

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

LIFE GROUP LESSON PLAN

Praying Scripturally Against the Kingdom Of Darkness, Part 9

Thursday, July 14, 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 9*

POINT 1

Let us begin our study this week with an illustration of the believer's authority. A man brought his wife to one of Papa Hagin's meetings for deliverance. He brought her up to the healing line, and when Papa Hagin prayed for her, he knew by the Spirit of God that an evil spirit had gotten ahold of her mind. He also knew that if she wanted to be delivered, she could be. Then God revealed to him exactly what had made her lose her mind in the first place. She had heard a well-known preacher say that God has spoken to him in an audible voice. When she heard that, **she began to seek voices – not God**, until finally she became insane, and she had to be committed to an asylum. God also revealed to Papa Hagin that her husband had brought her to several ministers for deliverance. But she hadn't been delivered, so her husband had gotten mad at every minister. He knew all of that by the revelation of the Holy Ghost.

Then her husband brought her to Papa Hagin's meeting however, Papa Hagin knew unless she wanted to get rid of that evil spirit and stop hearing those voices, he wouldn't be able to deliver her either. Then her husband would get mad at him like he did all of the others ministers. So, Papa Hagin didn't minister to her in the healing line; he waited until he had the opportunity to talk to both this woman and her husband after service.

Papa Hagin told this couple exactly what the Lord had revealed to him. This woman had been out of the asylum for a while, but her husband was going to take her back again because her mind had become

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confused again. However, the woman could understand what was said to her. So, Papa Hagin told her, “Sister, as long as you want to hear those voices, you’re going to hear them. But if you want to be delivered, you can be!” She replied, “No, I want to go on hearing these voices.”

Now if her mind wasn’t working properly, and someone in authority such as her husband gave Papa Hagin permission, he could have cast that evil spirit out of her mind or if the Holy Spirit moved supernaturally by a gift of the spirit, he could have dealt with that evil spirit supernaturally. But her mind was clear enough for her to make a rational choice, and she wanted to hear those voices, so there was nothing Papa Hagin could do. He couldn’t violate her will. God wouldn’t violate her free will either. But anytime she wanted to be delivered, she could be through the power in the Name of Jesus.

QUESTION:

1. What caused this woman to lose her mind? Can this happen to anyone? Explain?
2. In this example what were the two main reasons Papa Hagin couldn’t cast that evil spirit out?
Hint: one was dealing with the husband, and one was dealing with the wife!
3. How could he have helped her?

There is a principle here that Christians need to realize about the limitations of our authority over the Devil in other people’s lives. The mind is the door to the heart. Listen closely, if a person's mental state allows you to contact with them and they give you permission, you can deal with evil spirits in his life. But if the person doesn’t give you permission, or if they want to keep the evil spirits, you won’t be able to deal with the Devil in their life. If a person’s mind is not functioning properly and he can’t give you permission, then you can only help him if the Lord gives you a supernatural operation of a Gift of the Spirit to deal with the evil spirit that’s harassing them. Or if the person can sit under the teaching of the word for a period of time, they can be set free.

The point is that there are limits to our authority in the spiritual realm when it comes to dealing with the Devil in the lives of other people, just as there are limits to our authority in the natural realm when it comes to dealing with other people.

QUESTIONS:

1. What principle did we learn here?
2. What can we do about the evil spirit if the person’s mind is not functioning properly? How else can they get delivered?

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POINT 2

Some believers make the mistake of taking one scripture like **Mark 16:17** which says:

*“And these signs shall follow them that believe; **In my name** shall they **cast out Devils**; they shall speak with new tongues;”*

They use this scripture to cast out the Devil in everyone they meet. But you cannot go around exercising authority over everyone you meet. Jesus didn't do that when he walked upon this earth. Neither did the apostles. Therefore, it couldn't be right for us to do it either. In fact, there's no pattern in the New Testament for trying to indiscriminately cast Devils out of everyone we meet. Many times, well-meaning Christians when they know the authority they possess in Jesus' name, they get carried away in their excitement and start believing they can cast the Devil out of everyone. They think, *“I am somebody, I have the power, I can work miracles, or I can work in the supernatural realm.”* No, they can't work the supernatural power of God on their own. No one can!

The Holy Ghost is the wonder worker, not man. And we need to depend on him to lead us in wisdom according to the word in our dealings with the Devil. So, you see, there are limits to our authority in dealing with the Devil in the lives of others.

QUESTIONS:

1. How do believers take Mark 16:17 too far? Have you witnessed this before?
2. Why can't we cast the Devil out of everyone we see?

POINT 3

But what about our own personal lives. For example people will ask, *“How much authority do I have to keep the demons and Devils off my own property?”* Believers do have authority over evil spirits that try to come on their property. In fact, despite limits to our authority, I'm convinced that the church of the Lord Jesus Christ has more authority than most believers realize.

Let's look at an incident regarding Devils on someone's property. To illustrate what we're talking about. A missionary to the Philippines by the name of Ernie Reb had moved to an island that was supposed to be the very stronghold of Satan. Brother Reb was building a home on the island, and during the construction, one of the carpenters started hollering. Brother Reb went to see what was wrong. The guy was thrashing around like he was wrestling with something, yelling, *“Get him off of me! Get him off of me!”* Brother Reb said, *“I saw something rip his pants leg, toothmarks appeared, and the wound started bleeding.”*

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QUESTION:

1. Have you ever heard of similar incidents like this? Explained

All the time he was hollering, *“Get him off of me!”* Brother Reb realized it had to be a Devil. Then he said, *“I command you, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, to leave him! This is my property. You have no right on my property!”* When Brother Reb told the demon to leave, it ran off. Brother Reb said that he never saw the demon, but the other man saw it leave. After that experience, the other carpenters were afraid to work there.

The witch doctor came, saying he wants to sacrifice a pig and a chicken he stated the blood was supposed to appease the demons. Brother Reb told the witch doctor, *“No, you won’t come on my property. You won’t sacrifice anything on my property! There are no evil spirits here! I told them not to come back, and they won’t return or set foot on my property. Tell the carpenters to come back to work. That won’t happen again!”*

You see those demons knew Brother Reb and they recognized that he knew his authority in Christ. And if you are a believer, the demons know you. They’ll run from you if you exercise your authority in Christ.

QUESTIONS:

1. How was Brother Reb able to deal with that demon concerning someone else?
2. What authority do you have over your property? When was the last time you used it?
3. When will demons run from you?

But if you don’t exercise your authority, they will take advantage of you because: **John 10:10** says: *“The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.”*

The witch doctor told Brother Reb, *“If that man comes back to work and the Devil jumps on him and kills him, you’ll be responsible. He has a wife and several children. If he’s killed, you’ll have to take care of them.”* Brother Reb said, *“Tell him to come back to work. Those Devils won’t attack him anymore. I have forbidden them to come on my property, just like I’m forbidding you to come on my property.”* The carpenter came back to work after his leg healed and was never attacked again.

Brother Reb experience reveals that we definitely have authority over the Devil when he tries to encroach or trespass on our property. When we boldly bind the Devil’s works, he has to cease and desist in his operations against us. The Devil has no right to trespass on God’s property.

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QUESTIONS

1. Why was Brother Reb so confident when the witch doctor approached him?
2. What do we need to do when the Devil encroaches or trespasses on our property?

POINT 4

The question is how much authority over the Devil do we have when we are on Satan's territory? If you're on the Devil's territory out of disobedience, ignorance, or curiosity, he's got a right to jump on you. If you are on his territory, you won't be able to keep the Devil from attacking you.

Believers have authority over the Devil on their own property, and they have authority when they are preaching the gospel on the Devil's territory by the leading and direction of the Holy Spirit. For example, missionaries are always invading the Devil's territory with the Good News of the Gospel, and they have authority over him in the Name of Jesus. But if believers go on the Devil's territory because they are walking in disobedience and against the light of God's Word, they give the Devil a legal right to attack them. Yes, we have to deal with the Devil. He stills rules in the darkness, and we can't stop him from ruling as the god of this world like it says in **2 Corinthians 4:4**:

*In whom the **god of this world** hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.*

But we can bind him in his operations against us. And we can preach the truth to people to let them know they don't have to be dominated by the Devil.

Through biblical prayer and preaching the Word, we can help bring people out of the Kingdom of Darkness into the Kingdom of God. That's how we scripturally turn a city or nation upside down for God!

QUESTIONS

1. What authority do you have when you are in Satan's territory? Does this apply to everyone?
2. What are the exceptions to our authority when we are in Satan's territory? What can we do?

CALL - TIME OF DECISION (EVERYONE BOW YOUR HEADS)

PRAISE REPORTS - *2-MINUTES PER PERSON

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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. 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. We are expecting the Lord to do great and mighty things in these services. For more information, please see Minister Abbott.

On Wednesday, July 20, 2022, we will be viewing the service LIVE in the sanctuary at 6:45 pm. Healing school is canceled.

2. **VIP Silvers Saints/Covenant Partner's Event, Friday, July 22, 2022, at UVI Fitness Center** the Family Comedy Show at 6:00pm. Tickets for seniors are \$ 20 and \$50.00 for VIP. Tickets will be available at the church from Sunday, July 17, 2022. For more information contact Minister Williams, Minister Lavern Oysterman or Minister Bachelor for tickets.
3. Join the SWAT Team for their next outing **Saturday, July 23, 2022 at 11:00 am**. For more information contact Minister Francis.
4. Join us **Monday, July 25, 2022 at 6:30 pm for Command, Praise and Worship Day**. Service will be held at the church. Join us as we command the safety of the entire Caribbean from hurricanes, earthquakes and natural disasters and welcome are peace be still season.
5. Do you want to become a member of Word of Faith? Join us for membership class, **Saturday, July 30, 2022 at 9:00 am – 1:00 pm**. To register see Minister Abbott or email wordoffaithvi@gmail.com

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