

Ministering to Christians Seeking Spiritual Freedom



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Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

Greetings!

A few weeks ago, the pastor at my church read from 2 Kings 6 for his sermon. He focused on how Elisha's servant's eyes were opened and he could see the forces in the spirit realm there to defend them. The reading of the passage (as well as the whole sermon) lifted me up and challenged me to continue, even if some cases have been difficult. I pray the same for you, that even if you are going through some difficult trials you can know that "those who are with us are more than those who are with them" (2 Kings 6:16).

Praises:

I praise God for His powerful work in setting a family free of demonic harassment. The family had been afflicted in many ways, but He was faithful to deliver them.

I praise God for the grace He shows me in ministry sessions. I'm very grateful for the times He ministers to me while I'm able to watch Him bring healing to others.

I praise God for the support of the LFM board. We had a quarterly meeting last month, and their encouragement was motivating for me to press on in ministry.

Short Report:

When watching the television, it can be a hair raising experience for the volume to rise quickly, and then just as quickly lower when no one is even touching the television or remote control. This was the case for Mr. DD and his family. Along with the changes to the TV volume, other odd occurrences were taking place in their home: strange noises, appliances suddenly not working, and family members having bad dreams. He suspected that this might be the work of evil spirits, and it turned out he was right. Mr. DD had an ancestor who was known to practice witchcraft and be superstitious. He had already confessed these things to God, but what he didn't know is that the ancestor's involvement in the witchcraft included using witchcraft to block a hex put on the family by another woman. The whole witchcraft battle was coming to a head in Mr. DD's home! He presented all of the issue to Lord and cancelled the curses on him, his family, and his home. The spirits were confronted, and Witchcraft and Guilt were evicted. In this case, Mr. DD had to be specific about the work of the witchcraft rather than just doing a general confession of witchcraft done by the ancestor. The reason was that she used the witchcraft for protection for herself and for her family. In essence, she was using evil spirits to protect herself from an attack of other evil spirits! Thus, she and her family were held in bondage by doing the witchcraft just as much as the hex itself. The only way to deal with works of darkness is by the power of the resurrected Lord Jesus Christ.

Something to Consider:

1 Corinthians 10:19-21—¹⁹ *Do I mean then that food sacrificed to an idol is anything, or that an idol is anything?* ²⁰ *No, but the sacrifices of pagans are offered to demons, not to God, and I do not want you to be participants with demons.* ²¹ *You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons too; you cannot have a part in both the Lord's table and the table of demons.*

Romans 12:21—²¹ *Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.*

If a person becomes aware of another person casting a spell that would cause great harm, what is to be done? Typically, my experience is that most Christians believe that they would not be susceptible to any work of darkness like this (curses, hexes, spells, incantations, enchantments, etc). Unfortunately, this view is not accurate. Many missionaries will now give testimony, in places where practices of witchcraft are very public, Christians are not immune to demonic affliction through witchcraft, sorcery, wizardry, shamanism and the like. (Some may split hairs on the differences of these terms. However, they all use evil spirits for some purpose). The experiences that have been shared with me or I've read about are often hair raising, and many would find hard to believe.

The trouble is that the truth of Christ's victory over the powers of darkness (see Ephesians 1-2 and Colossians 2:13-15, for example) has not been fully explained. Therefore, those who are encountering demonic attack are doing exactly what Mr. DD's ancestor did. She used demonic power to deal with a demonic attack. In these cases, Christ is seen as the eternal Savior for life after death, but in every day activity in dealing with the spirits, one must do what has always been done. These choices, though, only increase the demonic hold on the person and the family. In meeting with people from places outside of the US, they're finding out the power of Christ over the evil powers is quite freeing. They don't have to continue to fear the evil powers.

Sadly, in increasing measure, I'm encountering more and more people like Mr. DD. Using demonic power to deal with demons is not being recognized as such. There are a couple of reasons why we are ignorant. One is that it is often portrayed as good over evil. As long as the good wins, it does not matter the means of winning. The evil aspect is downplayed or even seen as irrelevant.

A second reason that I'm often told is that since it works, it must be good and of God. For instance, I'm told that since dowsing (water divination) works, it must be scientific and of God. I remind those who say this that in Exodus 7, the magicians of Egypt were able to duplicate the miracles of Moses and Aaron. Just because it works does not mean that it is empowered by God.

As Paul writes in Romans 12, we are to overcome evil with good. However, to do so we also need to consider that he writes in 1 Corinthians 10 that we are not to participate with demons. Therefore, I believe we need to be aware of what empowers a practice. Sometimes, we need to research and learn, and it can be a process. Regardless, my encouragement is to be open to learn and renounce practices that are of the enemy.

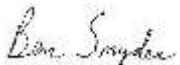
Prayer Concerns:

Please pray for a few clients who have high levels of Satanism and witchcraft in their ancestry. These cases are often lengthier and more difficult for the client.

Please pray for a particular client who gets conflicting advice about issues that need to be addressed.

Please pray for me for wisdom in ministry and running the business aspect of the ministry.

Continually Rescued by Christ Jesus,



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