

Newsletter—Vol. XVII, No. 12 December 2023

Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

Greetings!

Does God really love us? John 3:16 says that because of God's love for us, He sent His son to rescue us. The enemy has worked overtime to convince many, many people that in spite of what the Bible says, God does not love us. The Short Report for this month notes how subtle this can be for a person. Even for those who grow up in a Christian home, the enemy can take advantage of negative experiences to plant seeds of doubt about God. This Christmas season, I encourage you to whole heartedly believe the truth of God's great love for us. He certainly came to bring us salvation.

Praises:

I praise God for a good report from a client who is doing well and appropriating the victory of Christ to overcome major enemy attacks.

I praise God for a report from a client who has continued to live in freedom, despite being in a community where there is a negative perception of spiritual warfare. His life is now different, and he lives for the Lord.

Since it is Christmas season, I praise God for sending His Son. God in the flesh, He came to deliver us from the dominion of darkness. He certainly deserves our praise.

Special Note:

For the past number of years, LFM has been tremendously blessed with yearend donations. The generous giving has solidified the financial base for the following year, making it possible for the ministry to continue. This year would be no different! Therefore, I ask that you prayerfully consider a yearend donation. Your help is greatly appreciated, and allows us to continue to help many troubled people.

Short Report:

While struggling with depression, Ms. MMM, decided it was possible the problem was spiritual in nature. She scheduled an appointment with LFM, and soon after experienced a panic attack. The panic attack helped to convince her that at least part of the issue was spiritual. In the first session, it was evident that she struggled with feeling guilty. Ms. MMM also had a number of childhood traumas from her mother. She had made a vow that she would never be like her mom and parent like her. She also had a childhood sexual experience for which she felt very guilty. Our conversation also uncovered that there was a great deal of occult practice done in her ancestry by the way of healing magic. For the second meeting, I had a prayer sheet made for her to formally confess all that was in our conversation, using an inventory of questions, in our first meeting. She easily confessed all of the burdens, and in Jesus' name cancelled any claims any evil spirits would have held on her. Then we confronted any dark spirits that were afflicting her. As I began to do so, her heart rate was high and her ears began to tingle. It was evident to me that she had a physical response to the presence of the spirits. I reiterated to the spirits that they were forbidden to cause such afflictions. The spirits identified themselves to her mind, and she relayed to me what they were saying. The chief evil spirit had a function

name of Magic Healing, who was inherited from her parents. He had helpers named Incest, Divination, and Water Divination. Ms. MMM also had spirits from her own actions. These included Lust, Fornication, and Illegitimacy from sexual sin on her part. All of these had no ground to stay and were evicted in the name of Jesus Christ. One last spirit was with her, Doubt. He claimed to have a right to stay because she doubted that God really loved her. Because of her guilt, she didn't believe God could really love her. When she renounced the lie she was believing in regard to God and His love, Doubt had to go as well. Her heart rate returned to normal and the ears were fine. In this case, the depression was due to feeling guilty. She did have unconfessed sin, but the original experience for which she felt so guilty wasn't even her fault. Yet for years she believed it was her fault. The Holy Spirit ministered to her, bringing healing for the guilty memory.

Something to Consider:

1 John 4:16—¹⁶ And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.

Luke 2:10—¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.

In the years of helping those troubled by evil spirits, I've become convinced of God's great love for humanity. The power of the enemy is significant, as many who come feel totally powerless. In fact, the clients are powerless against the works of the enemy...until they stand in the victory of Jesus Christ! Humanity was held hostage to sin, death, and the devil, but Jesus came to rescue us from this bondage. He didn't do it reluctantly or because humans manipulated Him. It's because of His great love that He desired to bring freedom. It is evident every time I see a person set free. As one client said recently when I asked how she was feeling, "Relieved!" Many times that kind of relief is evident on clients' faces as the Lord has ministered to them and set them free. For me, gratefulness to God for His love and intervention for them fills my heart. Perhaps helping people troubled by evil spirits makes the presence of God's love more dramatic to me. Regardless, I most definitely believe that what the angel told the shepherds is true: it is good news of great joy for all people. May God bless you this Christmas, drawing you to Himself so you can know His love in a greater way.

Prayer Concerns:

Please pray for a client who has been tormented with painful thoughts in his mind and great pain in his body.

Please pray for a client who is growing in believing the truth of her worth and value in Christ, and overcoming the lies that she is worthless.

Please pray for a client who is learning to use his authority in Christ against the spirits who attack him and his family.

Merry Christmas!

Ben Smyder

Continually Rescued by Christ Jesus,

Ben Snyder

Life of Freedom Ministries

14303 COUNTY ROAD 38 GOSHEN, IN 46528

574-831-2669

<u>lfmdirector@gmail.com</u>

www.lifeoffreedom.org