

HOW TO BE DELIVERED FROM BEING POSSESSED WITH DEVILS

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The Holy Bible:

"How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him."

- Acts 10:38

DEVILS

Devils still exist today as they did when Jesus walked this earth

There are over 100 verses in the Gospels where Jesus cast out devils or unclean spirits

This makes them of significant interest

They should not be ignored

They can inhabit a human body

WHAT THEY DO

They bring temptation to sin

They cause quarrelling and strife

Create confusion and warring

Division

Hatred

Prevent a person receiving the Holy Spirit

Can sometimes bring in a train of other negatives: chronic relationship problems, physical ailments, money problems, madness

Jesus came to remove all these, and he has given us his name

HOW TO CAST OUT DEVILS

Jesus commissioned his twelve disciples and subsequent followers to cast out devils

Not by screaming and shouting

Not by binding demons by name

Not by speaking in tongues

By the Word of God only

This is the King James Bible (for English speakers)

All other versions have verses missing, remove the name of Jesus in many places, and downgrade critical verses

By reading the King James bible daily, it helps keep devils away

By reading large amounts daily and prayerfully we overcome sin and all the various demonic manifestations: strife, warring, problems in the body etc.

Also by the gospel of holiness (eg. Charles Finney)

We can also dislodge some of the more chronic problems by adding fasting and prayer

The First Case

The first case we see of Jesus encountering an unclean spirit or devil, is in the synagogue

Mark 1:23 And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out,

Mark 1:24 Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God.

Mark 1:25 And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him.

Mark 1:26 And when the unclean spirit had torn him, and cried with a loud voice, he came out of him.

Mark 1:27 And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this? what new doctrine is this? for with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him.

Mark 1:28 And immediately his fame spread abroad throughout all the region round about Galilee.

Jesus deals with this devil not by wrestling or by spiritual warfare, but by sternly telling the devil to keep quiet and to leave. In fact, he was famous for that sort of thing.

THE HEART OF JESUS' MINISTRY

We see people possessed with devils. This is where a devil inhabits a person and afflicts them. Right from the beginning (after his baptism) he healed them.

Matthew 4:24 And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatic, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.

We learn that the same thing was done by other people in Jesus' name.

Luke 9:49 And John answered and said, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name; and we forbid him, because he followeth not with us.

Jesus talks about people who do all this but they still lack the gospel of holiness:

Matthew 7:22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

That verse proves that people of all time, both good and bad, would cast out devils in Jesus' name right up till the day of the Lord.

Simon Peter's House

Now we come to one evening in Simon Peter's house, just after Jesus had healed Simon Peter's mother-in-law (we see the same event in Mark 1:33 where it says ALL THE CITY was gathered together at the door - the city of Capernaum)

Matthew 8:16 When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick:

In the next verse it clearly shows this was a fulfilment of Jesus' mission.

Matthew 8:17 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.

It is safe to say that Jesus' mission has not changed.

The Legion

There were so many people at Peter's house, that Jesus took his disciples away to another place where they met fierce devil possessed men:

Matthew 8:28 And when he was come to the other side into the country of the Gergesenes, there met him two possessed with devils, coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by that way.

They were so fierce that nobody could walk past, and if they did, they would perhaps risk their life. The devils could sense human movement, and could literally direct these possessed men, and would cause them to pounce upon anyone who dared to come. But as soon as they saw Jesus:

Matthew 8:29 And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time?

In Mark 5:8 we see that in order to stir the devils from their nest Jesus "said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit". Mark records only one man.

Mark 5:9 And he asked him, What is thy name? And he answered, saying, My name is Legion: for we are many.

We can just repeat the words of this same Scripture, "What is thy name?" in the presence of a devil, and it will begin to stir the devil from his nest.

In fact, the devils, in this case with Jesus, begged for their lives. It says the devil besought Jesus MUCH. He begged and begged.

Mark 5:10 And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country.

Here were a group of many, many devils inside a man, and their captain is begging Jesus to let them stay in the country.

Not only did they have a liking to the man, but they also had a liking to that country. They must have created some sort of havoc in that neighbourhood and they liked it. Have you ever been in a neighbourhood full of crime and violence and sin, where you can't preach the gospel? Don't you think a group of devils like this could be responsible for it?

One time I was in Brussels sharing the word with another believer and madmen started sitting around us and moaning in a most surprising way. First there was one, and then two, and soon, there were about four or five of them. And every time I tried to say something from God's word, they would all moan out until it became almost deafening.

In this situation with Jesus, the devils moaned out that Jesus would allow them to depart into pigs. And he did.

Matthew 8:31 So the devils besought him, saying, If thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine.

Matthew 8:32 And he said unto them, Go. And when they were come out, they went into the herd of swine: and, behold, the whole herd of swine ran violently down a steep place into the sea, and perished in the waters.

This was a scary thing, and everybody knew that devils had gone into the pigs, even the keepers of the pigs knew and they ran away.

Matthew 8:33 And they that kept them fled, and went their ways into the city, and told every thing, and what was befallen to the possessed of the devils.

THE WORD OF SALVATION

People only get saved when a delivering word of salvation gets to them. Up to this point they are captive by devils.

In reality, unbelievers are kept in Satan's kingdom by his power

Acts 26:18 To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

They are literally under the power of Satan. So there is no use preparing the best sermon to save souls, without this same power to cast out devils.

Unbelievers are kept captive by a devil (like the Legion), and they can only get saved when the Legion comes out. We see in Luke how the man sat at the feet of Jesus once he was healed -

Luke 8:35 Then they went out to see what was done; and came to Jesus, and found the man, out of whom the devils were departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid.

The man was not only saved, but went out to preach the gospel once the devils left him! Indeed, this is the path to get anyone saved and into the Lord's work - cast out the Legion.

Mark 5:18 And when he was come into the ship, he that had been possessed with the devil prayed him that he might be with him.

Mark 5:19 Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee.

Mark 5:20 And he departed, and began to publish in Decapolis how great things Jesus had done for him: and all men did marvel.

The same will happen to anyone who receives the word of salvation. Here is the word of salvation - when a person is alone, ask them:

"Are you interested in spiritual things?" - then lead them through the steps of salvation. They must reach the point where they accept the gift of salvation by an act of faith

with the words "I accept Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour." Jesus now becomes the master in their lives in place of the Legion.

Before this event with the Legion, Jesus heals the man they let in from the roof, and actually saves him (because he says, your sins are forgiven before he heals him). He is really about preaching a gospel of salvation from sin.

Preaching a Gospel which Purifies from Sin

Jesus never cast out devils or healed the sick without preaching the gospel of repentance. Jesus is first of all accused of 'eating with sinners' (Matthew 9:11) and in reply we see Jesus saying you need to put new wine into new bottles (Matthew 9:17). Meaning, we can't live the same old life if we are going to receive the message of Jesus.

Devils in the neighbourhood, like with the Legion, don't want the gospel to be preached. They like to prevent it if they can, because as soon as the power of Jesus to remove sin is known, their days are over.

Before Jesus rose from the dead, the doctrine was repentance from sin. It was accompanied by John's baptism. But once he rose from the dead, in addition to repentance from sin and John's baptism, we also teach the resurrection of Jesus. This is accompanied by the Holy Ghost baptism or infilling.

Soon an emergency call reached Jesus and he healed the daughter of the ruler and the woman with the blood disease. After this, they knew what sort of cases Jesus could solve. So they brought someone new to him:

Matthew 9:32 As they went out, behold, they brought to him a dumb man possessed with a devil.

There was a process, a period of time, for the devil to be cast out, because the following verse says WHEN:

Matthew 9:33 And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake: and the multitudes marvelled, saying, It was never so seen in Israel.

This was one thing that even his greatest enemies the Pharisees could not doubt. Therefore they simply said it was the devil giving him power.

Matthew 9:34 But the Pharisees said, He casteth out devils through the prince of the devils.

THE CRISIS

We earlier saw the work of Jesus:

Matthew 4:23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

Matthew 4:24 And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatic, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.

This same event is also described in Matthew chapter 9:

Matthew 9:35 And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

However, Jesus became aware of a crisis. He saw the people in Matthew 9:36 that "they fainted and were scattered abroad" and in Matthew 9:37 "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the labourers are few"

These were people who had no knowledge of God's word to keep themselves from being lost. It is not just talking about their soul, because in Matthew 9:35 they had needs in their BODIES which Jesus felt also needed to be met, as well as their souls. At the very least we can say Jesus does not want anyone to be possessed with a devil.

Mark gives a good record:

Mark 3:7 But Jesus withdrew himself with his disciples to the sea: and a great multitude from Galilee followed him, and from Judaea,

Mark 3:8 And from Jerusalem, and from Idumaea, and from beyond Jordan; and they about Tyre and Sidon, a great multitude, when they had heard what great things he did, came unto him.

Mark 3:9 And he spake to his disciples, that a small ship should wait on him because of the multitude, lest they should throng him.

Mark 3:10 For he had healed many; insomuch that they pressed upon him for to touch him, as many as had plagues.

Mark 3:11 And unclean spirits, when they saw him, fell down before him, and cried, saying, Thou art the Son of God.

Mark 3:12 And he straightly charged them that they should not make him known.

Here we see a phenomena not yet mentioned. The unclean spirits saw Jesus and cried out. Jesus did not have to shout at them. Having Jesus' power is enough to stir unclean spirits without saying a word. Just STAY in the word - first understand and preach the word of repentance (and now we also preach the resurrection of Jesus) and wait for Jesus to move.

Probably, this same event where the people "fainted" is recorded again in Matthew 12 (since it happened directly after Jesus healed the man with the withered hand).

Matthew 12:15 But when Jesus knew it, he withdrew himself from thence: and great multitudes followed him, and he healed them all;

Jesus literally healed them ALL.

Matthew 12:16 And charged them that they should not make him known:

Matthew 12:17 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying,

Matthew 12:18 Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall show judgment to the Gentiles.

Matthew 12:19 He shall not strive, nor cry; neither shall any man hear his voice in the streets.

Matthew 12:20 A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench, till he send forth judgment unto victory.

Matthew 12:21 And in his name shall the Gentiles trust.

What did he preach to all those people? Luke 6 reveals it. Again it was right after Jesus healed the man with the withered hand:

Luke 6:17 And he came down with them, and stood in the plain, and the company of his disciples, and a great multitude of people out of all Judaea and Jerusalem, and from the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, which came to hear him, and to be healed of their diseases;

Luke 6:18 And they that were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed.

Luke 6:19 And the whole multitude sought to touch him: for there went virtue out of him, and healed them all.

Luke 6:20 And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said, Blessed be ye poor: for yours is the kingdom of God.

These are poor people who he healed, and blessed.

Luke 6:21 Blessed are ye that hunger now: for ye shall be filled. Blessed are ye that weep now: for ye shall laugh.

And then Jesus goes on with the sermon on the mount - Matthew 5-7 (Luke 6:20-, Luke 12:22-, Luke 13:24-). So we see Jesus did not just cast out devils, he first preached, and preached a gospel of repentance.

JESUS CALLED THE TWELVE

First Jesus preached the message of repentance, and then he cast out devils and he healed. But there were soon too many people for him to handle. And these people did not know about Jesus' power over their sins, and how they could have healing over their sickness and disease. He saw that there were too many for him alone. They "fainted". So what did Jesus do?

Matthew 10:1 And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

Now my reasoning is, that if ever we needed help, we need help now. People are probably fainting more now than they ever fainted before. So Jesus transfers the SAME POWER against unclean spirits to believers now, not just to his twelve disciples.

How do we get this power? By faith and prayer. We ask the Lord and we believe him for it. We wait on the Lord, and he will give us this power like in Acts chapter 13.

When he finally gave them this power, he made this statement:

Matthew 10:8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

Mark talks about this same power he gave his disciples to cast out devils

Mark 3:14 And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach,

Mark 3:15 And to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils:

Here we see that they were to accomplish three things: preach, heal sicknesses, cast out devils. It is dangerous to cast out devils if you do not first preach the word, and more specifically, preach the gospel of holiness.

Mark 6:7 And he called unto him the twelve, and began to send them forth by two and two; and gave them power over unclean spirits;

There are people who shout and bind devils but you never hear a sermon about repentance from them. But look at what the disciples did:

Mark 6:12 And they went out, and preached that men should repent.

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Mark 6:13 And they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them.

But if Jesus ever called a man to preach the gospel of holiness, he also called him to cast out devils.

Jesus IS the Word of Power

The great wonders that Jesus did, including casting out devils were noted once the twelve were sent out. These wonders were not just the proof that Jesus was Christ, they were the SUBSTANCE of Christ.

Matthew 11:2 Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples,

Matthew 11:3 And said unto him, Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?

Luke shows what happened at that instant: Luke 7:21 And in that same hour he cured many of their infirmities and plagues, and of evil spirits; and unto many that were blind he gave sight.

Matthew 11:4 Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and show John again those things which ye do hear and see:

Matthew 11:5 The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.

Matthew 11:6 And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me.

They were not just signs pointing to him, but they were the RESULT of who he was. Sickness of any sort had no place in the presence of Christ. Who else would heal the sick if not Jesus?

And it is true today.

Today?

If Christ is still with us today (and surely he is), and if the same problems still exist today (and surely they do), why wouldn't this same power still exist today?

But many people preach (or imply) that this power has stopped, even though they know devils still exist today, just as much as then.

You have to decide who is telling the truth.

It was common knowledge even before Jesus was baptized that devils inhabit people. John the baptist was accused of having a devil:

Matthew 11:18 For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, He hath a devil.

We see in Luke that they were well aware that unclean spirits existed prior to Jesus:

Luke 4:36 And they were all amazed, and spake among themselves, saying, What a word is this! for with authority and power he commandeth the unclean spirits, and they come out.

And it is not for us to say that devils ever cease to exist. They have always existed, they still exist, and we STILL need the power to cast out devils.

The Judgment

After Jesus gives the twelve disciples the power to preach, heal sicknesses and cast out devils, Jesus really begins to preach. Those cities where he cast out the most devils will get severe judgment in HELL he says - like that first evening at Capernaum when the whole city crowded around the door of Peter's house.

We are told why. They did not repent. They heard the gospel of repentance, they saw the devils go out, and the people healed, and they still did not repent of their sins! He even says it will be better for Sodom and Gomorrah, that cursed place, than for Capernaum.

Matthew 11:23 And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.

Matthew 11:24 But I say unto you, That it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for thee.

Capernaum was exalted to heaven. The whole city was at the door of Peter's house when Jesus first began to show his power. They thought they had the power. Spiritual pride got to them, and now they thought they could get to heaven without repentance. May that be a lesson to everyone who loves the miracles and deliverance, but hates the repentance.

Those who Rejected the Power of God

They bring to Jesus another case:

Matthew 12:22 Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw.

We see this same case in Luke

Luke 11:14 And he was casting out a devil, and it was dumb. And it came to pass, when the devil was gone out, the dumb spake; and the people wondered.

It is at this point when Jesus warns the Pharisees about speaking against the Holy Ghost, when they said Jesus was casting out Satan by Satan's power.

It was in fact common practise to cast out devils. Even the children of the Pharisees did so:

Matthew 12:27 And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your children cast them out? therefore they shall be your judges.

Here we see that the work of the Holy Spirit is to cast out devils. So when the Holy Spirit is at work, devils will be cast out.

Matthew 12:28 But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.

Luke 11:20 But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you.

The Pharisees are then called a "generation of vipers"

Matthew 12:34 - Jesus called them snakes, because they rejected Jesus Christ in their hearts, and this led them to reject even the Holy Spirit who did all these works through him.

There are Christians today who deny the power of God to cast out devils today. And when they see the power of God, they call it emotions or even worse. This "anti-Holy Spirit" and "anti-Spiritual Gifts" Christian is in a very dangerous position. He could end up speaking against the Holy Spirit.

Then who will help him from getting possessed by the devil himself?

Nineveh and the Gentiles would condemn that generation because Nineveh and the Gentiles repented without seeing Jesus, and yet the Pharisees, having the law, did not repent when Jesus came. Jesus gives this parable to describe them:

Matthew 12:43 When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none.

Matthew 12:44 Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished.

Matthew 12:45 Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.

They received a certain cleansing by the law from the unclean spirit. But because they did not get thoroughly clean (by accepting Jesus), seven other spirits came and entered in, and now their situation was seven times worse than before.

After this point, it is over for the Pharisees. The next case we see of unclean spirits being cast out is from a woman of Canaan

Matthew 15:22 And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil.

Further on in Matthew 15:28 we read that according to her faith "her daughter was made whole from that very hour". Jesus did not scream, he did not shout, he did not even go to the daughter, but she was healed instantly by faith.

Mark 7:29 And he said unto her, For this saying go thy way; the devil is gone out of thy daughter.

Mark 7:30 And when she was come to her house, she found the devil gone out, and her daughter laid upon the bed.

Prayer

Prayer is asking Jesus to do things for us, like this woman of Canaan. When we ask in his name, he promises to do it. Whether we need a healing or something to be solved, he encourages us to ask in his name, and he promises to answer

John 16:24 Before now ye have asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

Jesus wants us to receive. He wants to give us things, but only if we ask and trust him for it. The woman of Canaan could have given up. But it was just HER act of faith which changed her whole life forever.

Most people don't have things because they don't dare to ask. God can do anything. But will you be like the woman of Canaan who dares to ask? Jesus is waiting to give you your desire, but he's also waiting for you to ask.

If you are unsure about what to ask, you can ask for his guidance about it. But do not doubt:

James 1:5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not (does not scold and refuse); and it shall be given him.

James 1:6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

Dumping the sick at Jesus' Feet

We see soon after Jesus gives his judgment on the Pharisees and Capernaum and that “wicked generation”, people literally dumping sick people down at Jesus' feet, and he healed them:

Matthew 15:30 And great multitudes came unto him, having with them those that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at Jesus' feet; and he healed them:

Matthew 15:31 Insomuch that the multitude wondered, when they saw the dumb to speak, the maimed to be whole, the lame to walk, and the blind to see: and they glorified the God of Israel.

With this crowd he multiplied the loaves and fishes. Then he is transfigured on the mountain, and then casts out the unclean spirit from the desperate case of a son, vexed:

Matthew 17:14 And when they were come to the multitude, there came to him a certain man, kneeling down to him, and saying,

Matthew 17:15 Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is a lunatic, and sore vexed: for oftentimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water.

Matthew 17:16 And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him.

Matthew 17:17 Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to me.

Matthew 17:18 And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour.

Matthew 17:19 Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out?

Matthew 17:20 And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

Matthew 17:21 Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.

The famous teaching on faith to “move mountains” is actually given in connection with casting out a devil.

Clearly from all these Scriptures, we can see how deeply involved Jesus was in casting out devils since devils are deeply a part of the lives of needy people.

Someone who does not know this and does not teach it either does not care, has not studied the gospels closely, or is full of fear and unbelief through lack of repentance. If that person preaches at all, it is usually under some sort of a strange delusion.

Jesus casts out devils through me and you, today of course.

The Glory of Jesus and Unbelief

We opened this subject using Matthew as our guide, and we referred to passages in Mark (up to Mark 5).

So far we have seen Jesus revealing his power, but having to pronounce the most severe judgment on cities where he did reveal his power, because they did not believe (meaning, repent)

Jesus preached the gospel but they did not repent

Luke 20:1 And it came to pass, that on one of those days, as he taught the people in the temple, and preached the gospel, the chief priests and the scribes came upon him with the elders,

Luke 20:2 And spake unto him, saying, Tell us, by what authority doest thou these things? or who is he that gave thee this authority?

We also see the Pharisees receiving a terrible sentence (which could be passed onto those Christians who speak against the power of God today).

Matthew 12:36 But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.

Matthew 12:37 For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

So now Jesus has to trust a different kind of person.

Luke 8:1 And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and showing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God: and the twelve were with him,

Luke 8:2 And certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils,

Luke 8:3 And Joanna the wife of Chuza Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others, which ministered unto him of their substance.

The women had been healed of evil spirits and sickness

Mary Magdalene was qualified to be the first person to see Jesus alive after his resurrection probably because Jesus had cast seven devils out of her:

Mark 16:9 Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils.

Once a person has gone through the experience of being cleansed from devils, they are able to see the glory of Jesus without as much danger of unbelief or blasphemy against it.

Even the people who actually did the wonders, were in much more danger of pride, and backsliding (such as Judas Iscariot).

Let us again take up the case of the devil who Jesus cast out after his Transfiguration. We know Jesus and Peter, James and John all went up a mountain and Jesus appeared to them in his changed appearance.

They actually saw the kingdom of God come with power, because just 6 days before, they heard this:

Mark 9:1 And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power.

But once they all returned, their hearts were again hardened, and they could not cast out the devil.

After Jesus showed his glory, he began to say he would die and rise again. But they were in even more doubt over Jesus saying this and instead of listening, they disputed about being the "greatest disciple" (Mark 9:30-37).

Clearly some spiritual pride was taking over. They were even ready to try and stop somebody else from casting out devils in Jesus name. This was big-time pride.

Mark 9:38 And John answered him, saying, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name, and he followeth not us: and we forbid him, because he followeth not us.

This is when Jesus warns them that they have to "pluck out their eye" or "cut off their hand" if it prevented them from getting into heaven. And at this time they were in considerable danger of losing their souls in hell, like Capernaum, through pride (Mark 9:38-50).

Failing to cast out a devil

Here is the opening scene where they try and fail to cast out the devil after the Transfiguration:

Mark 9:14 And when he came to his disciples, he saw a great multitude about them, and the scribes questioning with them.

Mark 9:15 And straightway all the people, when they beheld him, were greatly amazed, and running to him saluted him.

Mark 9:16 And he asked the scribes, What question ye with them?

Mark 9:17 And one of the multitude answered and said, Master, I have brought unto thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit;

Mark 9:18 And wheresoever he taketh him, he teareth him: and he foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth away: and I spake to thy disciples that they should cast him out; and they could not.

Mark 9:19 He answereth him, and saith, O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him unto me.

Mark 9:20 And they brought him unto him: and when he saw him, straightway the spirit tare him; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming.

Mark 9:21 And he asked his father, How long is it ago since this came unto him? And he said, Of a child.

Mark 9:22 And oftentimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us.

Mark 9:23 Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.

Mark 9:24 And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.

Mark 9:25 When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.

Mark 9:26 And the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, He is dead.

Mark 9:27 But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and he arose.

Mark 9:28 And when he was come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, Why could not we cast him out?

There was unbelief among the disciples, through questioning which they entered into with the Scribes (Mark 9:16). Obviously this created doubts, and the result was, they could not cast out this devil.

Mark 9:29 And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.

The Physical Glory Continues Today

Whenever a significant miracle happened in the Bible, there was always some sort of "covering" or separation in some physical location.

Clearly this had to do with something physical from God. It is the same glory that was in the Tabernacle which Moses saw.

Here is a passage to show that the same thing still exists today

2 Corinthians 3:6 Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.

2 Corinthians 3:7 But if the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away:

2 Corinthians 3:8 How shall not the ministration of the spirit be rather glorious?

2 Corinthians 3:9 For if the ministration of condemnation be glory, much more doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory.

2 Corinthians 3:10 For even that which was made glorious had no glory in this respect, by reason of the glory that excelleth.

2 Corinthians 3:11 For if that which is done away was glorious, much more that which remaineth is glorious.

2 Corinthians 3:12 Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech:

2 Corinthians 3:13 And not as Moses, which put a veil over his face, that the children of Israel could not stedfastly look to the end of that which is abolished:

2 Corinthians 3:14 But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same veil untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which veil is done away in Christ.

2 Corinthians 3:15 But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart.

2 Corinthians 3:16 Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away.

2 Corinthians 3:17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

2 Corinthians 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Miracles of Glory

Jesus once drove out people who were not able to "carry the glory" (Luke 8:54). Or he often went away from them. In Matthew he calls them "faithless and perverse"

Matthew 17:17 Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to me.

To actually be able to be around the glory of God (which I believe is the Holy Spirit today) it required prayer and fasting:

Mark 9:29 And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.

The presence of God or "glory" miracle has happened through several people. In every case they separated themselves or they removed people from the scene. Because a PHYSICAL glory would appear:

Moses (on the mount Exodus 34:28-30)

Elijah (raising the dead son 1 Kings 17:19, and in the cave 1 Kings 19:9)

Elisha (raising the dead with Gehazi 2 Kings 4:32-35, anointing Jehu 2 Kings 9:3)

Jesus (healing the ruler's daughter Mark 5:40)

Peter (raising Tabitha Acts 9:40)

Jesus did not allow his disciples even to greet anyone when they went out with this power, because God would not remain with them if they did (similar to when Elisha gave Gehazi his staff to raise the dead 2 Kings 4:29).

Luke 10:4 Carry neither purse, nor scrip, nor shoes: and salute no man by the way.

As in the case of anointing Jehu, people will think the person with the glory is mad (2 Kings 9:11) but the glory is powerful (2 Kings 9:12, 13).

When disciples could not cast out this devil, a "glory" presence was needed which could not come with all those people around. Jesus cast out the devil before the people got there:

Mark 9:25 When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.

A likely reason to hide the glory from the people is because often it produces more unbelief of the Holy Spirit when revealed among sinners (don't grieve the Spirit Ephesians; don't quench the Spirit Thessalonians; Don't blaspheme the Holy Spirit, etc.)

The power to cast out devils available to every believer today

Before we leave Mark, Jesus gives us an amazing promise. He says all you have to do is believe and you will also cast out devils

Mark 16:17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

Mark 16:18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

The reason we don't see it is because the "glory" presence is missing.

This is one of the greatest promises in the Bible. It also includes power to heal the sick.

In addition to Mark, there are several other ways that we can claim all the works of Jesus. Not just preaching, but casting out devils and healing the sick.

FIRSTLY, if Jesus says he will be with us, it means he will do with us all that he did while he walked on the earth.

Matthew 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Matthew 28:20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Mark 16:20 And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

Acts 15:4 And when they were come to Jerusalem, they were received of the church, and of the apostles and elders, and they declared all things that God had done with them.

Acts 15:12 Then all the multitude kept silence, and gave audience to Barnabas and Paul, declaring what miracles and wonders God had wrought among the Gentiles by them.

SECONDLY, Jesus has sent us to do his work. Jesus sends us to do his work **in the same way that God sent him:**

John 20:21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

John 20:22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:

The Father sent Jesus with the Holy Ghost power, so Jesus sends us with the same Holy Ghost power.

Acts 10:38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

We have seen abundantly in this study what his work was. Casting out devils was the heart of his work, after he preached the gospel of repentance.

THIRDLY, miracles show who God approves. People have reasoned incorrectly that miracles done among Gentiles was only to prove that God accepted them, like God accepted the Jews through Jesus. And because the acceptance of the Gentiles is now known through the bible, there is no more need for miracles, tongues etc.

But miracles have a different function. They show who God approves specifically:

Acts 2:22 Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, **a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs**, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:

FOURTHLY, the Bible directly says that if we believe in Jesus we will do his works, and in fact we will do GREATER works

John 14:12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

FIFTHLY, the records in the book of Acts show us this same power continuing after Jesus ascended to heaven. And there is nothing said in the Bible about it ever stopping.

SIXTHLY, Turning people from their sins always involves casting out devils, since sinners are held captive by the power of Satan

Acts 26:18 To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

SEVENTHLY, let us not forget we are Jesus' witnesses, so we have to show what Jesus does.

LASTLY, the needs today are the same, if not greater than they were when Jesus walked the earth. Jesus gave the power to cast out devils to his twelve disciples in response to those needs. And in response to the great need today coming from all four corners of the world, Jesus will give the same power to his people if they pray and have faith.

We notice Jesus tells them to wait. Wait for what? The Holy Spirit. The same way they did in Samaria (Acts 8).

Receiving the Holy Spirit

Before Samaria received the Holy Spirit they had to receive the word of God. Then they had to pray for them to receive the Holy Spirit.

Samaria first received the word of God when they heard Philip PREACH concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus (Acts 8:4,12) when unclean spirits came out of people which had them, with miraculous healing:

Acts 8:4 Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.

Acts 8:5 Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them.

Acts 8:6 And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.

Acts 8:7 For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.

Acts 8:8 And there was great joy in that city.

Acts 8:9 But there was a certain man, called Simon, which beforetime in the same city used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria, giving out that himself was some great one:

Acts 8:10 To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of God.

Acts 8:11 And to him they had regard, because that of long time he had bewitched them with sorceries.

Acts 8:12 But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

Acts 8:13 Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done.

The whole city had been bewitched by sorcery before they were saved, and the same applies to everyone who is not saved today – they are bewitched.

They were baptized after they believed and the spell was broken.

But after they were saved and experienced these wonders, they had to wait to receive the Holy Spirit. Let us read it:

Acts 8:14 Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John:

Acts 8:15 Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:

Acts 8:16 (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)

Acts 8:17 Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

Acts 8:18 And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money,

Acts 8:19 Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost.

Acts 8:20 But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money.

Acts 8:21 Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God.

Acts 8:22 Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.

Acts 8:23 For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity.

Acts 8:24 Then answered Simon, and said, Pray ye to the Lord for me, that none of these things which ye have spoken come upon me.

Acts 8:25 And they, when they had testified and preached the word of the Lord, returned to Jerusalem, and preached the gospel in many villages of the Samaritans.

IMPORTANT POINTS

People received the word of God before they received the Holy Ghost. They had been water baptised which shows they were already saved.

They had to pray for them to receive the Holy Ghost after they were saved.

They laid their hands on them and then they received the Holy Ghost.

The Call to Service

We have to follow the way Jesus received the call to service if we are ever going to fulfil the plan of God. It will not be through a NORMAL bible seminary.

We do have to avoid false doctrine:

Acts 15:1 And certain men which came down from Judaea taught the brethren, and said, Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved.

Galatians 3:5 He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, doeth he it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

And then we have to understand that the power of the Holy Spirit is to cast out devils:

Matthew 12:28 But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.

There are so many people who need the finger of God in their lives to set them free. Will you be willing to be God's servant? They CANNOT be set free without the finger of God

Luke 11:20 But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you.

After water baptism and temptation, the power of the Holy Spirit comes.

Jesus was tempted by the devil. A spirit actually came to him and told him lies. He was not possessed with the devil, but after that experience, he came in the power of the Holy Spirit to do the work of God.

If we go through temptation and we face the devil and resist his suggestions, we receive a great increase in the power of the Holy Spirit through that victory:

Resisting the temptation to defend yourself in front of others and fight, retaliate and argue to survive = flesh (SATAN: turn these stones into bread / JESUS: man shall not live by bread alone but by every word of God)

Resisting temptations to give up on God's calling to fulfil the mission of Jesus that we have seen = soul (SATAN: cast yourself down, and the angels will catch you / JESUS Thou shalt not tempt the Lord- take action)

Resisting laziness to pray = spirit temptation
(SATAN: I will give you everything if you bow down to me /
JESUS: thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve)

We know that the only acceptable prayer to God is "in the Spirit". This is taught to us by the Holy Spirit

Jude 1:20 But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,

Luke 4:13 And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season.

Luke 4:14 And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about.

There may be people who want to argue over this, whether I have it absolutely correct. This is not my aim. I have only brought ONE possible view of the temptation of Christ, there are probably many possibilities.

However we know for certain that going through the temptation was the only way Jesus was able to return in the power of the Spirit.

The Old Crowd

He was swiftly rejected by the old crowd in his home synagogue. He had been there many times before.

This conflict was simply because now he had the Holy Spirit:

Luke 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

Luke 4:19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

It was clear what his mission was:

Acts 10:38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

Jesus therefore departs to Capernaum.

Now there is no use saying Jesus heals people oppressed with the devil in some sort of imaginary way, and to dream about him doing it "his own way" today.

Jesus casts out spirits INHABITING PEOPLE, unclean spirits, DEVILS.

We see him begin by preaching the gospel, and then the first case appears as we saw:

Luke 4:33 And in the synagogue there was a man, which had a spirit of an unclean devil, and cried out with a loud voice,

Luke 4:34 Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art; the Holy One of God.

This devil wanted him back in Nazareth, with the old crowd.

Luke 4:35 And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. And when the devil had thrown him in the midst, he came out of him, and hurt him not.

Luke 4:36 And they were all amazed, and spake among themselves, saying, What a word is this! for with authority and power he commandeth the unclean spirits, and they come out.

Going back to the old crowd is never a good idea. He could not do very much there:

Mark 6:5 And he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them.

Mark 6:6 And he marvelled because of their unbelief. And he went round about the villages, teaching.

All he could do was teach. He could not cast out any devil or heal the sick. This is the way it is in many of our churches where we have grown up, gone through the ranks and not received the Holy Ghost through the laying of hands.

However, things were different elsewhere. When the people saw Jesus in other places, they could not understand the crowds and the power

Mark 3:20 And the multitude cometh together again, so that they could not so much as eat bread.

The old crowd (his old friends) accused him of being "beside himself" - meaning mad

Mark 3:21 And when his friends heard of it, they went out to lay hold on him: for they said, He is beside himself.

Even your family members will start calling you back to the old crowd. This happened while the leaders told Jesus that he had an unclean spirit

Mark 3:30 Because they said, He hath an unclean spirit.

Mark 3:31 There came then his brethren and his mother, and, standing without, sent unto him, calling him.

Even his brothers mocked him

John 7:3 His brethren therefore said unto him, Depart hence, and go into Judaea, that thy disciples also may see the works that thou doest.

John 7:4 For there is no man that doeth any thing in secret, and he himself seeketh to be known openly. If thou do these things, show thyself to the world.

John 7:5 For neither did his brethren believe in him.

Be sure, all of this will happen to anyone who wants to follow God.

The New Crowd

Jesus gets away from the old comfortable crowd and decides to go with some humble fishermen. He goes to the house of one of them, Simon Peter, who people everywhere now idolize, but he was just a simple fisherman.

The whole city was at the door, as we saw before:

Luke 4:40 Now when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto him; and he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them.

Luke 4:41 And devils also came out of many, crying out, and saying, Thou art Christ the Son of God. And he rebuking them suffered them not to speak: for they knew that he was Christ.

Later while trying to escape from this crowd, Jesus finds himself on a boat with Peter. Soon it is too much for Peter as soon as he sees the miracle of fishes:

Luke 5:4 Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.

Luke 5:5 And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net.

Luke 5:6 And when they had this done, they enclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake.

Luke 5:7 And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink.

Luke 5:8 When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord.

Luke 5:9 For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken:

Luke 5:10 And so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men.

Luke 5:11 And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him.

It becomes easy to follow Jesus after he shows his power in our lives.

Teaching Repentance Brings Miracles from God

Dotted throughout the main events of casting out devils in the gospels we see Jesus teaching repentance. The correct order of things was

1. Teaching repentance
2. Casting out devils
3. Healing the sick

It always happens together (apart from the place where they did not believe him, and all he could do was teach).

Here we see in Acts the same pattern following. First we see massive conversions, meaning repentance from sin. But in addition, they now also preached the resurrection of Jesus so they could receive the Holy Spirit:

Acts 5:14 And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.)

Then in the same situation, those which were vexed with evil spirits were healed EVERY ONE.

Acts 5:15 Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them.

Acts 5:16 There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one.

Of course those vexed with evil spirits should be healed. They will ALL be healed because all unclean spirits are cast out through repentance.

The work of the Lord was to turn his hearers from their sins:

Acts 3:26 Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.

When the people are turned from the sins, the signs and wonders occur at the same time

James 5:14 Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:

James 5:15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

James 5:16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

We see here clearly that when the Lord saves, he heals the sick. We see moreover that healing and forgiveness happen together (and this is physical healing, because James begins by saying, is anyone SICK?).

The people who were saved were healed,

And those who were healed were saved.

Luke 18:42 And Jesus said unto him, Receive thy sight: thy faith hath saved thee.

By the Holy Ghost, the Lord gives us power to bring both healing and forgiveness

John 20:22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:

John 20:23 Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.

Luke 5:24 But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power upon earth to forgive sins, (he said unto the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thine house.

Also we learn that we may pray for signs and wonders. It is God's will that we should have them. Just take a look at the type of prayer we are encouraged to copy:

James 5:17 Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months.

James 5:18 And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.

How many times have you prayed for a sign and a wonder? Have you even believed that God will accept that type of prayer? They prayed for it in Acts

Acts 4:30 By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.

If we go back to James we see that this type of prayer for wonders, prayer for healing, is together with converting sinners (teaching repentance).

James 5:19 Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him;

James 5:20 Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

It confirms that we will see signs and wonders happening while we are teaching people the power of Jesus to cleanse from sin.

Seeking Wonders

There is a common notion that we should not seek wonders alone. This is true, because a wonder from God cannot happen without teaching repentance.

There are people who do signs and wonders and there is not one mention of the power of Jesus to purify sins. As I mentioned before, this is evidence that those wonders are not from God.

However, we can seek wonders and pray for wonders if we have a plan to preach the gospel of repentance from sin and to convert sinners.

And remember, no one will ever receive the Holy Spirit unless you preach the resurrection of Jesus. Why? Because Jesus became the baptizer in the Holy Spirit after his resurrection.

Jesus taught repentance and then he healed

After he had healed the leper, Jesus shows us the way it should be done. Preaching, and then healing:

Mark 1:39 And he preached in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and cast out devils

Luke 5:15 But so much the more went there a fame abroad of him: and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by him of their infirmities.

They came to hear about repentance and to be healed.

Luke 5:16 And he withdrew himself into the wilderness, and prayed.

The 5000 people he fed had to repent

Luke 9:10 And the apostles, when they were returned, told him all that they had done. And he took them, and went aside privately into a desert place belonging to the city called Bethsaida.

Luke 9:11 And the people, when they knew it, followed him: and he received them, and spake unto them of the kingdom of God, and healed them that had need of healing.

He spoke to them of the kingdom, and then he healed.

Matthew 14:14 And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.

After this he heals the daughter of the woman of Canaan from an unclean spirit, he walks on water, then

Matthew 14:35 And when the men of that place had knowledge of him, they sent out into all that country round about, and brought unto him all that were diseased;

Matthew 14:36 And besought him that they might only touch the hem of his garment: and as many as touched were made perfectly whole.

The 4000 people he fed had to repent

This is the place where they dump the sick at Jesus' feet and he heals them:

Matthew 15:29 And Jesus departed from thence, and came nigh unto the sea of Galilee; and went up into a mountain, and sat down there.

Matthew 15:30 And great multitudes came unto him, having with them those that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at Jesus' feet; and he healed them:

Matthew 15:31 Insomuch that the multitude wondered, when they saw the dumb to speak, the maimed to be whole, the lame to walk, and the blind to see: and they glorified the God of Israel.

Jesus was doing this for THREE DAYS!

Matthew 15:32 Then Jesus called his disciples unto him, and said, I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days, and have nothing to eat: and I will not send them away fasting, lest they faint in the way.

Jesus feeds them miraculously, then tells his disciples to count the cost. You have to take up your cross. If you try to save your life, you'll lose it. If you are ashamed of me in this world, I will be ashamed of you in the next, he says. What will it help you if you gain the whole world and lose your soul?

It is not just about healing the sick. You have to repent and be healed together. He clearly said it to the twelve when he sent them out with the power:

Luke 9:5 And whosoever will not receive you, when ye go out of that city, shake off the very dust from your feet for a testimony against them.

They had to repent.

After Jesus tells them to count the cost, he reveals his glory to Peter, John and James when he is transfigured.

Peter had to repent.

2 Peter 1:14 Knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath showed me.

2 Peter 1:15 Moreover I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance.

2 Peter 1:16 For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

2 Peter 1:17 For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

2 Peter 1:18 And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount.

It is about the glory of the wonders together with the repentance. People who do not preach repentance are in danger of leading people to worship them

Acts 14:8 And there sat a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked:

Acts 14:9 The same heard Paul speak: who stedfastly beholding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed,

Acts 14:10 Said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked.

Acts 14:11 And when the people saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in the speech of Lycaonia, The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men.

Acts 14:12 And they called Barnabas, Jupiter; and Paul, Mercurius, because he was the chief speaker.

Acts 14:13 Then the priest of Jupiter, which was before their city, brought oxen and garlands unto the gates, and would have done sacrifice with the people.

Acts 14:14 Which when the apostles, Barnabas and Paul, heard of, they rent their clothes, and ran in among the people, crying out,

Acts 14:15 And saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein:

Acts 14:16 Who in times past suffered all nations to walk in their own ways.

Acts 14:17 Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.

Acts 14:18 And with these sayings scarce restrained they the people, that they had not done sacrifice unto them.

THE LOST ARE DEVIL POSSESSED

As we have seen, there are a few significant events in the ministry of Jesus.

Jesus heals the first case of a devil in the synagogue

Jesus heals the crowds of people outside the door of Peter's house in the evening

Jesus heals the man with the Legion

Jesus heals the multitude that "fainted"

Jesus gives power to his disciples

After the disciples return he heals the multitudes dumped at his feet, before multiplying the loaves and fishes for 5000 people

He does the same for 4000 people

The man with the Legion gives the main features of somebody totally under devil power. Let us see these characteristics

Mark 5:2 And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit,

Mark 5:3 Who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains:

Mark 5:4 Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any man tame him.

Mark 5:5 And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones.

Here was a hopeless case. Nobody could help him. BUT when Jesus came it was all different:

Mark 5:6 But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him,

Mark 5:7 And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not.

Here was somebody:

The unclean spirit lived inside him
 People tried to bind him even with chains and fetters - the unclean spirit had superhuman strength and could break chains
 They tried to tame him like a wild animal, but could not
 There was no solution and no hope
 He was night and day in the mountains and tombs
 He was always crying and cutting himself with stones

We learn from Luke that he did not even wear any clothes:

Luke 8:26 And they arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is over against Galilee.

Luke 8:27 And when he went forth to land, there met him out of the city a certain man, which had devils long time, and ware no clothes, neither abode in any house, but in the tombs.

Luke 8:28 When he saw Jesus, he cried out, and fell down before him, and with a loud voice said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God most high? I beseech thee, torment me not.

Luke 8:29 (For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For oftentimes it had caught him: and he was kept bound with chains and in fetters; and he brake the bands, and was driven of the devil into the wilderness.)

Luke 8:30 And Jesus asked him, saying, What is thy name? And he said, Legion: because many devils were entered into him.

Luke 8:31 And they besought him that he would not command them to go out into the deep.

Luke 8:32 And there was there an herd of many swine feeding on the mountain: and they besought him that he would suffer them to enter into them. And he suffered them.

Luke 8:33 Then went the devils out of the man, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the lake, and were choked.

Luke 8:34 When they that fed them saw what was done, they fled, and went and told it in the city and in the country.

Luke 8:35 Then they went out to see what was done; and came to Jesus, and found the man, out of whom the devils were departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid.

Luke 8:36 They also which saw it told them by what means he that was possessed of the devils was healed.

Luke 8:37 Then the whole multitude of the country of the Gadarenes round about besought him to depart from them; for they were taken with great fear: and he went up into the ship, and returned back again.

Luke 8:38 Now the man out of whom the devils were departed besought him that he might be with him: but Jesus sent him away, saying,

Luke 8:39 Return to thine own house, and show how great things God hath done unto thee. And he went his way, and published throughout the whole city how great things Jesus had done unto him.

Now we learned that Jesus does not just limit his power to serious cases like this. But EVERYONE who does not have Jesus as their saviour is virtually like this man.

If these 'sane' folk were left without God's day to day protection, they would soon run completely wild and be just like this man. In fact, the bible speaks of a future place called HELL where the people who have rejected Jesus will be just like this man.

The cure for this man and every other person without a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, is to be set free by the power of God in the name of Jesus Christ.

If you can't cast out devils, you can't save the lost.

Power to cast out devils

In Luke we see a unique case of Jesus giving this power to not just twelve, but seventy.

HE BEGINS WITH THE TWELVE

Luke 9:1 Then he called his twelve disciples together, and **gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases.**

Luke 9:2 And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, **and to heal the sick.**

Luke 9:3 And he said unto them, Take nothing for your journey, neither staves, nor scrip, neither bread, neither money; neither have two coats apiece.

Luke 9:4 And whatsoever house ye enter into, there abide, and thence depart.

Luke 9:5 And whosoever will not receive you, when ye go out of that city, shake off the very dust from your feet for a testimony against them.

Luke 9:6 And they departed, and went through the towns, preaching the gospel, and healing every where.

We see it again all working together. A person is not preaching the gospel if the people are not getting healed at the same time. Again, after the Transfiguration:

Luke 9:37 And it came to pass, that on the next day, when they were come down from the hill, much people met him.

Luke 9:38 And, behold, a man of the company cried out, saying, Master, I beseech thee, look upon my son: for he is mine only child.

Luke 9:39 And, lo, a spirit taketh him, and he suddenly crieth out; and it teareth him that he foameth again, and bruising him hardly departeth from him.

Luke 9:40 And I besought thy disciples to cast him out; and they could not.

Luke 9:41 And Jesus answering said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you, and suffer you? Bring thy son hither.

Luke 9:42 And as he was yet a coming, the devil threw

him down, and tare him. And Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, and healed the child, and delivered him again to his father.

Luke 9:43 And they were all amazed at the mighty power of God. But while they wondered every one at all things which Jesus did, he said unto his disciples,

Luke 9:44 Let these sayings sink down into your ears: for the Son of man shall be delivered into the hands of men.

There is a strange type of Christianity being preached where healing has become a non-essential. We really need to look at the bible. Get back to the Gospels.

But equally strange is another type of Christianity where salvation from sins has become a non-essential, and they just heal the sick or make people fall over.

People go about healing the sick without holiness. There is a lot of show, but devils are not really being cast out.

They may heal the sick, but do they cast out devils?

You have to ask when you watch one of these signs and wonders ministries - Do I see devils being cast out? What evidence is there?

You may see people lying on the floor, but have devils actually come out of the people, or are they just falling over?

Here is evidence that devils are coming out:

- Snake-like movements
- Hissing or growling
- Foaming at the mouth
- Voices which belong to somebody else
- Struggling and fighting for no apparent reason, with something invisible
- Standing still like a statue
- Covering the eyes as though blinded by light
- Refusal to look at the preacher

All of these are good evidence that Jesus is taking the devil out of a person. And it can sometimes last several minutes.

But if a person simply falls down, or shakes violently, a devil is not coming out.

THE SEVENTY ARE SENT OUT

Towards the end of his ministry, Jesus sends out the seventy.

Luke 10:1 After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come.

Luke 10:2 Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest.

Luke 10:3 Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves.

Luke 10:4 Carry neither purse, nor scrip, nor shoes: and salute no man by the way.

Luke 10:5 And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace be to this house.

Luke 10:6 And if the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it: if not, it shall turn to you again.

Luke 10:7 And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give: for the labourer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house.

Luke 10:8 And into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you:

Luke 10:9 And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.

Luke 10:10 But into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you not, go your ways out into the streets of the same, and say,

Luke 10:11 Even the very dust of your city, which cleaveth on us, we do wipe off against you: notwithstanding be ye sure of this, that the kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.

Luke 10:12 But I say unto you, that it shall be more tolerable in that day for Sodom, than for that city.

Luke 10:13 Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works had been done in Tyre and Sidon, which have been done in you, they had a great while ago repented, sitting in sackcloth and ashes.

Luke 10:14 But it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment, than for you.

Luke 10:15 And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted to heaven, shalt be thrust down to hell.

Luke 10:16 He that heareth you heareth me; and he that despiseth you despiseth me; and he that despiseth me despiseth him that sent me.

Luke 10:17 And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.

Luke 10:18 And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

Luke 10:19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Luke 10:20 Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.

Luke 10:21 In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes: even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight.

Luke 10:22 All things are delivered to me of my Father: and no man knoweth who the Son is, but the Father; and who the Father is, but the Son, and he to whom the Son will reveal him.

Luke 10:23 And he turned him unto his disciples, and said privately, Blessed are the eyes which see the things that ye see:

Luke 10:24 For I tell you, that many prophets and kings have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.

IMPORTANT POINTS

Verse 2 The harvest is great, so he sent them out. The harvest is great today, so he sends us out

Verse 9 Heal the sick that are in the city. Since he did not say which sick, he meant ALL THE SICK

Verse 20 The spirits were subject unto them, so they also had power to cast out devils like the twelve.

Verse 23 Jesus blessed them for seeing the things their eyes saw - ALL the sick healed in a city, and the devils cast out. They had a unique opportunity which nobody else had before. But this verse also assumes others will see what they saw too.

Judgment on the Leaders

After the seventy are sent out, he casts out the devil where he is accused of using the devil's power to do it

Luke 11:14 And he was casting out a devil, and it was dumb. And it came to pass, when the devil was gone out, the dumb spake; and the people wondered.

Luke 11:15 But some of them said, He casteth out devils through Beelzebub the chief of the devils.

Luke 11:16 And others, tempting him, sought of him a sign from heaven.

He tells the religious leaders that they are on dangerous ground by speaking against the wonders of the Holy Spirit.

He tells them to beware, implying seven devils would return to them for blaspheming against the Holy Spirit

He speaks the woes on the Pharisees and warns his disciples against them.

He finally gives the parable of the ground which did not bear fruit. That God would give it a chance, and finally cut it down.

In the synagogue he goes on to heal the woman bowed with the spirit of infirmity. She had a SPIRIT which caused her sickness

Luke 13:10 And he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath.

Luke 13:11 And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself.

Luke 13:12 And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity.

Luke 13:13 And he laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

Luke 13:14 And the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed on the sabbath day, and said unto the people, There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the sabbath day.

Luke 13:15 The Lord then answered him, and said, Thou hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering?

Luke 13:16 And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?

Luke 13:17 And when he had said these things, all his adversaries were ashamed: and all the people rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by him.

Finally the Jewish leaders say Herod, the king of the gentiles will catch him, just like John the Baptist. He explains his work, and casting out devils is central:

Luke 13:32 And he said unto them, Go ye, and tell that fox, Behold, I cast out devils, and I do cures to day and to morrow, and the third day I shall be perfected.

The Wonders continue on

After Jesus is resurrected and ascends to heaven, we see the wonders continue by the Apostles together with repentance. And in addition to repentance, they taught the resurrection of Jesus, so that people could receive the Holy Ghost.

Acts 5:12 And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch.

Acts 5:13 And of the rest durst no man join himself to them: but the people magnified them.

Acts 5:14 And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.)

Acts 5:15 Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them.

Acts 5:16 There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one.

They were all healed. It was the job of the Holy Spirit, they prayed for it:

Acts 4:29 And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word,

Acts 4:30 By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.

Acts 4:31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

Peter and John

Acts 3:12 And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?

Acts 3:13 The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go.

And God is still glorifying his son the same way today.

Stephen

Acts 6:8 And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.

Philip

Acts 8:6 And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.

Acts 8:7 For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.

Acts 8:8 And there was great joy in that city.

Acts 8:13 Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done.

In the midst of all this, there was threatening and danger. Therefore people had to count the cost. They had to repent and not just receive healing.

Acts 9:1 And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest,

Discern your struggles

Jesus came to remove all the power of the devil:

Acts 10:38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

All the oppression of the devil, including sickness, struggling at work, struggling to pay bills, struggling through life.

If you are struggling because you are succeeding in God's work, then no worry. Once you are saved, this is part of discipleship:

Acts 14:22 Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.

But if you cannot do God's work BECAUSE you are struggling, then a devil is behind it, and you must resist.

Babylon

People in the power of devils are in captivity of Babylon. Babylon is the source of all unclean spirits

Revelation 18:2 And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

To claim deliverance we talk about deliverance from Babylon

Micah 4:10 Be in pain, and labour to bring forth, O daughter of Zion, like a woman in travail: for now shalt thou go forth out of the city, and thou shalt dwell in the field, and thou shalt go even to Babylon; **there shalt thou be delivered**; there the LORD shall redeem thee from the hand of thine enemies.

It is deliverance from Lucifer who is the king of Babylon

Isaiah 14:12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

Babylon is linked to money problems. Weakening the nations means creating money problems – and God gives deliverance from money problems:

Micah 4:13 Arise and thresh, O daughter of Zion: for I will make thine horn iron, and I will make thy hoofs brass: and thou shalt beat in pieces many people: and I will consecrate their gain unto the LORD, and their substance unto the Lord of the whole earth.

Peter

We saw the amazing results of just his shadow

Acts 5:15 Inasmuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them.

Acts 5:16 There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one.

The types of miracles he did caused EVERYONE in two towns to turn to the Lord

Acts 9:32 And it came to pass, as Peter passed throughout all quarters, he came down also to the saints which dwelt at Lydda.

Acts 9:33 And there he found a certain man named Aeneas, which had kept his bed eight years, and was sick of the palsy.

Acts 9:34 And Peter said unto him, Aeneas, Jesus Christ maketh thee whole: arise, and make thy bed. And he arose immediately.

Acts 9:35 And all that dwelt at Lydda and Saron saw him, and turned to the Lord.

This continued for only part of the city of Joppa

Acts 9:40 But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning him to the body said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up.

Acts 9:41 And he gave her his hand, and lifted her up, and when he had called the saints and widows, presented her alive.

Acts 9:42 And it was known throughout all Joppa; and many believed in the Lord.

Paul

Paul was turned around and began to resist the devil, but not before he got the power

Acts 13:1 Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

Acts 13:2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

Acts 13:3 And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

Once he had the power, the Holy Spirit sent them out, and they cast out devils, same as always:

Acts 13:8 But Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn away the deputy from the faith.

Acts 13:9 Then Saul, (who also is called Paul,) filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him,

Acts 13:10 And said, O full of all subtlety and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?

Acts 13:11 And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season. And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness; and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand.

Acts 13:12 Then the deputy, when he saw what was done, believed, being astonished at the doctrine of the Lord.

'Doctrine' always includes signs and wonders. There is no such 'Doctrine' without. Moreover, this is the DOCTRINE OF THE LORD.

Acts 14:3 Long time therefore abode they speaking boldly in the Lord, which gave testimony unto the word of his grace, and granted signs and wonders to be done by their hands.

Signs always follow the word. They are the 'Testimony' of the word.

Acts 15:12 Then all the multitude kept silence, and gave audience to Barnabas and Paul, declaring what miracles and wonders God had wrought among the Gentiles by them.

Paul casts out another devil

Acts 16:16 And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying:

Acts 16:17 The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which show unto us the way of salvation.

Acts 16:18 And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.

Acts 16:19 And when her masters saw that the hope of their gains was gone, they caught Paul and Silas, and drew them into the marketplace unto the rulers,

They cast out this devil at their pleasure. It was not a forced situation, or a prayer request to do it.

Paul continues to cast out devils:

Acts 19:11 And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul:

Acts 19:12 So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them.

Note again - evil SPIRITS departed from people who had them INSIDE of them, through the handkerchiefs. It was such a common thing.

Such a mighty thing happened through these handkerchiefs to the city of Ephesus. It all began when a door opened for ministry to preach.

1 Corinthians 16:9 For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries.

2 Corinthians 2:12 Furthermore, when I came to Troas to preach Christ's gospel, and a door was opened unto me of the Lord,

Note: he had already received the power and had been sent out by the Holy Spirit.

Colossians 4:3 Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds:

See how it happened. It began with PREACHING:

Acts 19:8 And he went into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God.

Acts 19:9 But when divers were hardened, and believed not, but spake evil of that way before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, disputing daily in the school of one Tyrannus.

Acts 19:10 And this continued by the space of two years; so that all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.

Acts 19:11 And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul:

Acts 19:12 So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them.

Acts 19:13 Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth.

Acts 19:14 And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did so.

Acts 19:15 And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye?

Acts 19:16 And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

Acts 19:17 And this was known to all the Jews and Greeks also dwelling at Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.

Acts 19:18 And many that believed came, and confessed, and showed their deeds.

Acts 19:19 Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all men: and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver.

Acts 19:20 So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed.

Acts 19:21 After these things were ended, Paul purposed in the spirit, when he had passed through Macedonia and Achaia, to go to Jerusalem, saying, After I have been there, I must also see Rome.

The Bible

The Bible is simply a record of these wonders. The Bible does not replace these wonders. But by believing the record of the Bible, the wonders themselves happen.

Wonders only stop after our resurrection and perfection:

1 Corinthians 13:8 Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. 9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. 10 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

The wonders did not suddenly stop as soon as the Bible was compiled. The Bible does not say that. Only the doctrine of Jezebel says that wonders stop.

When people got saved they were healed:

1 Peter 2:24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

People are not meant to get sick or to die. Again I say, if Jesus Christ does not heal the sick, then who does?

It is lack of discernment causing many people to be sick

1 Corinthians 11:29 For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

1 Corinthians 11:30 For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.

Wonders do not stop in the bible, and the bible does not say they will stop while we remain on this earth.

Once the gospel of repentance is fully preached, the doctrine to believe IS wonders, because it is the work of the Spirit of God, the finger of God. This was noted in Cyprus by the first ruler Paul led to Christ (Acts 13:4-12)

John 14:11 Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.

Matthew 12:28 But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.

Luke 11:20 But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you.

Exodus 8:19 Then the magicians said unto Pharaoh, This is the finger of God: and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said.

We see it is in connection with "works" (miracles) that Jesus first tells us to ask in his name:

John 14:12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

John 14:13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

John 14:14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

Luke 10:17 And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.

John 2:23 Now when he was in Jerusalem at the passover, in the feast day, many believed in his name, when they saw the miracles which he did.

Prayer is asking in his name for these very works he did. And "bringing forth fruit" is when this "asking in his name" is answered:

John 15:16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

Do not forbid miracles done in the name of Jesus

Mark 9:39 But Jesus said, Forbid him not: for there is no man which shall do a miracle in my name, that can lightly speak evil of me.

John 17:2 As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.

Power over all flesh is the miracle power of Jesus and eternal life is knowing God and Jesus Christ through his Spirit (the miraculous power of God).

John 17:3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

John 20:30 And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book:

John 20:31 But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

While Paul was under arrest, it still continued:

Acts 28:8 And it came to pass, that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and of a bloody flux: to whom Paul entered in, and prayed, and laid his hands on him, and healed him.

Acts 28:9 So when this was done, others also, which had diseases in the island, came, and were healed:

As we saw, James says this is a present matter, including the forgiveness of sins. It has never stopped happening

James 5:14 Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:

James 5:15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

James 5:16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

Jesus

Jesus began the process. But now there should be no surprise to see the same things done by many others

Matthew 19:2 And great multitudes followed him; and he healed them there.

Matthew 21:14 And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them.

Mark 6:13 And they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them.

Miracles are the work of the Spirit of God

People believed in Jesus when they saw the miracles, because miracles are the work of the Spirit of God.

Even today, miracles are the work of the Spirit of God.

Some did not believe in Jesus when they should have believed through the Spirit of God.

John 2:11 This **beginning of miracles** did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and **manifested forth his glory**; and his disciples believed on him.

John 2:23 Now when he was in Jerusalem at the passover, in the feast day, **many believed in his name, when they saw the miracles which he did.**

John 3:2 The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for **no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.**

John 6:2 And **a great multitude followed him, because they saw his miracles which he did on them that were diseased.**

John 6:14 Then those men, **when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did,** said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world.

John 7:31 And **many of the people believed on him, and said, When Christ cometh, will he do more miracles than these** which this man hath done?

John 9:16 Therefore said some of the Pharisees, This man is not of God, because he keepeth not the sabbath day. Others said, **How can a man that is a sinner do such miracles?** And there was a division among them.

John 11:47 Then gathered the chief priests and the Pharisees a council, and said, What do we? for **this man doeth many miracles.**

John 12:37 But though **he had done so many miracles before them,** yet they believed not on him:

Acts 2:22 Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, **a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs,** which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:

Romans 15:19 **Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God;** so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have **fully preached** the gospel of Christ.

2 Corinthians 12:12 Truly **the signs of an apostle** were wrought among you in all patience, **in signs, and wonders, and mighty deeds.**

Hebrews 2:3 How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us **by them that heard him;** 4 **God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost,** according to his own will?

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

If God does not bear witness then we lack the Spirit of God. He comes first through praise and worship singing.

1 Corinthians 6:9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

1 Corinthians 6:10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

1 Corinthians 6:11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

God always moves by two things: the name of the Lord Jesus and the Spirit of God. The Spirit of God is the one who gives the power, and it is through what the Holy Spirit gives you that signs and wonders happen.

Acts 1:2 Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he **through the Holy Ghost** had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:

The Holy Spirit is a person just like Jesus. The Holy Spirit wants to be your guide. Always welcome him when you pray, when you read your bible and when you do the works of Christ. Look at Peter:

Acts 4:8 Then Peter, **filled with the Holy Ghost**, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel, Look at the first group of believers:

Acts 4:31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all **filled with the Holy Ghost**, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

Acts 9:31 Then had the churches rest throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and **in the comfort of the Holy Ghost**, were multiplied.

Look at Barnabas, Paul and others:

Acts 11:24 For he was a good man, and **full of the Holy Ghost** and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord.

Acts 13:9 Then Saul, (who also is called Paul,) **filled with the Holy Ghost**, set his eyes on him,

Acts 13:52 And the disciples were **filled** with joy, and **with the Holy Ghost**.

The Holy Spirit guided and directed believers, whenever they were full of the Holy Spirit. And it is the same today when we make our lives full of the Holy Ghost.

MAKE YOUR LIFE FULL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Put the Holy Spirit in the number one position in your life by talking to him about the word and works of Jesus we have discovered in this study. Spend time singing praise

Acts 10:19 While Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him, Behold, three men seek thee. 20 Arise therefore, and get thee down, and go with them, doubting nothing: for I have sent them.

Acts 13:2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

There was always some talking between the people and the Holy Spirit

Acts 15:28 For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things;

Acts 16:6 Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia,

Talking enabled them to work according to God's plan

Acts 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

Jude 1:20 But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,

HOW TO PRAY

As you speak the next verses out loud, a particular phenomena happens, noticed here:

Luke 5:17 And it came to pass on a certain day, as he was teaching, that there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judaea, and Jerusalem: and **the power of the Lord was present to heal them.**

The glory will appear (page 11) – God will suddenly open your eyes and you will see the areas where you need to direct your prayer. As you do, you will see a mighty victory happen.

TURN THE PAGE

BEGIN

Memorize these Scriptures and let the Lord Jesus open your eyes in prayer as you speak them OUT LOUD. Repeat the underlined portions a second time and the **bold** portions a third time. Do half a page in one go then invite the Holy Spirit and pray for 5 – 10 minutes after:

Matthew 8:16 When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick:

Matthew 8:31 So the devils besought him, saying, If thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine.

Matthew 9:33 And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake: and the multitudes marvelled, saying, It was never so seen in Israel.

Matthew 10:8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

Matthew 12:28 But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.

Mark 1:34 And he healed many that were sick of divers diseases, and cast out many devils; and suffered not the devils to speak, because they knew him.

Mark 1:39 And he preached in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and cast out devils.

Mark 3:15 And to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils:

Mark 6:13 And they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them.

Mark 7:26 The woman was a Greek, a Syrophenician by nation; and she besought him that he would cast forth the devil out of her daughter.

Mark 9:38 And John answered him, saying, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name, and he followeth not us: and we forbad him, because he followeth not us.

Mark 16:9 Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils.

Mark 16:17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

Luke 11:14 And he was casting out a devil, and it was dumb. And it came to pass, when the devil was gone out, the dumb spake; and the people wondered.

Luke 11:20 But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you.

Luke 13:32 And he said unto them, Go ye, and tell that fox, Behold, I cast out devils, and I do cures to day and to morrow, and the third day I shall be perfected.

John 12:31 Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.

Revelation 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Revelation 20:10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

SATAN

Matthew 4:10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

Matthew 16:23 But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.

Mark 4:15 And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts.

Mark 8:33 But when he had turned about and looked on his disciples, he rebuked Peter, saying, Get thee behind me, Satan: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men.

Luke 10:18 And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

Luke 13:16 And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?

Luke 22:31 And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, **Satan hath desired to have you**, that he may sift you as wheat: 32 But **I have prayed for thee**, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

Acts 26:18 To open their eyes, and **to turn them from darkness to light**, and **from the power of Satan unto God**, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

Romans 16:20 And **the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly**. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

2 Corinthians 2:11 **Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices**.

2 Corinthians 11:14 And no marvel; for **Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light**.

1 Thessalonians 2:18 Wherefore we would have come unto you, even I Paul, once and again; **but Satan hindered us**.

2 Thessalonians 2:9 Even him, whose coming is after **the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders**,

Revelation 3:9 Behold, **I will make them of the synagogue of Satan**, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, **I will make them to come and worship before thy feet**, and to know that I have loved thee.

Revelation 20:2 And **he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years**,

UNCLEAN SPIRITS

Matthew 8:29 And, behold, they cried out, saying, **What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time?**

Matthew 10:1 And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, **he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out**, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

Matthew 12:43 **When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none**.

Mark 1:23 And there was in their synagogue **a man with an unclean spirit**; and he cried out,

Mark 1:26 And **when the unclean spirit had torn him, and cried with a loud voice**, he came out of him.

Mark 1:27 And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this? what new doctrine is this? for **with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him**.

Mark 3:11 And **unclean spirits, when they saw him, fell down before him**, and cried, **saying, Thou art the Son of God**.

Mark 5:2 And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs **a man with an unclean spirit**,

Mark 5:7 And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, **Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not**.

Mark 5:8 For he said unto him, **Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit**.

Mark 5:9 And he asked him, **What is thy name?** And he answered, saying, **My name is Legion: for we are many**.

Mark 5:13 And forthwith **Jesus gave them leave**. And **the unclean spirits went out**, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand;) **and were choked in the sea**.

Mark 6:7 And he called unto him the twelve, and began to send them forth by two and two; and **gave them power over unclean spirits**;

Mark 7:25 For a certain woman, **whose young daughter had an unclean spirit**, heard of him, and came and fell at his feet:

Mark 9:25 When Jesus saw that the people came running together, **he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him**.

Luke 4:36 And they were all amazed, and spake among themselves, saying, What a word is this! for **with authority and power he commandeth the unclean spirits, and they come out.**

Luke 6:18 And **they that were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed.**

Luke 7:21 And in that same hour he cured many of their infirmities and plagues, and of evil spirits; and unto many that were blind he gave sight.

Luke 8:28 When he saw Jesus, **he cried out, and fell down before him,** and with a loud voice said, **What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God most high? I beseech thee, torment me not.**

Luke 11:24 When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he saith, I will return unto my house whence I came out.

Luke 13:11 And, behold, there was a woman which had **a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself.** 12 And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, **thou art loosed from thine infirmity.** 13 And he laid his hands on her: and **immediately she was made straight,** and glorified God.

Acts 5:16 There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, **and them which were vexed with unclean spirits:** and they were healed every one.

Acts 8:7 For **unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them:** and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.

Acts 16:16 And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, **a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination** met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying:

Acts 19:12 So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them.

Revelation 16:13 And I saw **three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth** of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST

Ephesians 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off **are made nigh by the blood of Christ.**

Hebrews 9:14 How much more shall the **blood of Christ,** who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, **purge your conscience** from dead works to serve the living God?

Hebrews 10:19 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest **by the blood of Jesus,**

Hebrews 12:24 And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.

Hebrews 13:20 Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, **through the blood of the everlasting covenant,**

1 Peter 1:2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, **and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.**

DELIVERANCE

Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; **it shall bruise thy head,** and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Isaiah 10:27 And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing.

Isaiah 14:12 **How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer,** son of the morning! **how art thou cut down to the ground,** which didst weaken the nations!

Zechariah 3:2 And the LORD said unto Satan, **The LORD rebuke thee, O Satan;** even the LORD that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: **is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?**

Zechariah 4:6 Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, **Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.**

Zechariah 13:2 And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of hosts, that **I will cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they shall no more be remembered:** and also **I will cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to pass out of the land.**

POSSESSED WITH DEVILS

Matthew 4:24 And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and **those which were possessed with devils**, and those which were lunatic, and those that had the palsy; and **he healed them.**

Matthew 8:28 And when he was come to the other side into the country of the Gergesenes, there met him **two possessed with devils**, coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by that way

Matthew 8:33 And they that kept them fled, and went their ways into the city, and told every thing, and **what was befallen to the possessed of the devils.**

Matthew 9:32 As they went out, behold, **they brought to him a dumb man possessed with a devil.**

Matthew 12:22 Then was **brought unto him one possessed with a devil**, blind, and dumb: and **he healed him**, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw.

Matthew 13:25 But while men slept, **his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat**, and went his way.

Matthew 13:28 He said unto them, **An enemy hath done this.** The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up?

Matthew 13:39 **The enemy that sowed them is the devil**; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.

Matthew 15:22 And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, **Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil.**

Matthew 17:18 And **Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him**: and **the child was cured from that very hour.**

Matthew 25:41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, **Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:**

Mark 1:32 And at even, when the sun did set, **they brought unto him all that were diseased, and them that were possessed with devils.**

Mark 5:12 And **all the devils besought him**, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them.

Mark 5:15 And they come to Jesus, and **see him that was possessed with the devil**, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid.

Mark 5:16 And they that saw it told them **how it befell to him that was possessed with the devil**, and also concerning the swine.

Mark 5:18 And when he was come into the ship, **he that had been possessed with the devil prayed him** that he might be with him.

Mark 7:29 And he said unto her, For this saying **go thy way; the devil is gone out of thy daughter.**

Mark 7:30 And when she was come to her house, **she found the devil gone out**, and her daughter laid upon the bed.

Luke 4:33 And in the synagogue **there was a man, which had a spirit of an unclean devil**, and cried out with a loud voice,

Luke 4:35 And **Jesus rebuked him**, saying, **Hold thy peace, and come out of him.** And **when the devil had thrown him in the midst, he came out of him, and hurt him not.**

Luke 4:41 And **devils also came out of many, crying out**, and saying, **Thou art Christ the Son of God.** And he rebuking them suffered them not to speak: for **they knew that he was Christ.**

Luke 8:2 And **certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits** and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, **out of whom went seven devils,**

Luke 8:12 Those by the way side are they that hear; **then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts**, lest they should believe and be saved.

Luke 8:27 And when he went forth to land, **there met him out of the city a certain man, which had devils long time**, and ware no clothes, neither abode in any house, but in the tombs.

Luke 8:29 (For **he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man**. For oftentimes it had caught him: and he was kept bound with chains and in fetters; and he brake the bands, and **was driven of the devil into the wilderness.**)

Luke 8:30 And Jesus asked him, saying, **What is thy name? And he said, Legion:** because many devils were entered into him.

Luke 8:33 **Then went the devils out of the man, and entered into the swine:** and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the lake, **and were choked.**

Luke 8:35 Then they went out to see what was done; and came to Jesus, and **found the man, out of whom the devils were departed,** sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid.

Luke 8:36 They also which saw it **told them by what means he that was possessed of the devils was healed.**

Luke 8:38 Now **the man out of whom the devils were departed** besought him that he might be with him: but Jesus sent him away, saying,

Luke 9:1 Then he called his twelve disciples together, and **gave them power and authority over all devils,** and to cure diseases.

Luke 9:42 And as he was yet a coming, **the devil threw him down, and tare him. And Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, and healed the child,** and delivered him again to his father.

NOTHING SHALL HARM YOU

Luke 10:17 And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, **Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.**

Luke 10:19 Behold, I give unto you **power to tread on serpents and scorpions,** and **over all the power of the enemy:** and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

John 8:44 **Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do.** He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for **he is a liar, and the father of it.**

John 10:21 Others said, These are not the words of him that hath a devil. **Can a devil open the eyes of the blind?**

Acts 10:38 How **God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power:** who went about doing good, and **healing all that were oppressed of the devil;** for **God was with him.**

Acts 13:10 And said, **O full of all subtlety and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?**

1 Corinthians 10:20 But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, **they sacrifice to devils, and not to God:** and **I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils.**

1 Corinthians 10:21 **Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils.**

1 Corinthians 15:26 **The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.**

1 Corinthians 15:55 **O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?**

Ephesians 4:27 **Neither give place to the devil.**

Ephesians 6:11 **Put on the whole armour of God,** that ye may be able to **stand against the wiles of the devil.**

1 Timothy 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, **giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;**

2 Timothy 2:26 And that they may **recover themselves out of the snare of the devil,** who are taken captive by him at his will.

Hebrews 2:14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that **through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;**

James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. **Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.**

1 Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because **your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:**

1 John 3:8 **He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning.** For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might **destroy the works of the devil.**

1 John 3:10 In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: **whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God,** neither he that loveth not his brother.

Jude 1:9 Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

Revelation 9:20 And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues **yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils,** and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk:

Revelation 12:12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

Revelation 16:14 For **they are the spirits of devils,** working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

Revelation 18:2 And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, **Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils,** and **the hold of every foul spirit,** and **a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.**

FIRE

Matthew 3:10 And now also **the ax is laid unto the root of the trees:** therefore **every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.**

Matthew 3:11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: **he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:**

Matthew 3:12 Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

Matthew 7:19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is **hewn down, and cast into the fire.**

Matthew 13:42 And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be **wailing and gnashing of teeth.**

Matthew 15:13 But he answered and said, **Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up.**

Matthew 17:15 Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is a lunatic, and sore vexed: for oftentimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water.

Mark 9:22 And oftentimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us.

Mark 9:44 Where **their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.**

Luke 3:9 And now also **the ax is laid unto the root of the trees:** every tree therefore which bringeth not forth good fruit is **hewn down, and cast into the fire.**

Luke 3:16 John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire:

Luke 3:17 Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and will gather the wheat into his garner; but the chaff he will burn with fire unquenchable.

Luke 9:39 And, lo, **a spirit taketh him,** and he suddenly crieth out; and it teareth him that he foameth again, and bruising him hardly departeth from him.

Luke 17:29 But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all.

John 15:6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

Acts 2:3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

Acts 2:19 And I will show wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:

1 Corinthians 3:13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

2 Thessalonians 1:8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Hebrews 11:34 Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

Hebrews 12:29 For our God is a consuming fire.

James 3:6 And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.

2 Peter 3:7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

2 Peter 3:12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

Jude 1:7 Even as Sodom and Gomorrhah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

Jude 1:23 And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.

Revelation 10:1 And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire:

Revelation 11:5 And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.

Revelation 14:10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

Revelation 14:11 And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.

Revelation 15:2 And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.

Revelation 16:8 And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire.

Revelation 18:7 How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow.

Revelation 18:8 Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her.

Revelation 18:10 Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come.

Revelation 18:15 The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing,

Revelation 19:12 **His eyes were as a flame of fire**, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

Revelation 19:20 And **the beast was taken**, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which **he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast**, and them that worshipped his image. **These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.**

Revelation 20:9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and **fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.**

Revelation 20:10 And **the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone**, where the beast and the false prophet are, and **shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.**

Revelation 20:14 And **death and hell were cast into the lake of fire.** This is **the second death.**

Revelation 20:15 And **whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.**

Revelation 21:8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and **all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone:** which is **the second death.**

DELIVERANCE

Isaiah 14:16 They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, **Is this the man that made the earth to tremble**, that did **shake kingdoms**;

Isaiah 14:17 That **made the world as a wilderness**, and **destroyed the cities** thereof; that **opened not the house of his prisoners**?

Isaiah 14:21 **Prepare slaughter for his children** for the iniquity of their fathers; that they **do not rise, nor possess the land, nor fill the face of the world with cities.**

Isaiah 14:24 **The LORD of hosts hath sworn**, saying, Surely as I have thought, **so shall it come to pass**; and as I have purposed, **so shall it stand**:

Isaiah 27:1 In that day the LORD with **his sore and great and strong sword** shall **punish leviathan the piercing serpent**, even **leviathan that crooked serpent**; and he shall **slay the dragon that is in the sea.**

Ezekiel 28:12 Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; **Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.**

Ezekiel 28:13 **Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God**; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee **in the day that thou wast created.**

Ezekiel 28:14 Thou art the **anointed cherub** that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast **upon the holy mountain of God**; thou hast walked up and down **in the midst of the stones of fire.**

Ezekiel 28:15 Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, **till iniquity was found in thee.**

Ezekiel 28:16 By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and **thou hast sinned**: therefore **I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God**: and **I will destroy thee, O covering cherub**, from the midst of the stones of fire.

Ezekiel 28:17 **Thine heart was lifted up** because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: **I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.**

Ezekiel 28:18 **Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities**, by the iniquity of thy traffic; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and **I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee.**

Ezekiel 28:19 All they that know thee among **the people shall be astonished at thee**: thou shalt **be a terror**, and **never shalt thou be any more.**

INVITE THE HOLY SPIRIT AND PRAY 5–10 MINUTES

Get a vision from God – ask and you will have. Before you can ask, you have to get a vision of what to ask for.

John 15:7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

There is an anointing to ask what you want in Jesus name and he will do it.

Mark 11:12 And on the morrow, when they were come from Bethany, he was hungry:

Mark 11:13 And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came, if haply he might find any thing thereon: and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves; for the time of figs was not yet.

Mark 11:14 And Jesus answered and said unto it, No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever. And his disciples heard it.

Mark 11:15 And they come to Jerusalem: and Jesus went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves;

Mark 11:16 And would not suffer that any man should carry any vessel through the temple.

Mark 11:17 And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves.

Mark 11:18 And the scribes and chief priests heard it, and sought how they might destroy him: for they feared him, because all the people was astonished at his doctrine.

Mark 11:19 And when even was come, he went out of the city.

Mark 11:20 And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots.

Mark 11:21 And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away.

Mark 11:22 And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.

Mark 11:23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

Mark 11:24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

Mark 11:25 And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

Mark 11:26 But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.

Jesus had authority to do these things

Mark 11:27 And they come again to Jerusalem: and as he was walking in the temple, there come to him the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders,

Mark 11:28 And say unto him, By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority to do these things?

Mark 11:29 And Jesus answered and said unto them, I will also ask of you one question, and answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things.

Mark 11:30 The baptism of John, was it from heaven, or of men? answer me.

Mark 11:31 And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say, Why then did ye not believe him?

Mark 11:32 But if we shall say, Of men; they feared the people: for all men counted John, that he was a prophet indeed.

Mark 11:33 And they answered and said unto Jesus, We cannot tell. And Jesus answering saith unto them, Neither do I tell you by what authority I do these things.

All authority in heaven and on earth belongs to Jesus:

Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

All you have to do is ask and you will have

Matthew 7:7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

Matthew 7:8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Those who understand this are the ones who get:

Matthew 11:12 And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.

Do not faint (ignore it)

Luke 18:1 And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;

Luke 18:2 Saying, There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man:

Luke 18:3 And there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary.

Luke 18:4 And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man;

Luke 18:5 Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.

Luke 18:6 And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith.

Luke 18:7 And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?

Luke 18:8 I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?

God will give it to you

John 16:23 And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.

John 16:24 Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

The Power of Jesus blood

Jesus' blood gets to the root of demon power.

1 Corinthians 10:21 Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils.

In this verse devils or demons are connected with blood, contrasted with the blood of Jesus (the cup of the Lord).

“Demon” comes from the Aramaic word for “blood” *dema* (example Aceldama – field of blood Acts 1:19).

The Greek word for “blood” (*aima*) is linked to “demon” (*daimon*).

“Demons” literally means “the bloods”.

Through blood, demons are the masters of sin, so devils leave with Jesus' blood because their power is completely cancelled.

Acts 15:29 That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well.

One likely explanation for this warning against blood is, if you take other blood you are likely to take in demons with that blood (just like with fornication).

1 Corinthians 10:20 But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils.

2 Corinthians 6:14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

2 Corinthians 6:15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?

2 Corinthians 6:16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

2 Corinthians 6:17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,

2 Corinthians 6:18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God (1 Cor 15:50). And nobody is called into the kingdom of God through flesh and blood (John 1:13, Gal 1:16)

There is a holy baptism of blood:

Luke 12:50 But I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished!

Luke 12:51 Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on earth? I tell you, Nay; but rather division:

Mark 10:38 But Jesus said unto them, Ye know not what ye ask: can ye drink of the cup that I drink of? and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?

Mark 10:39 And they said unto him, We can. And Jesus said unto them, Ye shall indeed drink of the cup that I drink of; and with the baptism that I am baptized withal shall ye be baptized:

We need 3 baptisms:

1 John 5:8 And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.

1. The Blood baptism comes when we preach deliverance from devils and lay hands on the sick
2. The Water baptism (a physical act of the believer) comes when we preach repentance from sin
3. The Spirit (and fire) baptism comes when we preach the resurrection of Jesus and lay hands

Acts 2:19 And I will show wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:

Here the Bible describes the Holy Spirit baptism with blood, and fire (Spirit) and vapour of smoke (water).

The Cost of Following Jesus

Luke 12:33 Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth.

DISCIPLESHIP

What is discipleship?

It is to receive the love of the truth.

2 Thessalonians 2:10. And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

It is repentance

Luke 15:10. Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

Not looking back.

Luke 9:62. And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

Forsaking all.

Luke 14:26. If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.

Luke 14:27. And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.

Luke 14:33. So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.

Are you trying to save your life?

Luke 17:33. Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it.

Leaving all.

Luke 18:24. And when Jesus saw that he was very sorrowful, he said, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!

Luke 18:28. Then Peter said, Lo, we have left all, and followed thee.

Luke 18:29. And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, for the kingdom of God's sake,

Luke 18:30. Who shall not receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come life everlasting.

Faithful and smart with transacting business.

Luke 16:11. If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?

Luke 16:12. And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?

Occupy till I come.

Luke 19:12. He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return.

Luke 19:13. And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come.

Pressing in.

Luke 16:16. The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it.

Sitting down first and counting the cost.

Luke 14:25. And there went great multitudes with him: and he turned, and said unto them,

26. If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.

27. And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.

28. For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it?

29. Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him,

30. Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish.

31. Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand?

32. Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sendeth an ambassage, and desireth conditions of peace.

33. So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.

34. Salt is good: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be seasoned?

35. It is neither fit for the land, nor yet for the dunghill; but men cast it out. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.