

WELCOME TO WORD OF FAITH LIFE GROUPS **WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER**

LIFE GROUP LESSON PLAN

Praying Scripturally Against the Kingdom Of Darkness, Part 7

Thursday, June 30, 2022 – 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Teaching The Bible Through Practical Biblical Teaching

OPENING PRAYER (5 MINUTES)

WELCOME TO OUR GROUP (5 MINUTES)

If this is your first time joining us, please introduce yourself! We are glad you took the time to join us today. Our group has four purposes:

1. **L... Learning together from God's Word**
2. **I... Interceding through prayer**
3. **F... true Fellowship in the Spirit of Christ**
4. **E...Evangelizing the lost**

PRAISE & WORSHIP (5 MINUTES)

FACILITATION OF LESSON

Sermon Title: *“Praying Scripturally Against The Kingdom Of Darkness,” Part 7*

POINT 1

Tonight, let’s look at one class of evil spirits Jesus talked to Dad Hagin about called the Rulers of Darkness of this World. Jesus explained, the highest class of demons you will have to deal with upon the earth are the rulers of the darkness of this world. These demons rule the darkness of this world, and they rule over those who are in the darkness. Jesus also explained to Dad Hagin that rulers of darkness also try to rule over believers who are not walking in the light of their redemption, or who don’t know or don’t exercise their rights and privileges in Christ. According to the Word, believers are to take authority over the first three classes of demons: Principalities, Powers, and the Rulers of the Darkness of this World.

Jesus told Dad Hagin if believers on earth will bind the operation of the first three classes of demons, according to the Word, he will deal with the fourth class of demons – spiritual wickedness in high places.

This is substantiated in **Matthew 18:18:**

“Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven [HEAVENLIES]: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven [HEAVENLIES].”

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QUESTION:

1. What is the highest class of demon spirits we will ever have to deal with? Who do they rule over and why?
2. What is our responsibility towards these demonic spirits according to the Word of God?

We are to bind evil spirits in their opposition against us in Jesus' name, based on the authority of God's Word:

READ Luke 10:19:

*"Behold, I give unto you **power** [AUTHORITY] [I'VE PLACE THE CONTROL IN YOUR HANDS] to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over **all the power of the enemy**: and nothing shall by any means hurt you."*

READ Philippians 2:9:

"Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth"

We have the name of Jesus!

READ Isaiah 54:17:

"No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD."

They condemn the naysayers with the Word of God.

READ Revelation 12:11:

"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death."

We have the Name of Jesus, the Word of God and the Blood as weapons that bind the enemy.

QUESTION:

1. What weapons are we to use against the Rulers of the Darkness of this world? How are we to use them?

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POINT 2

As we stand in Christ's authority and bind the operation of the first three classes of demonic spirits, we stop them from operating against us. When we do our part, Jesus promises to do his and deal with the most powerful demons, Spiritual Wickedness ruling in the High Places. The Rulers of the Darkness of this World, according to Jesus, are the most intelligent form of evil spirits believers must contend with.

When a person is possessed, it is always one of these Rulers of the Darkness of this World who is doing the possessing. In addition to this, they exercise authority over the other spirits and instruct them in what to do. The lowest type of demons have very little authority of their own and do very little thinking of their own; they are told what to do.

QUESTION:

1. How do we deal with the first three classes of evil spirits and what will it trigger?
2. Which rank of the evil spirits are responsible for demon possession and explain their order of rank?

Anyone who is walking in darkness can be dominated by the rulers of darkness. They rule over unsaved people and anyone walking in darkness, including believers who are walking in darkness. That's why sometimes even saved people can yield to these spirits and let them dominate them if they are walking in darkness, if they are not in fellowship with God and if they are not walking in the light of his word. Evil spirits will dominate believers if they allow them to by consent, ignorance, or disobedience. That the reason people, including believers, do certain things and don't know why they do them. This explains what we see rising in our time. This is why sometimes people who commit acts of darkness say, "*I don't know what made me do that.*" Or that's why perfectly good people say about others, "*I would never do anything like that,*" and before long, they've done something even worse. That's why sometimes even in someone's own family, a family member does something strange or out of character, and other family members say, "*What in the world made him do that? I've never seen anything like that!*" The reason they do it is that they are being dominated by Rulers of Darkness, demons and evil spirits. If they are walking in darkness, they are being ruled over and motivated by those Rulers of Darkness.

To illustrate this read: **1 John 5:19**

*"And we know that we are of God, and **the whole world** lieth in wickedness [OR DARKNESS]."*

QUESTIONS:

1. Who can become prey to the rulers of the darkness of this world?
2. How can a Christian be dominated by the rulers of darkness of this world? What does it mean to not walk in the light of God's Word?

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3. Does this explain why people do evil unimaginable things? Explain according to the Word of God!

POINT 3

Every unsaved man and woman, regardless of who they are whether it's your kinfolks or someone else's kinfolks, your brother, sister, mother or father, every unsaved person is in the Kingdom of Darkness. And they are ruled or motivated more or less by these demons or evil spirits who are the rulers of the darkness of this world. Whether they want to admit it or not, or whether you or anyone else wants to admit it, that's absolutely the truth. Those who have not been born again and who have not come into the Body of Christ are still in the kingdom of darkness. So, you have to be careful of the expectation you put on them because they can't meet it.

Every person who is not in the kingdom of light is still ruled or dominated to some extent by those demon spirits in the kingdom of darkness, although they may not know it.

READ: Ephesians 2:1-3

*And you hath he quickened, who **were dead** in trespasses and sins; Wherein in **time past** ye walked according to the **course of this world**, according to **the prince of the power of the air**, the spirit that **now worketh in the children of disobedience**: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in **the lusts of our flesh**, fulfilling the **desires of the flesh and of the mind**; and were by **nature the children of wrath**, even as others.*

This is the reason people do and say things, they say they would never do.

QUESTIONS:

1. What's one of the dangers of not being born again as it is related to our subject?
2. Have you ever put a high expectation on an unsaved person? How did it affect you?
3. What is Ephesians 2:1-3 telling us?

POINT 4

In the past couple of years and even recently in Texas and Oklahoma, there have been mass shootings. People will say of the gunman that he appeared to be in good mental health. He had a job, a good house, and no record of misconduct. He appeared to have no money concerns, yet he eventually yielded to the Ruler of Darkness of this World.

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And they commit some unthinkable crimes like shooting their grandmother and killing 19 kids as well as two teachers. And going into a doctor's office and killing the doctor and four other people and then killing themselves. Or like in Oklahoma, they walk into a doctor's office, killing the doctor and four others before killing themselves. People ask why? Why would someone do something like that? The answer, they were dominated by evil spirits, Rulers of the Darkness of this World, because they were in darkness, and they weren't saved.

But believer don't need to be dominated by evil spirits because the Word of God tells us in **Colossians 1:12-13:**

"Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: 13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:"

We are the light where Jesus is our Lord. He's the one who is to dominate us. He is the ruler over us. He is our head, not the Rulers of Darkness.

QUESTIONS:

1. What atrocities have we seen in recent years? Why is this happening?
2. Should believers have to worry about being dominated by evil spirits? Why or Why not?

How does the Bible address dealing with evil spirits? Here is an illustration to study:

While a man of God was preaching in a large city, the Spirit of the Lord came upon him and directed him how to pray for this particular situation. He spoke out by the unction and anointing of the Holy Spirit and he said, *"You foul spirit in the heavenlies that would come against our nation and government, cease and desist in your maneuvers in Jesus Name. Take your hands off that man in political office. Take your hands off that group of men in authority. Stop now in the Name of Jesus. You are a defeated foe, and in the Name of Jesus, away you must go!"* **He prayed that way according to the direction and unction of the Holy Spirit**, he had no idea what was going on in that city at that time. But the Holy Spirit directed him, and shortly after that occurred, a major political leader in that city was removed from office because of corruption and vice. And as a result of taking authority over the works of the devil in that city by the power of the Holy Spirit, soon afterwards judgement fell upon the other corrupt political figures, and many in key positions in governmental offices were removed from office at that time. What did he do? **He dealt scripturally by the unction of the Holy Spirit with those evil spirits that were ruling in the unseen realm.** Then in **the seen realm**, in that city, corrupt political leaders were exposed and removed from political office.

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QUESTIONS:

1. How was this man able to deal with the evil spirits ruling in the unseen realm?
2. How important is it for us to understand the importance and the responsibility God has placed on us down here in the earth?

CALL - TIME OF DECISION (EVERYONE BOW YOUR HEADS)

PRAISE REPORTS - *2-MINUTES PER PERSON

PRAYER FOCUS / INDIVIDUAL PRAYER REQUEST (10 MINUTES)

Prayer focus:

- 1) Your Circle (friends and family)
- 2) Life Group members
- 3) Word of Faith Leadership:
 - a. Pastor Ronald D. Walker, Jr., Evangelist Sharon L. Walker, Minister Promise Walker, Brittany and Christian and the ministerial staff.
 - b. Bishop Keith A. Butler and Pastor Deborah Butler

Have you reached out to your circle today?

ANNOUNCEMENTS (5 MINUTES)

1. Keep our youth in prayer as they travel to Michigan for Rise 6:20 Youth Camp – Monday, June 27th – Sunday, July 3rd. Pray that they will be: Rooted in the Word, Ignited by the Holy Spirit, Separated from the World, Empowered by God. Generation 6:20 Youth Service is canceled this **Friday, July 1, 2022**. Join them **Friday, August 5, 2022** for the next Generation 6:20 meeting.
2. Join us for **Holy Communion Service, Sunday, July 3, 2022 at 10:00 am**. If you are joining us online prepare your communion elements in advance so that we can break bread together.
3. Single with Purpose will be meeting in person, for a “*Night of Refreshing.*” **Friday, July 8, 2022, 7:00 pm**. Bring a Dish, invite a friend and let's have great fellowship with one another. We All need each other. For more information email Minister Bachelor at singewithpurpose2019@gmail.com.
4. Join us for **Baby Dedication, Sunday, July 10, 2022 at 10:00 am**. To register call the church office at (340) 774-8617.

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5. Mark your calendars for the **Word of Faith Annual Convention, Wednesday, July 20- Friday, July 22**. Hosted by Bishop Keith A. Butler and Pastor Deborah Butler. Guest speakers, include MiChelle Ferguson, Michael Freeman, Mark Hankins, and Hank Kunneman. Bring those near you who are in need of encouragement and victory. We are expecting the Lord to do great and mighty things in these services. For more information, please see Minister Abbott.

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