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Chapter 10 – Casting Out Demons

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FIRST-WORLD DEMONS

[p153] We may call them by different names or diagnose them as strange conditions. We might medicate them, institutionalize them, and pretend they don't exist. But demons are alive and well all over the world.

[p154] The problem of demonization is a real issue that the church is generally quite oblivious to and ill equipped to address.

THE TERMINOLOGY

[p155] Even if a person is so indwelt by demons that he is under their complete control, that person is not owned by the demons.

WORK WITH A PARTNER

[p156] There is a biblical principle that “two are better than one” (Eccles. 4:9).

[p156] We can benefit from the gifts and grace in one another's lives (Phil. 1:7).

[p156] We strengthen and encourage one another (1 Thess. 5:11).

[p156] We can have an exponential impact when we work together (Lev. 26:8; Deut. 32:30).

[p156] When two people work together, they are more accountable, and they also have a witness in case there is ever an accusation (2 Cor. 13:1).

SALVATION FIRST

[p157] Salvation is the foundation of any spiritual benefit or blessing.

HONOR THE DEMONIZED PERSON'S SOVEREIGNTY

[p157] Christians have great authority through the name of Jesus. But one thing we do not have is the authority to make a decision on someone else's behalf.

DEMONIC SPIRITS IN DRY PLACES

[p156] Even if you are able to cast out a demon with one word, there is still the possibility the demon could return to the same host with other demons and actually make things worse.

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[p159] Deliverance is necessary, but it is not enough. With the deliverance there has to come a permanent change that prevents those demons from returning.

[p159] Certain behaviors and beliefs will give demons a right to access a person's life.

[p160] A delivered person needs to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

RECOGNIZING DEMONIC INFLUENCE

[p160] It is usually a mistake to assume that just because something looks odd or even creepy, it is demonic.

[p161] Never assume someone is demonized unless there is something that overtly points to it.

[p161] Every person should be treated with dignity and respect, even if you have good reason to think he or she is demonized.

[p161] Always focus on leading people to Christ.

[p161] Pay attention to telltale clues that might indicate demonic activity.

SELF-HARM AND SUICIDAL TENDENCIES

[p163] While it is not always obvious who is demonized and who is not, you should immediately recognize a few things:

- Mental blocks
- Violent reactions
- Blasphemies and cursing
- Incoherent talk
- Feeling of breathlessness
- Looks full of hatred or glassy, unfocused eyes
- Manifested oppression in some parts of the body
- Vomiting
- Uncontrolled screaming

BE AWARE OF ENTRY POINTS

[p163] Demons don't attach themselves without some invitation. These invitations are not always intentional or conscious, but they are always part of the equation.

[p163] The dictionary defines bloodlust as "a desire for bloodshed and carnage, often aroused in the heat of battle and leading to uncontrolled slaughter and torture."

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CAN CHRISTIANS BE DEMONIZED?

[p167] It is possible for Christians to be influenced by demonic spirits in certain ways—

FAITH, FEAR, AND UNBELIEF

[p168] Notice that when the disciples asked Jesus why they were not able to cast out the demon, Jesus had a simple answer: “Because of your unbelief.”

[p168] When dealing with demons, faith is an indispensable requirement.

[p168] Faith is agreement with the Word of God. It is not dictated by the senses.

[p169] While God’s power operates through faith, Satan thrives on fear.

THIS KIND DOES NOT GO OUT EXCEPT BY PRAYER AND FASTING

[p172] The disciples were concerned about the demon inside the boy, but Jesus was concerned about the unbelief inside His disciples.

THE CONCEPT OF GENERATIONAL CURSES

[p173] The concept definitely opens the door for odd and sometimes superstitious beliefs. It is also sometimes used as a crutch that gives people an excuse as to why they are struggling with their issues.

[p174] The only time demons are mentioned explicitly in the Old Testament is in connection with idol worship.

EPIGENETICS

[p174] Your epigenome consists of chemicals that tell your genes what to do. Among other things your epigenome is influenced by your behavior and environment, which regulate certain genetic expressions.

[p175] Epigenetic expressions can be passed down from generation to generation. This means addictive behaviors, lifestyle choices, and activities can cause changes to the epigenome of one’s children. Interestingly, these changes can persist for two or three generations.

[p175] If you are looking for the root cause or entry point for some demonic influence, looking at the family situation can often contain helpful clues.

[p176] If an issue has persisted for generations within a family, it is a good indication the issue might have a spiritual connection.

[p176] People need to realize that getting free is not just about their own deliverance but also about the health and well-being of their entire family.

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THE DELIVERANCE PROCESS

[p176] Take authority over the demon (or demons), and command it (or them) to be quiet in Jesus' name.

[p176] Tell the demon you want to talk to the person, and call the person to consciousness in Jesus' name.

[p177] If the person tells you he wants to be free, share the gospel with him first.

[p177] Lead the person in a prayer of salvation.

[p177] Have the person specifically renounce any areas where he intentionally gave demons access.

[p177] Have the person forgive anyone he was holding bitterness or anger against.

[p178] Take authority over every demonic spirit and command it to go in Jesus' name.

[p178] Lay your hands on the person, together with anyone else ministering with you, and pray for him to receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit.

[p178] After a person has been delivered, it is important that he get disciplined and stay accountable.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

What are some key things to remember about deliverance ministry?

What are some ways we can recognize demonic influence?

Why is discipleship so important after someone has been delivered?

Can a Christian be demonized?

What are some of the ways we can be affected by unbelief?

Is there a connection between epigenetics and generational curses? Explain.