

Ministering to Christians Seeking Spiritual Freedom and Deliverance



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Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

Greetings!

At the end of March, Christians around the world joyfully celebrated the Resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ. What an awesome event the Resurrection was! Although I dislike the term “Easter” (as it is actually a pagan term that has nothing to do with Christ’s Resurrection but the worship of the goddess Asherah; I prefer to use Resurrection Sunday), I’m reminded of a song I learned growing up. Some of the words to the song are: “Every morning is Easter morning from now on; every day is Resurrection day, the past is over and gone...” The song is good encouragement that each new day is a new day of life in Christ. So I encourage you to look at each day as a Resurrection Day in Christ!

Praises:

Even on my “down days,” God is faithful. He ministers to hurting people, and it blesses my heart.

I praise God for encouragement and support from you!

Short Report:

For thirty plus years, voices tormented this person. Starting about the age of six, the voices said what to do. The voices’ direction led to a life of drugs and crime, which naturally led to trouble with the authorities. Given a diagnosis of schizophrenia, the person was given medication for the voices. However, the medication did nothing to stop the voices. Miraculously, this person had come to saving faith in Jesus Christ. Even after faith in Christ, the tormenting voices were present.

Through a church house connection, God led this person to Life of Freedom Ministries. In the first meeting, in Christian authority I confronted the voices. It turned out these voices were not just “in the head,” but were demons! These spirits were inherited from a parent who was involved in witchcraft. The witchcraft was to the degree of worshipping Satan for power. Within three sessions of addressing the sins of the ancestry and personal sins, the Lord Jesus had set the person free! The client commented that we accomplished more in three hours, than thirty years with psychiatrists. *In this case*, it was not mental illness, but demonization. It wasn’t by me that this child of God was freed, but an encounter with the Living Lord Jesus Christ!

Something to Consider:

Hebrews 4:12-13—¹²*For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.* ¹³*Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.*

Using Scripture and the truth of Scripture in ministry is very effective. Hebrews 4:12-13 is just one example of a passage that is useful in ministering to those troubled by evil spirits. The verses are helpful in exercising Christian authority over evil spirits. Also, the verse makes clear that a person cannot deceive God, and therefore, need not try to hide the truth of sin.

When the time comes to confront or challenge demons that are present in a person, it has been valuable to apply Hebrews 4:12. God’s Word is active, sharp, and can divide “soul and spirit.” The way I apply this

verse is to declare, “In the Name of Jesus Christ, I divide soul and spirit. I separate _____ (stating his or her name) from any demonic powers that reside with him/her.” This step of declaring the division of the person from the demons is helpful in that it makes clear that there is a distinct difference between the entities of the human being and the demons. Also, this action seems to help weaken the demons.

Dealing more with the demons directly, I divide the demons from their spiritual reinforcements and support structures. Other ministers and ministries use different language, but the main idea is to cut off the demons present at the session with the person from any demons that are higher ranking, overseeing demons. In some cases, the demons with the person have been given specific orders from these higher ranking demons. When they are disconnected from their support structure, their strength is weakened as well. Declaring the Word of God over these spirits to “put them in their place” is very powerful. It is a reminder of their defeat by the Lord Jesus on the cross, and that the believer is in Him. The demons are isolated, and in a sense, backed into a corner. They must listen to the Word of God!

Second, Hebrews 4:13 shows that nothing is hidden from God. At times, a person will want to hide a sin out of embarrassment and shame. I try to assure all who come that I don’t hold condemnation for anyone, and the confession of sin isn’t for my pleasure or even to me. Instead, they are simply acknowledging what God already knows and that the action and/or attitude is sinful. God knows what a person’s sin record is, so there is no need to try and hide it from Him!

When a person delays sharing all of the truth, it simply delays freedom. For almost all clients, there is a process of remembering things, and that is not what I’m writing about. Instead, it is an intentional action of not acknowledging something that was done—even if it was a sin against the person by someone else. In the previous verses of Hebrews 4, the writer encourages the audience to “make every effort to enter that rest” (verse 11). In the same way a person needs to make that kind of effort to be free.

Often when a person chooses to admit a sin that had been hidden, the relief is great. The burden is lifted, and we can begin to apply Hebrews 4:12 against the demons! In general, I encourage each of us to quickly confess sins to God and not try to hide them. Humbling oneself and acknowledging what God already knows is the way of peace in relationship with Him.

Prayer Concerns:

Events: *Life of Freedom Bible Studies*—The next monthly Bible study will be on Monday, April 8th at 6:30pm. We will study more of Hebrews 4. All are invited to attend.

I’ve been connecting with new potential contributors. Please pray for generosity and growth of support.

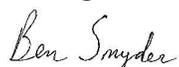
Please pray for clients’ understanding and willing hearts to encounter God and His love.

Please pray for one client to soften a stubborn, selfish heart.

Final Thoughts:

At the April Bible study, the focus will be Hebrews 3 and 4. These chapters address the sins of the Israelites while in the desert, heading to the Promised Land. We will look at these verses, and discuss applying them in our lives.

Serving the Lord Jesus Christ,



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