It is the knowledge branch – supernatural knowledge of the future.
(Counterfeit of God’s omniscience)

Lev 19:26 “You shall not practice divination or soothsaying”

This includes:

- ❖ Astrology
- ❖ Automatic writing
- ❖ Crystal balls
- ❖ Colour therapy
- ❖ Pendulum
- ❖ Tarot cards
- ❖ Handwriting analysis
- ❖ Horoscopes
- ❖ Palm reading and tea-cup reading
- ❖ Séances
- ❖ Forms of homeopathy
- ❖ Dream interpretation

All False Religions:

- ❖ Islam and all Eastern Religions
- ❖ Hare Krishna
- ❖ Christian Science
- ❖ New Age
- ❖ Kaballah
- ❖ Mormonism
- ❖ Scientology
- ❖ Moonies
- ❖ Spiritualists
- ❖ Transcendental Meditation

(a.3) SORCERY

(Counterfeit of God's omnipresence.)

It operates through physical objects or through ways of impacting the physical senses e.g. drugs, music.

- ❖ Drugs are the first step into the world of the mystical experiences.
- ❖ All the physical objects used in the worship of idols, in false religions, cults or satanic practices.
- ❖ All objects of expression of superstition:
 - Lucky charms and symbols
 - Horse-shoes
 - Saints
 - Amulets
 - Ankhs
 - Birthstones
 - Drugs
 - Heavy metal and rock music
 - Pagan fetishes
 - Zodiac signs
 - Hex signs
 - Voodoo dolls
 - Pentagrams
 - African masks
 - Most beadwork

All these "occult gifts" focus on the mind. True gifts of the Holy Spirit focus on the Spirit. **(1 Cor 12:1-11)**

There is always a measure of the giver that is given with the gift. There is no such thing as innocent participation, nor can you read and study these things without being poisoned – spiritual suicide. How you decorate your home is usually an indication of spiritual problems.

(Deut 7:25–26)

In the Old Testament the only solution was death.

Nothing has changed; death of the old man must take place with the atoning blood of Jesus Christ. There must be a New Birth, the curses must be dealt with and the land that was given to Satan, taken back.

RENOUNCING SHUTS THE DOOR - IT DEALS WITH THE PAST, TAKING AWAY THE DEVIL'S POWER.

DELIVERANCE DEALS WITH DEMONS AND IS FOR THE FUTURE.

HOW DOES AN OCCULTIC ROOT PRESENT ITSELF?

1. SPIRITUAL BLOCKAGE:

- ❖ Difficulty in receiving the gospel. **(2 Cor 4:3–4)**
- ❖ Rebellion against all authority. **(Rom 13:1–4)**
- ❖ Inability to read the Bible, pray or enter into worship
- ❖ Problems with speaking in other tongues

2. PHYSICAL SYMPTOMS:

- ❖ Nervous disorders
- ❖ Learning problems
- ❖ Fears / nightmares / disturbed sleep / insomnia

- ❖ Recurring accidents

3. EMOTIONAL INSTABILITY:

- ❖ Tempers / anger / hatred / cursing
- ❖ Depression
- ❖ Abnormal sexual behaviour in children
- ❖ Mood swings and hardness of heart

4. MENTAL PROBLEMS:

- ❖ Confusion and lack of concentration
- ❖ Learning problems – slow learner
- ❖ Lustful thoughts and perversion
- ❖ Mental illness, inner voices, fear
- ❖ Panic attacks and suicidal thoughts. (**2 Tim 1:7; Rom 8:15**)

The end of those who exercise occult influences, and never get out of it is:

- ❖ Suicide
- ❖ Fatal accidents
- ❖ Psychoses or horrible deathbed scenes

From the above we can see that:

- ❖ Drugs
- ❖ Alcohol abuse
- ❖ Rebellion
- ❖ Pornography

- ❖ Sexual sin
- ❖ Heavy metal / rock music, which will promote rebellion, can be involved
- ❖ A financial drain can also be noted

Occultic involvement will affect the generations thereafter.

Blessings are also for a thousand generations. (**Prov 13:22;**
Deut 7:9)

SOURCES OF OCCULTIC ROOTS / PSHYCHIC PATHWAYS:

- ❖ Heredity / Inheritance : passing from generation to generation.
- ❖ Personal occult experiments / dabbling.
- ❖ Transference from a medium.
- ❖ Transference from sexual intercourse with a person involved in the occult.
- ❖ Computer and television games with occult overtones.
- ❖ Selling your soul to the devil by following the counterfeit.

(b) SATANISM

Eph 6:11-12

In general:

Working with people in the occult is not easy.

- ❖ They would like someone to fight for them, and provide an escape for them.

- ❖ They get into the occult because they can gain a lot without having to work.
- ❖ A lot of them pretend to be ex-Satanists, or to be involved, or to have been ritualistically abused as a child - attention seekers.

The following should be noted:

- ❖ People who come out of Satanism, are ruled by FEAR.
- ❖ This is Satan's no. 1 tool – they also lie, and are accomplished actors.
- ❖ It takes much love, patience and endurance on our behalf to help them.
- ❖ They all suffer from rejection
- ❖ A lot of people coming out of Satanism suffer from amnesia. It usually takes more than a year to stabilize and only then their memory will come back.

TYPES OF SATANISM:

There is no law prohibiting the practice of Satanism or witchcraft, it is only the crime related to it that is investigated.

1. Dabbers

These have had their curiosity aroused through games, literature and TV. They decorate walls with graffiti and desecrate tombstones'

2. Self-styled Satanism

Teenagers who make up their own version of Satanism. They use a satanic bible or "Book of Magic", write song lyrics, They have their own ideas.

3. Organized Satanism

Church of Satan. They have guidelines, doctrines, and membership qualifications.

4. Cult Satanist

Extremely secretive (underground).

A cloak of respectability hides the criminal activity from child pornography, drug trafficking, kidnapping to human sacrifice.

Who is vulnerable?

The leaders of this organization are natural born leaders.

They draw children who are from the opposite ends of the spectrum.

These children usually have a low self-esteem and come from broken homes and are easily influenced.

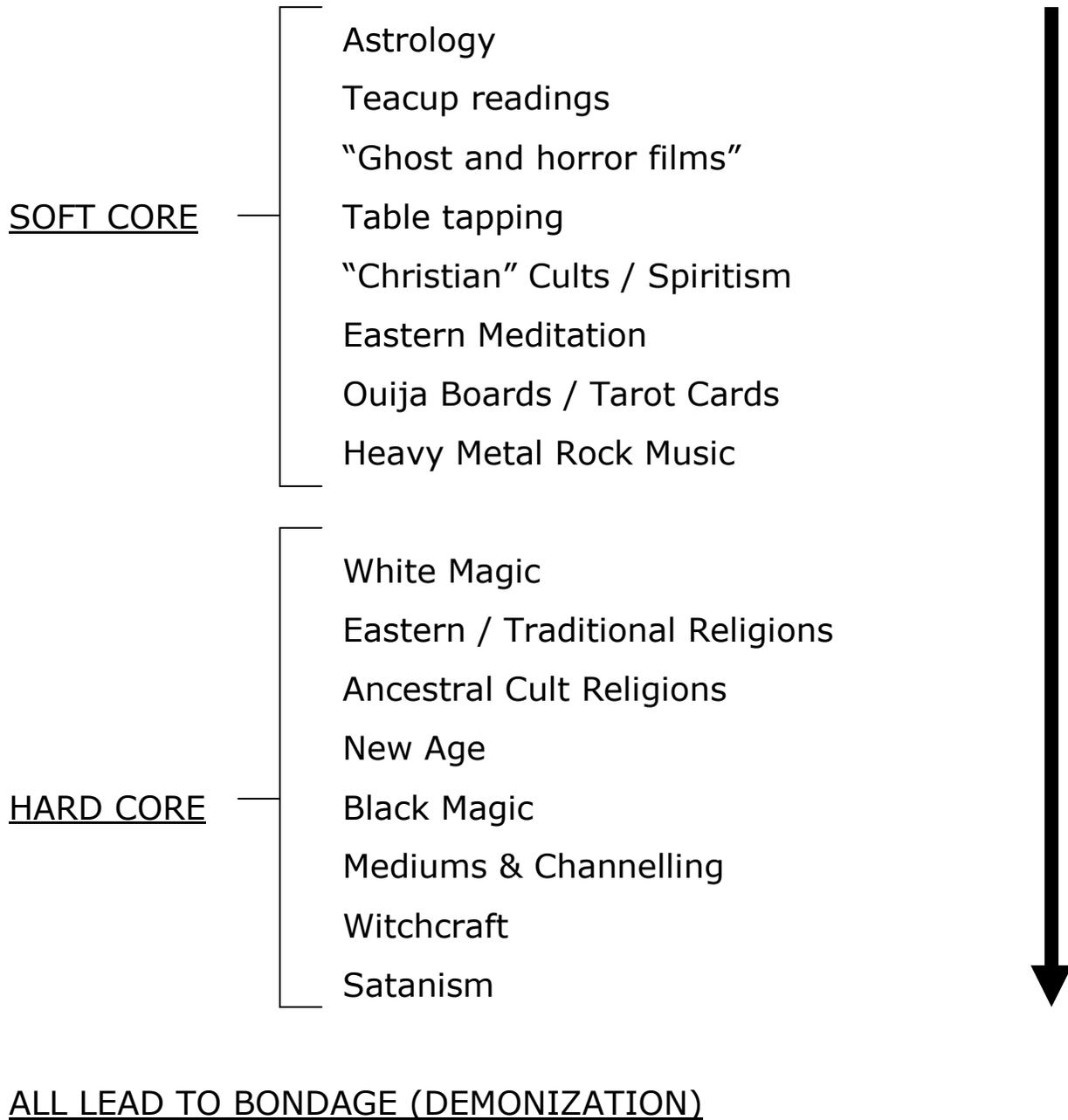
When are they vulnerable?

- ❖ The first year away from home
- ❖ Retrenchment
- ❖ Job change
- ❖ The year after graduation
- ❖ A sudden family death or accident
- ❖ Break up of a relationship
- ❖ Lonely times

Recruitments can be anywhere!

PROGRESSIVE LEVELS OF BONDAGE THROUGH OCCULTISM

(Dr. Ed Murphy)



5.(iii) REBELLION

1 Sam 15:23 "Rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft".

Man is born a rebel and is unaware that he is one.

Christ came to make worshippers out of rebels, for we were created to worship the living God.

Pride and rebellion in man wants to make himself independent of God.

Rebellion is not listening to God and not obeying Him.

The Lord trusts us to act as He would in our everyday lives.

The clearness of listening is a work of grace.

We have simple trust in the goodness of God, which enables a man to be a fool for God.

If we do not obey God's Word or do not listen to His voice, we are rebelling.

When there has been a lifetime of rebellion, hardened unbelief, a life of sin and the refusal of God's love and grace, judgement will fall.

Being handed over to the flesh is God's judgement on rebellion.

(Gal 5:16-21)

The way a teenager responds to his parent's authority will soon be the way he responds to God's authority.

(i.) CAUSES OF REBELLION:

1. Evil spirit (**Prov 17:11**)
2. Pride - stubbornness, and arrogance (**Ps 66:7c**)
3. Selfishness (**Isa 1:23**)
4. Wounded spirit – hand in hand with rejection (**Heb 12:13-14**)
(Hurt, resentment, bitterness, hatred and rebellion)

(ii.) CONSEQUENCES OF REBELLION:

1. **Rom .2:5** (Hardness of heart from a long course of rebellion)
2. **Ps 107:11–12** (God broke them into hard labour)
3. **Isa 59:6–13** (Oppressed by enemies)
4. **Neh 9:26–27** (Delivered them into the hand of the enemy)
5. **Prov 17:11** (A cruel messenger will be sent against him)

(iii.) ORIGIN OF REBELLION:

Rebellion began in heaven - Lucifer. (**Ezek 38, Isa 14**)

He fell because every word in his heart was in opposition to God, the five "I wills", shows us that. These "I wills" are the cry of the rebel seeking to move out of dependence on God, to complete independence.

This step started sin in the human heart. This one sin was to lead to all sins.

(iv.) WHAT IS SIN?

Sin is an evil thing against the Lord, and it has many sides and ramifications.

It is like a disease with numberless complications, and any one of them can kill the patient.

Rebellion begins in the heart. (**Gen 8:21; Ps 36:2–4**)

- ❖ (**Rom 14:23** "Whatever is not from faith, is sin" Faith is a total reliance upon God alone and obedience to His work.
- ❖ (**Jer 17:9**) "The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked, who can know it?"
- ❖ Independent Christians walk in the flesh.

- ❖ **(Rom 7:18)** “No good thing wells in the flesh”. The flesh is all that a person is without Christ. The “ Self” rules, hiding the face of God from us.
- ❖ **(Rom 8:7–8)** The flesh is in rebellion towards God – it cannot please God.
- ❖ **(Rom 6:6)** The flesh must be crucified. We must apply the cross to our fleshy nature. No crucifixion is painless, but the result is glorious.

SOLUTION: **Rom 6:1–14, Gal 2:20** (the heart of the gospel)

The cross of Christ deals with the sinful nature,

The blood of Christ deals with the sin

5.(iv) ADDICTIONS

- ❖ When there is a root of rebellion or witchcraft, we will often find compulsive and addictive behaviour.
- ❖ This will pass down to generations if not appropriated with the cross of Jesus.
- ❖ An addiction is a controlling need or desire for a substance, object or behaviour because it gives you a gratifying reaction.
- ❖ It can relax you, excite you, relieve you of frustration or satisfy you although you would deny it controls you.
- ❖ These are sinful choices that have been allowed to dominate our actions and our thinking. **(Rom 6:16)**

Addictions are escape mechanisms.

They stem from a desire to escape painful and difficult circumstances.
They are an overwhelming urge to fill emptiness with:

An object (food, alcohol)

Or a person (sex, co-dependency)

Addictions come in many forms

- ❖ Cigarettes
- ❖ Alcohol
- ❖ Drugs
- ❖ Nail biting
- ❖ Cough mixtures
- ❖ Glue
- ❖ Diet pills
- ❖ Shopping
- ❖ Gambling
- ❖ Work
- ❖ Exercise
- ❖ Romantic or erotic novels
- ❖ Sex and pornography

Gluttony or an addiction to food: is a habitual greed, an excessively greedy eater.

God's Word denounces gluttony and equates it with stubbornness (**Deut 21:20**) and with rebellion and drunkenness. (**Prov 23:21**)

All addictions began with wrong thoughts!

Our dependence must be on Jesus Christ alone and not on any addiction.

All addictions fall under the Principality of Bacchus.

To cast them out you should address the principality, not the alcohol or nicotine.

If you cast out one part e.g. smoking, they will start eating – you are just feeding the demons another diet.

5.(v) JEZEBEL SPIRIT

The spirit of Jezebel enters a family situation wherever God's order of authority is either not known, or ignored.

God's order is simple: Authority of man is Christ
 Authority of woman is man
 Authority of Christ is God. (**1 Cor 11:3**)

Isa 3:12 is the result of a woman in control = chaos.

THE MATCH BOX

The abuse of authority is:

- ❖ To take authority by illegal means of manipulation or domination.
- ❖ Or to function in the realm of authority that God did not delegate.

It operates to confuse the proper roles of man and woman.

1 Kings 16: Ahab abdicates authority and Jezebel usurps it.

The Ahab spirit causes a man to forsake his responsibilities as the head of the household.

He will refuse to take the spiritual leadership and often will not take responsibility for working to make a living for his wife and children.

A man must provide both spiritual and material security for his family.

If he cannot or will not, God is displeased.

Men like this are drawn to Jezebellic women, because they appear tough and hard.

When a woman is forced into headship of the family, she is put in a position for which God has not fitted her in body, soul and spirit.

1 Peter 3:7 – She is the weaker vessel.

When you have a weak husband, an earthly and natural reaction is to take authority from necessity. Because she is not designed mentally, physically or spiritually to wield authority, her actions soon become sensual.

A woman's limitations force her to connive and manipulate to control, so she resorts to tears, anger and pouting or false illness.

In the area of the disciplining of children, the Jezebellic influence is often noticeable.

- ❖ Bribery, manipulation and trickery are used to obtain obedience
- ❖ Strong emotions: with fits of rage and storms of weeping
- ❖ The family comes under a control spirit
- ❖ Days or weeks of cruel silence. A "no speak" situation is common
- ❖ Children will live in constant tension, stress, insecurity, frustration & fear
- ❖ They will either become rebellious or turn inward and become "nothing and nobodies" - without character

- ❖ When their sons marry, they bring this into their homes and will try to suppress their wives' personalities or they develop an Ahab spirit, which is passive

This spirit affects men and women, but the worst extremes are found in women.

If your husband is not taking his place, be and do rather than talk the way of God. **(Ps 37:4,5; 1 Peter 3:1-2)**

5.(vi) SEXUAL SIN

Sexual intercourse is not an evil thing in the frame of reference intended by God. It becomes a spiritual and sexual experience and is meant to fulfil both man and woman. Procreation of children is a blessed by-product, but it is by no means the only reason for sex. God created man and woman to enjoy each other intimately.

(Prov.5:18)

Many people today are unaware of, or are indifferent to the condemnation God's Word brings against ALL sexual perversion.

Perversion means: to persist in error, wayward, twisted, turn aside from its proper use. When there are wounds in our soul, we are more prone to sexual sin.

WOUNDS THAT ARE COMMON TO ALL SEXUAL SINFULNESS:

1. Lack of consistent parental nurture and discipline.
2. Lack of parent teaching and good role models.
3. Early sexual experiences badly handled by parents, and/or family.

4. Sexual sin in the ancestral heritage.
5. Childhood experiences and influences among family and neighbours.

In today's marriages we are finding that "marriage breaking spirits" operate more in men than women, because of society influences.

IDOLATRY LEADS TO IMMORALITY.

Man worships the creation rather than the Creator.

This rebellion results in illicit sex between man and woman, thus destroying the marriage relationship and undermining the structure of the home.

TEMPTATION VS SIN:

If the thought to sin never occurred, there would be no temptation.

God does not stop temptation, but will make an escape or a way to overcome it. **(1 Cor 10:13)**

PERVERSE SPIRIT

1. Fornication:

Illicit sex between unmarried persons.

2. Adultery:

Voluntary sexual intercourse between a married person and someone who is not their legitimate mate. This is a work of the flesh!

3. Effeminate:

Refers to homosexual man and lesbianism – carnal copulation with a member of the same sex.

HOMOSEXUAL BONDAGE:

1. Not biological determinism that makes one a homosexual.
Relates to emotions and choices.
2. Many homosexuals come from dysfunctional families.
3. Most are victims of psychological and/or sexual abuse.
4. Often the psychological abuse is in the area of gender manipulation by a parent causing gender confusion in the child.
5. The sexual abuse of children over a period of time either heterosexual or homosexual, has no set predictable results, except one: 76% will have sexual problems later in life.
6. Homosexual activity will always lead to demonic bondage.

People who are:

- ❖ Tormented by filthy memories, words, or have voices coming into their minds
- ❖ Or are constantly undressing others with their eyes
- ❖ Or are a masturbator, fornicator, homosexual or a lesbian
- ❖ Have opened the doors to many evil spirits

CURSES:

All who are involved in fornication, adultery and sexual sin, have opened themselves to curses.

The curse of whoredom will interfere with marriage because the person is captive to some degree to whoredom, sexuality and seduction.

Seducing spirits specialize in temptation.

Our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit, and Satan wants to destroy them.

Sexual sin is the only sin within the body.

Committing adultery will destroy your soul.

These curses will open one up to: disgrace, wounding, and lack of discipline and wasted, tormented years.

Whoredom – unfaithful to Christ, gives love to another, the act of leaving God's covering, backslidden Christians. (***Ezek 16:15***)

It includes love of:

- ❖ The world (***2 Tim 4:10***)
- ❖ Position, social standing (***Matt 23:2-15***)
- ❖ Money (***1 Tim 6:10***)
- ❖ Food (***Rom 16:18, 1 Cor 6:13-15, Phil 3:19***)
- ❖ The body (all forms of sexual sin)

There are curses upon the following:

- ❖ People who practice incest or sodomy (***Deut 27:21-23***)
- ❖ Adulterous woman (***Num 5:27***)

- ❖ People who practice bestiality (**Ex 22:19**)
- ❖ Adulterers (**Job 24:15–18, Deut 22:22–27**)
- ❖ Fornicators (virgins) (**Deut 22:13–21**)
- ❖ Homosexuals and lesbians (**Lev 20:13**)
- ❖ Those who practice oral/anal sex (**Gen 19:13, 24, 25**)
- ❖ Illegitimate children (**Deut 23:2**)

ABORTION

Unprotected sex will produce children.

When a woman finds that she has conceived, she is either overjoyed at the prospect of being a mother, or she is in fear and anxiety, especially if the conception has taken place outside the bounds of marriage.

When confronted with this, she may resort to abortion.

When an abortion is attempted, but does not succeed, the child will suffer from the fear of rejection from the womb and a fear of life and death.

If the abortion was a success the mother receives a spirit of murder and guilt.

No matter how a pregnancy is ended, whether by involuntary or deliberate means, the children who are born subsequently are likely to have a spirit of death and fear.

This is because they will have spent nine months (forty weeks) in the same womb where life has ended in death.

The spirit of death and fear may cause retarded emotional development, fears, bad nightmares, a fascination with death and later in life, thoughts of suicide.

6. SOUL TIES:

A soul tie is formed when two or more persons become bonded together.

Some soul ties are for good or are holy, whilst others are profane or evil.

GOOD SOUL TIES

- ❖ Friends
- ❖ Christian brother / sister
- ❖ Father and son
- ❖ Marriage

God has created a woman that her soul fastens onto the first man who enters her in sexual intercourse. She will never forget that union but from then on, though her mind will forget him, her spirit seeks to find and fulfil him, to comfort him and to bear his children. If she has sexual intercourse with another and another, her soul will be scattered.

A man is likely to bond with the first woman he enters, to care for her, to protect her, to provide for her all his days. His spirit cannot forget the union or any successive union and his soul too will be scattered.

Divorce rends apart the soul tie, which God has created, hence the trauma and sorrow in divorce.

DEMONIC SOUL TIES

1. Soul ties with the world:

As Christians we are forbidden to have such ties.

The world is: Lust of the flesh

Lust of the eye Pride of life.

(Rom.12:2) "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind".

2. Immorality:

- ❖ Through sexual relationships outside of marriage, demonic soul ties are forged.
- ❖ Become one flesh, which God purposed solely for marriage.
- ❖ Through adultery an evil soul tie is created in lust.
- ❖ The soul is scattered when there have been many sexual relationships.

3. Perverted family ties:

These are close family ties that continue into the adult life of the child. The "apron strings" must be cut.

The soul tie between parent and adult offspring must be severed.

4. Soul ties with the dead:

- ❖ When a family member or close friend dies, the soul tie formed with that person, must be dissolved.
- ❖ They are no longer husband and wife, and never will be again.
- ❖ Prolonged mourning indicates the continuation of the soul tie, which invites spirits of sorrow, grief and loneliness to come in.

7. CURSES:

Do failure and frustration seem to be your lot in life?

Is your life characterized by continual setbacks and misfortune?

Does it appear as though no matter what you do in life, you cannot seem to obtain the blessings of the Lord?

Often the most frustrating thing about this whole scenario is the fact that you are a believer and love the Lord.

Is it possible for a born-again believer to still be living under a curse?

Deut 28 from verse 13 “The Lord will make you the head, not the tail.

If you pay attention to the commands of the Lord your God that I give you this day and carefully follow them, you will always be at the top, never at the bottom.

Do not turn aside from any of the commands I give you today, to the right or to the left, following other gods and serving them.

Verse 15: However, if you do not obey the Lord your God and do not carefully follow all his commands and decrees I am giving you today, all these curses will come upon you and overtake you:

16: You will be cursed in the city and cursed in the country

17: Your basket and your kneading trough will be cursed.

18: The fruit of your womb will be cursed...”

When our ways are contrary to the ways of God, we will end up in trouble.

There is always a cause for a curse. Curses cannot affect our lives for no reason. The cause of a curse is iniquity.

Iniquity is perversion, deviating from what is right.

God's standard of right is His Word. When we disobey His Word and deviate from it, we open the door for the curse to enter.

The curse affects not only us, but our descendants as well.

The curse will continue down the bloodline until it is stopped by repentance and by appropriating by faith, the redemption provided by Christ through the Cross.

Iniquity of any kind brings curses upon us. There are different forms:

Sexual sin: if you fall into:

- ❖ Adultery
- ❖ Fornication
- ❖ Homosexuality and lesbianism
- ❖ Molestation and rape

Financial: if you are involved in:

- ❖ The misuse of money
- ❖ Unjust gain
- ❖ Cheating
- ❖ Gambling
- ❖ Bribes
- ❖ Crooked means of obtaining money
- ❖ Covetousness

Religious reasons: if you are in:

- ❖ Idolatry
- ❖ Worshipping idols
- ❖ Ancestral worship
- ❖ Oaths and pledges to idol gods

Spiritual reasons: involved in:

- ❖ Witchcraft
- ❖ Voodoo
- ❖ Sorcery
- ❖ Divination
- ❖ The occult

Behavioural: if you are in:

- ❖ Pride
- ❖ Rebellion
- ❖ Drunkenness
- ❖ Murder
- ❖ Abuse
- ❖ Ungodly conduct

Familial reasons:

- ❖ Men not taking leadership
- ❖ Dominating females
- ❖ Rebellious children

Perverse speech:

- ❖ Spoken curses
- ❖ Vexes and spells
- ❖ Lying
- ❖ Blasphemy and slander

Statements such as these, can be a sign of a curse at work:

- ❖ I seem to take one step forward and two steps backward.
- ❖ Nothing ever seems to work out for me.
- ❖ I never can seem to get ahead.
- ❖ I knew something bad would happen.
- ❖ If it were not for bad luck, I wouldn't have any luck at all
- ❖ This always happens to me.
- ❖ It happened to my parents, and now it is happening to me.

INDICATIONS OR SYMPTOMS OF CURSES:

❖ Chronic financial Problems:

- A history of debt
- Bankruptcy
- Poverty
- Unexpected bills
- Losing money
- Car breakdowns
- Loss to theft

❖ **Chronic Sickness and Disease:**

- Sickness from childhood that persist through life
- Infirmities that will not respond to medication
- Sugar diabetes
- Asthma
- Certain cancers
- Blood diseases
- Allergies
- Allergic skin reactions

❖ **Female problems:** This curse affects the area of reproductivity.

- Barrenness
- Repeated miscarriages
- Tumours and growths in female organs
- Still born

❖ **Accident-Prone:**

- Frequent and continuous accidents
- Falling down stairs
- Breaking the same leg/arm more than once
- Choking on food

❖ **Marital Problems:**

- Divorce, (Parents also had marital problems)

❖ **Premature Death:**

- History of suicides
- Car accidents

❖ **Mental Problems:**

- Madness
- Insanity
- Confusion
- Mental and nervous breakdowns
- Schizophrenia

❖ **Abuse:**

- Physical abuse and beatings
- Robberies
- Abusive marriages
- Sexual abuse or rape
- Verbal abuse

❖ **Vagabondism:**

- People who move and wander from place to place, city to city, job to job, without ever getting on track or having a sense of direction. They just never settle down.

8. CIRCUMSTANCES THAT CAN LEAD TO PROBLEMS:

- ❖ Bitterness and unforgivingness:
- ❖ Rejection:
It includes a denial of love, of not being approved of or accepted, refusal, to be turned down, given the cold shoulder, neglected, ignored or disappointed.
- ❖ Fear
- ❖ Pride
- ❖ Criticism
- ❖ Racism
- ❖ Jealousy
- ❖ Indecision
- ❖ Perfectionism
- ❖ Inferiority
- ❖ Insecurity
- ❖ Guilty feelings

(i.) Rejection – Healing of Bruises and Wounds

The greatest undiagnosed, therefore untreated malady within the body of Christ today is rejection. Nobody can go through life without experiencing rejection in some form or another. The rejection includes a denial of love, of not being approved of or accepted, refusal, denial, rebuff, to be turned down, repelled, given the cold shoulder, neglected, ignored or disappointed. Rejection causes a wound to the soul, which if unresolved, can

cause abnormalities within one's personality. These folk are prone to becoming peculiar and have unstable behaviour, attitudes and opinions. As time goes on physical infirmities can emerge out of the emotional stress of one's rejection known as psychosomatic illness.

As rejection occurs, our reaction to it will either release us or hold us in bondage to people and eventually a demonic root will be established.

Scripture shows us that our souls and spirit can become wounded, sick, bound-up, fall asleep and be crushed. Prov 15:13.

Sick - **2 Cor 7:1**

Ps 41:4 – Healing of the Soul

Bound up-**Ps 88**

Ps 23:3 – Restoring the Soul

Asleep -**Isa 56:10,29:10 Ps 147:3** – Heals the broken-hearted

(a.) As Christians we need to have the following reactions to ongoing rejection

- ❖ **Mark 11:25** We need to forgive so that we can be forgiven
- ❖ **Eph 4:26,27,31,32** If we don't we open the door to Satan (Unchecked anger)
- ❖ **Matt 5:43-45a** If you exercise forgiveness you are a child of God, love your enemies

- ❖ **John 3:10** Anyone who does not show love, including forgiveness is a child of the devil.
- ❖ Satan hates love; his kingdom is founded on fear, control and all evil.

(b.) Rejection is a three pronged root

- ❖ **Root of Rejection** This comes down the blood line from generation to generation
- ❖ **Fear of Rejection** This is a bad reaction to rejection, we go through life building walls to protect ourselves
- ❖ **Self Rejection** The building of personalities that are demonically inspired which will be acceptable to others

(c.) Two Main reactions to rejection

- ❖ **Rebellious Reaction**
These people are basically aggressive people who are ruled by a spirit of pride. They are capable of hurting others, either verbally or physically and have flight swings into sports, work, study, art or social rebellion.
- ❖ **Fearful Reaction**
These people are basically passive, ruled by a spirit of unbelief or misbelieve. They are capable of hurting themselves and are prone to suicidal thoughts.

- ❖ Mental suicide – Drugs/alcohol abuse, false philosophies **2 Cor 10:5, Col 2:8**
- ❖ Moral suicide – Sexuality **Gal 6:7**
- ❖ Spiritual suicide – Occult involvement **Deut 12:30**
- ❖ Physical suicide – Anorexia, Depression, Psychosomatic illness, Death **Heb 9:27**

Their flight swing are into fantasy, alcohol, drugs, sex, food, smoking and withdrawal from society. There is a lot of self-hatred.

(d.) Reasons why people suffer from rejection

Satan can only operate where he has legal right (Open doors through sin)

- ❖ Curses due to the ancestors **Ex 20:4-5, Deut 30:19**
- ❖ Parents negative attitudes to the child
- ❖ Addictive behaviour and/or habits.

(e.) Rejection from the womb

Ps 27:10 – “When my family and mother forsake me, then the Lord will take care of me”

Ps 68:5-6

Both parents can communicate rejection to an unborn child. The mother also passes down to the child what she already has – root.

All adopted children have a sense of being unwanted.

A child conceived in lust (Rape, incest, unmarried parents) will receive the spirit of lust, which will follow that child

through life. (Masturbation will manifest at an early age) May manifest as an aversion to sex, unhealthy attitude in adulthood.

A child born out of wedlock is cursed for ten generations.

Deut 23:2 Manifest as deep shame, lack of belonging.

The preference of particular sex and the opposite being born causes a spirit to attack and the baby feels unwanted. Boys can grow up to be effeminate and girls could be masculine – sexual identification problems.

Spirit of alcohol, nicotine and drugs transfer from an unsaved mother to the child she is carrying. May manifest as a predisposition to severe anxiety.

Children born into an atmosphere of strife or where there is no love and where the marriage is on the verge of a divorce will have problems with their bones. This may show up at an early age (Growing pains)

An unwanted conception. May manifest as guilt “for being”

Intrusion into the parents plans. (Too soon after marriage, last child)

Too close to the birth of the last child

Financial strain, “accident” – “I” am a burden

Fear of the birth of fear of pain.

(f.) Rejection at the birth

This will in a constant desire for physical love and an assurance of self worth

Physical problems - Born too quickly, hairlip, deformity

Victim of circumstance - No bonding (instrument birth, caesarean, exhaustion)

- Left with others
- Adoption
- Death of a parent
- Divorce
- Rivalry (one sibling needing attention due to illness)

(g.) Rejection during the childhood years

Victim of abuse

- Verbal
- Physical **Prov 13:24, 29:5**
- Sexual (Fondling, sodomy, incest, rape)

This will result in

- Hatred of man
- Fear of man
- Distrust of man
- Guilt and shame

Peer rejection (name calling)

Rejection from teachers/authority figures

Parent rejection – sent to a bondage school “we can’t cope with you”

Racial minority

Speech difficulties – hair lip, stutter, lisp

Destruction of family home by fire or some natural disaster

Family member convicted of a serial crime

Children left to their own resources because of parent's working hours

Separation/divorce of parents early in life

This displays the same reaction as the death of a parent

A divorce situation in the childhood years can cause the following:

Rage comes from suppressed hurt, which may be internalised or externalised

Internalising predisposes to emotional illness while externalising may lead to social illness. Temper tantrums in early childhood may be replaced with episodes of crime and violence later in life.

When the hurt of separation becomes unbearable, the child goes into **denial** and begins to **fantasize**. This may lead to self-deception as well as one of the many personality disorders.

Reunion – The child makes reunion attempts persistently which lead to relationship disorders later in life. He usually smothers his friends through **possessive behaviour**.

Feelings of guilt may be real or false and the child will feel undeserving, unworthy, inferior and even unloved. Behaviour problems may begin and without the proper discipline **rebellion** sets in.

Children coming out of a divorce feel that they are to blame and need deliverance from guilt.

(h.) Rejection in adults

- ❖ No dating, ditched, broken relationships
- ❖ Work related rejection – job too big, not qualified etc.
- ❖ Marriage rejection
 - Separation, divorce, unfaithfulness
 - When one partner walks out a spirit of abandonment of love” moves in
 - Sexual rejection **1 Cor 7:3-6** – no authority over own body
 - Verbal, physical, sexual abuse by the spouse
 - Incompatible religious ideologies, one partner is forced to comply with the other
 - Bedridden, crippled or desperately ill through disease or accident
 - Retrenched or fire because of incompetence
 - Alcohol/drug abuse by a spouse

(ii.) Spirit of Fear

A lot of anxiety in early life opens the door to these spirits. Trauma and greater fear in a person’s life may allow tormenting demons in, keeping a person from maturing.

There are two spiritual laws that operate

Rom 8:2

- Law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death

In death

- We find fear, sin, sickness, death and suffering, worry and anxiety.

In life - We find faith, righteousness, healing and God given health, peace and love.

Before becoming a Christian most people have a fear of death. We need not fear death.

Heb 2:14-15 - Jesus destroyed the power of death...

As believers we must make a decision not to fear, we can choose which spiritual law will operate in our lives. **Ps 118:6** – I will not fear, what can man do to me.

We need to believe God, confess who we are in Christ, live a life of faith, praising God and praying in the spirit.

(iii.) Spirit of Pride

Pride is from the hell; it is Satan's poison

GOD HATES PRIDE:

Lev 26:19 - Break the pride of your power

Job 33:17 - God conceals pride from man

Ps 73:1-6 - Pride results from prosperity

Prov 29:23 - Pride brings a man low

Prov 13:10 - Pride comes with contention

Prov 11:2 - After pride comes shame

Pride is rooted in rejection and rebellion. One will react with perfectionism as they try to perfect themselves to achieve carnal goals. (Having things just as they want them) They will begin to puff up with pride, having an opinion of themselves,

exaggerated self-esteem, conceit, haughty behaviour, arrogance, delight or satisfaction in their own achievement. Vanity will follow. God hates this!

Fruit of Pride

Self-centredness	- 1 Peter 4:10
Demanding own way	- Phil 2:14
Superior attitude	- Rom 12:16
Sarcasm	- James 3:8,14

A teachable spirit and a willingness to learn quickly from others is the greatest protection there is from the consequences of other people's sins against us.

God must be our source. When "I" becomes the source the legalism enters. We need to all root out any pride in our lives for the total destruction of Leviathan.

9. AUTHORITY

The basic issue in Spiritual warfare is that of Authority;

Perhaps for this reason, our Lord declared His absolute authority in heaven and earth and His continual presence with His disciples before he sent them out into world evangelism. ***Matt 28:18–20.***

1. A paraphrase of ***the Lord's promise in verse 19*** would be:

“ There exist powers, both cosmic (in heaven) and on earth, which will oppose you as you seek to carry out My redemptive mission.

“ Be of good cheer ”, He is affirming. “ I have been given absolute, total authority both in heaven over the cosmic beings who will oppose you and on earth over their human agents, who will resist you.

No authority is greater than My authority; I am the Lord over heaven and earth.

“Therefore, you can go and you will be able to make disciples of all the people groups among the nations of the earth.”

2. A paraphrase of ***our Lord's promise in verse 20 b*** would be:

“ I want to give you a further word of encouragement.

As you see, to fulfil my redemptive mandate, you will be successful.

Even though you will face power, evil cosmic and earthly power, which will oppose you and harass you, be of good cheer, I, your Lord and absolute Lord of this universe, will be with you, because by My Spirit, I will be within you, always, until the very end of this age of redemption.”

Finally, this is why Jesus gave total authority over all dimensions of evil supernaturalism to all His disciples, not just the twelve apostles.

Luke 10:1; & 17-19:

1. Verse 17: "In your Name" is the key.

- a) through identification with Him;
- b) through union with Him;
- c) through acting in total faith in His active, immediate every present power operating in and through our life and ministry;
- d) through being His representatives and His ambassadors, thus sharing His authority;
- e) through united intercession of committed believers.

2. Finally, we are assured of victory in warfare with evil supernaturalism.

3. But Jesus wants to put things in balance.

THE CHILD OF GOD HAS VICTORY:

1. He has the authority of the Lord's Name. **(Luke 10:17-19)**

2. He reigns with Christ over all Principalities and Powers
(Eph 1:19-2, 6)

3. He is protected by the Hedge of God **(Job 1: 10)**

And by angels of God **(Ps 34.7 & 91:1-13)**

4. He has the weapons of God which always defeat the enemy
(Rom 13:12; 2 Cor 6:7; Eph 6:10-20)

10. PRAYER OF DELIVERANCE

Heavenly Father, I repent of any sins in my life or my ancestors' lives that have resulted in a curse.

I repent of all disobedience, rebellion, perversion, witchcraft, idolatry, lust, adultery, fornication, mistreatment of others, murder, cheating, lying, sorcery, divination and occult involvement.

I ask for Your forgiveness and cleansing through the blood of Jesus Christ.

I take authority over and break every curse upon my life in the Name of Jesus.

I break all curses of poverty, debt, destruction, sickness, death, vagabondism.

I break all curses on my marriage, family, children and relationships.

I break all curses of rejection, pride, rebellion, hurt, rape, Ahab, Jezebel, fear, insanity, madness and confusion.

I break all curses affecting my finances, mind, sexual character, and emotions, will.

I break every hex, spell and jinx and spoken curse over my life.

I break every shackle, chain, cord, habit and cycle that is the result of a curse.

I exercise my faith in the blood of Jesus Christ and loose myself and my descendents from any and every curse.

I claim forgiveness through the blood of Jesus Christ for the sins of the fathers.

I confess: I am not cursed, but blessed.

I am the head and not the tail. I am above and not beneath.

I am blessed coming in and blessed going out.

I am blessed, and what God has blessed, cannot be cursed.

I command all spirits of rejection, hurt, bitterness, unforgiveness, bondage, torment, death, fear, lust, mind control, witchcraft, double-mindedness, sickness, infirmity, pain, divorce, separation, strife, contention, depression, anxiety, sadness, loneliness, self-pity, self-destruction, self-rejection, anger, rage, wrath, abuse and addiction to come out in the Name of Jesus Christ.

Lord, I thank You for setting me free from every curse and every spirit that has operated in my life as the result of a curse.

Amen.