

# **How To Try A SPIRIT**

**by their fruits you  
will know them.**

*by Mary Garrison*

## **Forward**

Many people over the years have asked me, as a minister, HOW TO TRY A SPIRIT.

I do not think I was ever able to give a satisfactory answer to that question. I felt that they went away perhaps a bit more confused.

Very little, if anything, has been written about HOW TO TRY A SPIRIT, although some good books on how to deal with spirits have been published.

I believe there is a real need for this information in the Body of Christ today.

HOW TO TRY A SPIRIT IS INTENDED to be an aid in recognizing the principal evil spirits that are now working in the world. These evil ones so closely IMITATE the spirit of God, that we must learn to try them by their fruit, else the elect of God may be deceived. This book was written as an easy reference, so that one may quickly find the Bible name of a particular evil spirit; a list of his fruit underneath the name; a short discussion of some of the methods employed by that spirit, and finally the Scriptural method we are to use in dealing with him.

This work has helped many to quickly make positive identification of the various evil spirits, thereby avoiding deception by them. HOW TO TRY A SPIRIT will enable one to effectively aid others who have unknowingly allowed these evil spirits to stay and produce fruit in their lives.

My prayer is that many will come to know the answer to that question, "HOW TO TRY A SPIRIT", and that they will avoid some of the snares and pitfalls of the evil ones because of this shared knowledge that the Holy Spirit has taught me.

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# 1

## Try the Spirits

This book is the result of a revelation from God born out of a desperate need for more insight into trying the spirits. Being in the missionary work of our Lord Jesus, I found it necessary not merely to preach the Gospel, but also, as in Matthew 10:7,8, to heal the sick and cast out devils.

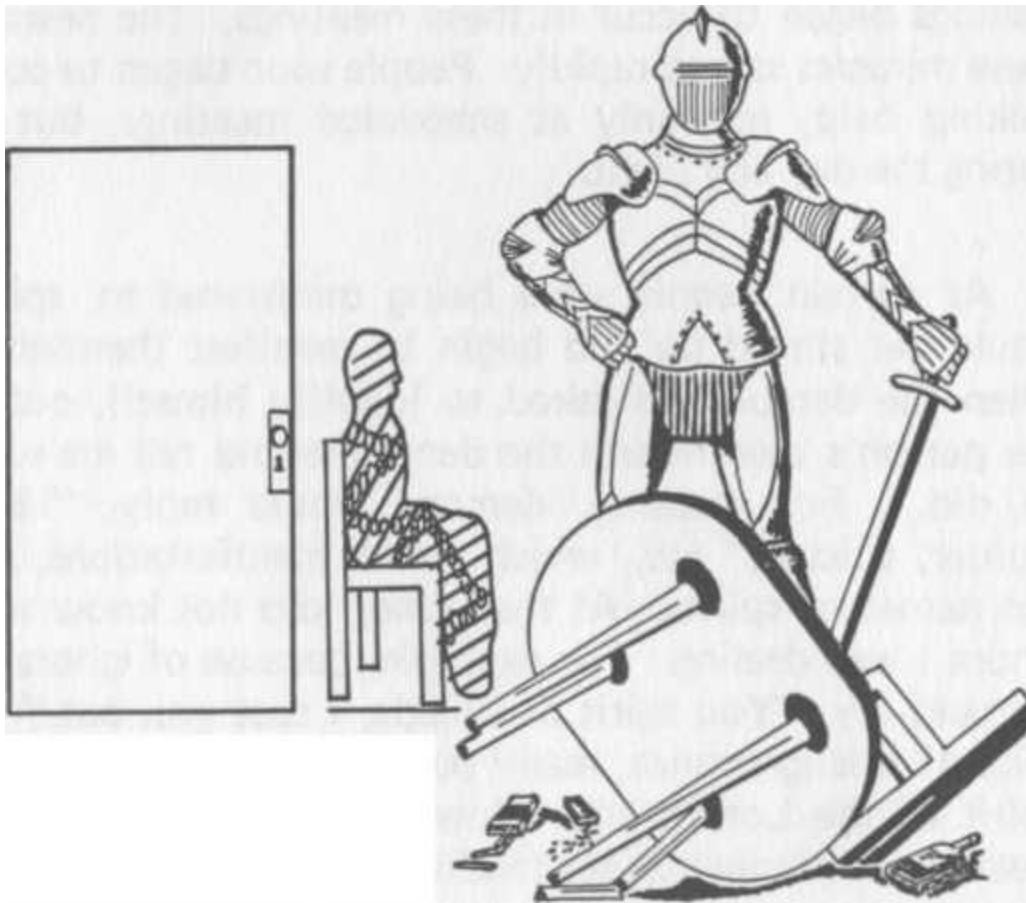
The Lord led us to begin prayer meetings at our home in Crystal Beach, Florida. Miraculous deliverances and healings began to occur in these meetings. The news of these miracles spread rapidly. People soon began to come seeking help, not only at scheduled meetings, but all during the day and night.

As certain people were being ministered to, spirits would get stirred up and begin to manifest themselves. When the demon was asked to identify himself, out of the person's own mouth the demon would tell me what he did. For instance, demons would reply, "Hate, murder, suicide," etc., which are all manifestations, and not names of spirits. At that time I did not know with whom I was dealing. For example, because of ignorance I would say, "You spirit of suicide, I cast you out." In spite of this ignorance, many people were set free by the Spirit of the Lord in me. However, I knew there was a great need for more understanding.

Often many of the Lord's servants have been literally "wounded in action." The demons were playing havoc with us and I sought God continually concerning this. During this time the Lord gave me the gift of discerning of spirits, and I began to completely rely on this.

Most of the material available on this subject, at that time, was of other peoples' experiences. I wanted a sound Scriptural foundation on which to base the revelation—a guideline to help others. Scriptures began to come to me, such as 2 Tim. 2:15: **"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth."** Since I didn't know a demon from a manifestation, I was scattering instead of gathering.

**"...How can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? And then he will spoil his house. He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad." Mt. 12:29,30.**



First, Bind strong man; Second, destroy his goods.

The Lord showed me in His teaching on casting out devils, that you must first bind the strongman, and then spoil his house. So ... I realized the necessity of knowing the strong man (ruler demon). If the Lord expected me to do this, surely He had some way to show me who the strong men were, what their names were, and their fruit. This way I would be gathering with Him, and not scattering.

Then the Spirit led me to Jesus' own ministry for the revelation on the strongmen—what they do to a person (manifestations), and how to deal with them. I believe that all of the strongmen are classified in the Bible as spirits. If the Bible does not classify what you believe to be a spirit as "a

spirit," it is probably a manifestation. The revelation was before us all the time; but Satan has a way of fogging things up.

The first work was to go to the Bible, making a list of the names of all the spirits in the Bible, then researching to determine that they were actually spirit beings. These spirits are emissaries sent from Satan, having personalities which are expressed through the bodies of humans. They have all the characteristics that make up an intelligent being. They walk, hear, speak, see, obey, seek, think, know and dwell in the body, accomplishing their evil purposes (Mt. 12:43-45: Mk. 1:23, 24; 3:11). They are made subject to Christ and believers by the atonement, the name of Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Each principal demon, or strongman, has his particular mission which we are able to recognize by his fruit, or manifestations. In the doctrine of medicine, a patient tells the doctor his symptoms; and when the doctor has gathered all the symptoms, he is then able to diagnose the disease. Likewise, a Christian counselor may listen to all the problems a person tells him; and with this study on spirits can determine if there is sufficient evidence to indicate the presence of an evil Spirit.

I saw in the Scriptures that Jesus dealt only with the main spirits. After an individual told Him the symptoms He would then call out the strong man (not merely the manifestations), and the person would be delivered. Isn't this the example that we should follow? Why should we call all the symptoms by name? Since I learned this truth, I have found it to be a very efficient method, saving much time and embarrassment of calling out all the foul manifestations of each spirit. I also learned that there were fewer spirits

that had to be bound and cast out, than I had thought. Yes, as I studied Jesus' ministry, I began to see it all quite clearly.

**"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but TRY THE SPIRITS whether they are of God ..." 1 Jn. 4:1.**



We are warned not to believe them—often they lie. Their father is the author of all lies and confusion. So many of us do not understand how to obey this instruction. I sought the Lord and His Word on how to try a spirit. Jesus answered and said to me, **"Ye shall know them by their fruit"** Mt. 7:16-20. So now, with this information, I had a definite clue for a work pattern. I knew that I must find out what each of these Bible spirits produced as fruit, if I were to know exactly who they were by their fruit.

Doctors of medicine diagnose a disease by the symptoms it produces because they have found that each disease has certain manifestations peculiar to that disease. I, too, found a set of manifestations under each strong man, or ruler demon, that would allow me to "know the tree by its fruit." As you will learn later on in this study, I found these key manifestations in God's Word. Often the Scriptures that reveal the name and manifestations of the demon, will also give the solution. Jesus has a salve for every sore!

Isaiah called all men to try everything by the revealed Word of God. Any thing contrary to the written revelation of God is of satanic spirits, and not of the Holy Spirit. **The Word is the light; and those who want light, will follow it** (Isa. 8:19, 20).

In making this study of the spirits, I discovered that there are more with us than against us. There are many spirits that are good ministering spirits of God and their characteristics are also revealed in the Word. The same "trial of the spirits" by their fruit would apply to them also. For instance, I have heard men loose the "spirit of salvation" in a room before a meeting. The Bible does not list a spirit by that name. But, there is the "SPIRIT OF ADOPTION" by which they cry, "**Abba, Father!**" Rom. 8:15. Then there is the SPIRIT OF GRACE AND SUPPLICATION that will cause them to look upon Jesus, who was pierced (Zech. 12:10).

**"Are they (angels) not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them (not only to them) who shall be heirs of salvation?"** Heb. 1:13, 14. These words "for them" makes a big difference. We are to send them forth! They go forth for us at our command! They are a part of God's

mighty Army. The battle of the ages is being fought in the spiritual realm, and the redeemed spirit of man has a vital part in this warfare for the souls of men. We are all workers together with God in these victories.

We must learn the individual duties and ministries of all the spirits in the spirit world. By "the spirit world", I mean all the various kinds of spirit beings that inhabit the unseen material worlds in space and under the earth (Phil. 2:10; Rev. 5:3, 13).

It is in learning what is expected of us, or what part is assigned to us by the Father, that we can do the will of God and be fruitful. We must learn this lesson well, lest we find ourselves trying to do the job of the Holy Spirit, or perhaps even doing part of Lucifer's work for him. If you know what is expected of you, you will know how to cooperate and be in harmony with God—how to gather with Jesus, instead of scattering. For instance, we should know the ministry of:

God, the Father

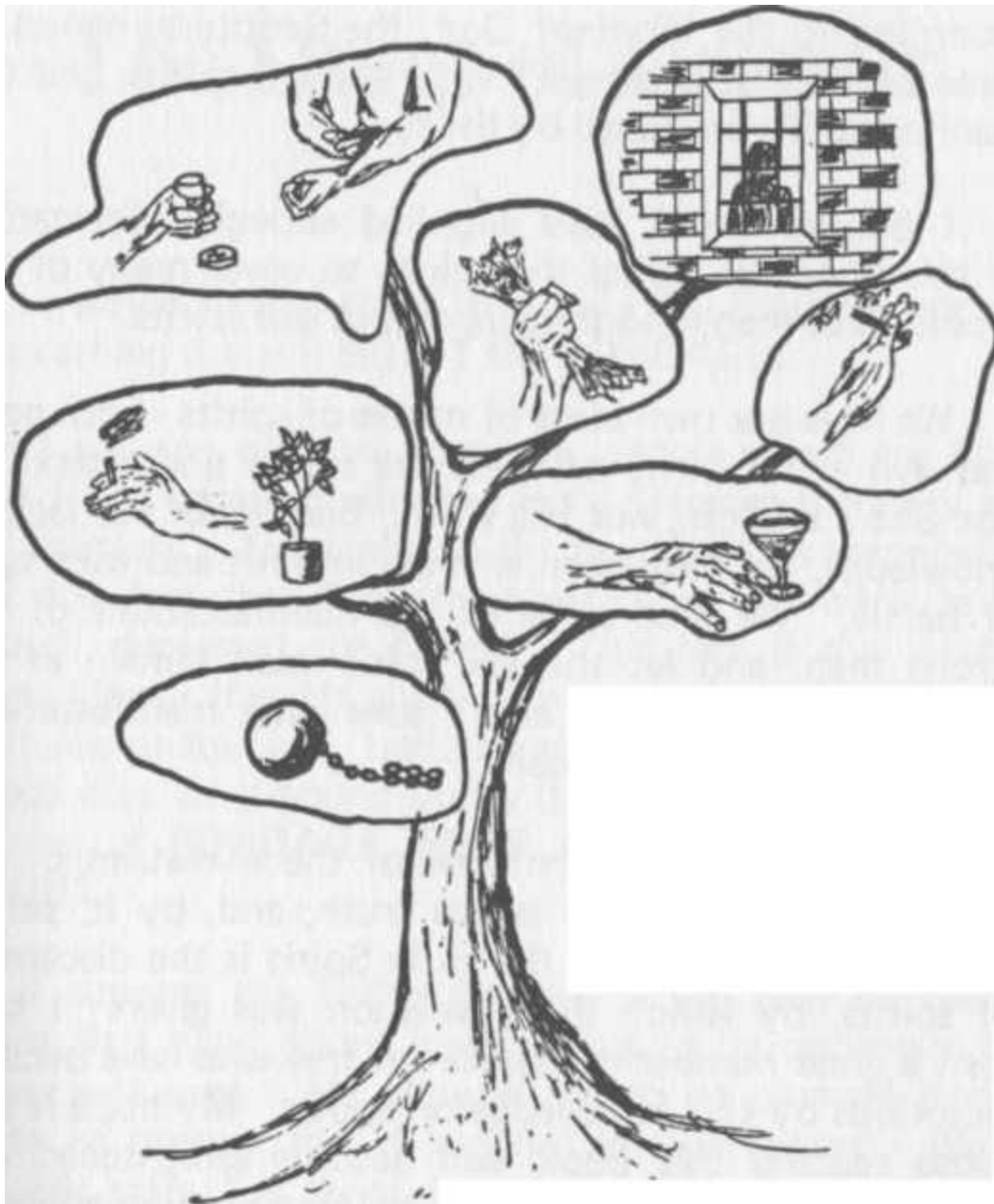
Jesus, the Son

The Holy Ghost

Redeemed Man

Angels

Lucifer



**"Ye shall know them by their fruit ... a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.**

**Mt. 7:16,17**

## **Spirit of Bondage**

Every spirit in the spirit world has an assigned task or mission. The Bible teaches us to try the spirit by the fruit it produces. When we have

done so, we have a clear picture of the fruit and the spirit which produced that particular fruit. If we do not know the tree, we may attribute an apple to an orange tree. For example, a FAMILIAR SPIRIT is a counterpart of the HOLY SPIRIT. We must discern between the two by the known fruit. If we are ignorant of the manifestations, or fruit, of both the Holy Spirit and the FAMILIAR SPIRIT, how can we try them? We may find ourselves submitting to demons and in battle with God.

I will not go into the manifestations of the spirits that "be of God." In this study I will endeavor to show, according to the Word of God, the Scriptural names of some of the "strong men" who are evil spirits, and the manifestations produced by them.

I believe that I have supplied enough information in this book on trying the spirits to cover many of the problems of mankind that are due to evil spirits.

We have our own ideas of names of spirits—both good and evil— but many of these are man's understanding, not God's wisdom, nor His Word. Because of our lack of knowledge, we have been warring in a hit and miss type of battle. We bind some of the manifestations of the strong men, and let the evil spirit itself remain in the body. Many times we aren't sure what manifestations belong to which strong man.

The Bible teaches that one of the ministries of the Holy Spirit is to show us the truth; and, by it, set us free. A valuable gift of the Holy Spirit is the discerning of spirits, by which this revelation was given. I have seen a great number of people set free who have become victorious by this knowledge on spirits. My hope is that those reading this book will become

enlightened and able ministers, and according to God's commandment will  
"Let the oppressed go free."

## 2

# The Dregs of Despair

I would like to share how the Holy Spirit taught me concerning this evil SPIRIT OF BONDAGE.

I am one of those fortunate people whom the Lord saved and baptized with the Holy Spirit at the early age of thirteen. The Holy Spirit, no doubt, is responsible for the fact that I hardly knew what it meant to be afraid, depressed, or bound. This fact is due to the great liberty that He gives. It was very hard for me to be compassionate and understanding when encountering those who were bound up by the manifestations of these spirits: of BONDAGE, FEAR, and DUMB AND DEAF SPIRIT.

I suppose the Father decided it was time for me to learn first hand about how it feels to be oppressed by these evil ones. He allowed me to be plunged into a state of despair that I had not known existed. While in this state for three days and nights, I experienced many of the symptoms of these three spirits. Mental depression caused me to withdraw into my room and bed, with the feeling that I would never be able to face life again.

I had one advantage over the others who were despondent—I knew it was a temporary teaching-process, having always been taught by the Spirit on this fashion.

## A Prison With No Bars

Richard Lovelace must have felt something like this when he wrote, "Stone walls do not a prison make, nor iron bars a cage."

The Lord showed me in a vision the human beings that are bound up and in cells. These beings are held captive of Satan, and cannot free themselves. They are truly crushed and shattered. Despairing of life, they cannot seem to communicate with others. Although you cannot see the physical bars around them, they are, nevertheless, imprisoned in invisible cells. I saw in the vision that these human spirits are held captive to Satan in fear, disease, failure, and bondage to sin and evil habits that destroy the body, soul and spirit. There is no aim ... no ... not even a desire to live. Life seems to become an unfair burden too hard to bear.

Yes, I felt their anguish and my heart was broken because of it. I cried out unto the Lord in travail of the spirit, laying bare before Him my innermost feelings and thoughts. With heart-gushings that could not be uttered, I cried unto the Lord and asked him to "read me". And then came the answer back LOUD and CLEAR ...

"I came into the world for this very reason ... To bring deliverance to the captives To loose those who are bound by Satan To set at liberty all those who are bruised To restore sight to the blind To destroy the works of the devil To preach the acceptable year of the Lord."

**Jesus, The Light!**

**"The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up. Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the Dayspring from on high hath visited us, to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the**

**shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. In Him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness ..."** Mt. 4:16; Lu. 1:78,79; Jn. 1:4,5.

The Lord then showed me in Scripture that He had given us (the believers) power to continue in His stead, doing this work that He did is setting the captive free. Paul was anointed to do this in the same way Jesus did (Acts 26:17, 18). All believers were anointed to do it (Mk. 16:17).

Praise the Lamb of God who came into the world for this express purpose: to destroy and set at nought all these works of Lucifer! The precious Holy Spirit once again glorified Jesus and led me into the truth which set me free! Now I know how to use this truth to loose others.

This experience was to be the beginning of a new and effective ministry to the oppressed. It was in this School of the Holy Ghost that I received the following teachings.

# 3

## Spirit of Bondage

**"For ye have not received the SPIRIT OF BONDAGE again to fear; but ye have received the SPIRIT OF ADOPTION whereby we cry, Abba, Father" Romans 8:15.**

### Manifestations of the Spirit of Bondage

Anguish of spirit (human spirit)—Ex. 6:9 Bitterness—Ex. 1:14

Satanic Captivity—imprisonment, slavery—2 Tim. 2:26 The Blind—spiritually, those in darkness, outer darkness, outside of Christ—Mt. 4:16; Jn. 1:4, 9; Jn. 3:16-21 The Bruised—the crushed—shattered in life The Broken—in heart, mind, soul, and body—Lu. 4:18 The Oppressed—Acts 10:38

All addictions—to habitually give one's self up or over to as a constant practice, or to pursue a bad object: Cigarettes Alcohol Drugs Avarice—excessive desire of gain; greed; coveting of wealth, in order to hoard it

Ambition—driving desire to attain honor, superiority, power, and money.

Lust—excessive, sensuous, sexual desires Compulsory sin—ropes that bind one to sin—Pr. 5:22 Compulsory subjection and control—by the principal sin and spirit— Jn. 8:34

Servant—to carry out the wishes of the spirit; to obey him—Rom. 6:16 Bound—inability to break free—Acts 8:23

Captivity—under the power and dominion of another—Rom. 7:23;  
Lu. 8:26-29

Overcome—subdued—made to be the servant of corruption—2 Pet.  
2:19

**"For ye have not received the 1. SPIRIT OF BONDAGE again to fear: but ye have received the 2. SPIRIT OF ADOPTION whereby we cry, Abba, Father.**

**The Spirit itself (ADOPTION) beareth witness with 3. OUR SPIRIT (HUMAN SPIRIT), that we are the children of God"—Romans 8:15,16.**

Notice the solution given in the above Scriptures. These two verses are talking about three spirits in the spirit world. We are commanded to react to each one in a specific way, after trying them.

1. SPIRIT OF BONDAGE—evil spirit of slavery and satanic captivity. He must be bound and cast out—Mt. 12:29.

2. SPIRIT OF ADOPTION—ministering SPIRIT that is of God. He is to be loosed, and sent forth to break all bondage, and to bring one into sonship.

3. HUMAN SPIRIT—deciding factor as to which of the two spirits will dominate.



# 4

## Spirit of Fear

**"For God hath not given us the SPIRIT OF FEAR: but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind" 2 Timothy 1:7.**

### MANIFESTATIONS OF THE SPIRIT OF FEAR

Fear—(see definition in Web. Dict.)

Fright—Psa. 55:5 Amp. Ver.

Torment—1 Jn. 4:18 Trembling—Job 4:14,15; Psa. 55:5 Horror—Psa. 55:5

Dread—Ex. 15:16 (Gr. def. of fear is dread)

Fear of death—Heb. 2:14, 15; Psa. 55:4

Faithless—Mt. 8:26; Rev. 21:8

Terror—sense of danger or impending evil; foreboding

Nightmares—night terrors

Apprehension—to fear evil

Anxiety—worry about tomorrow, which is a lack of trust

Carefulness—unduly cautious

Agitation

Timidity—Web. definition of nervous is excitable and timid.

Worry—synonym of fear; lack of trust in God Shy

Inferiority—rejection

Inadequacy—belittling

Tension—stress

Heart attacks—Luke 21:26

Fear of man—Prov. 29:25—public opinion

Fear of poverty

Phobia—fear of special situations such as the dark, heights, etc.

Five types of people who are oppressed by the SPIRIT OF FEAR and advanced to this stage:

1. Hypercritic—"critical spirit"—"Judging spirit"—This condition is the manifestation of the SPIRIT OF FEAR, known as depression. It makes one irritable so that he is rude and critical. He is often critical beyond reason; an over-rigid critic, over-exact, "a perfectionist." He may find people unbearable. He turns thoughts on himself, becoming an introvert.

2. Introvert—to turn inward, to turn thought on oneself.

3. Perfectionist—unduly cautious; undue carefulness. When people are depressed they grow to be too careful. They become too cautious, often becoming perfectionists. They fear to spend money; they fear to enjoy pleasures and amusements. They are in constant worry over whether they turned off the stove, locked a door, etc. Migraine—caused by tension and stress and constantly driving for perfection.

4. Hermit

5. Recluse—one who withdraws and separates himself, especially from religious motives.

Four types of nervous disorders that could be caused by the SPIRIT OF FEAR:

1. Neurosis—affecting the nerves.

2. Nervous breakdowns.
3. Neuralgia—a very acute pain which follows the course of a nerve.
4. Neuritis—inflammation of a nerve.

The end results of the SPIRIT OF FEAR are definitely the manifestations of the DUMB AND DEAF demon (See teaching on the DUMB AND DEAF SPIRIT). Jesus himself classified those symptoms as a DUMB AND DEAF SPIRIT.

Manifestations of a person who has become demented:

Paranoia Schizophrenia Delusions of grandeur Madness—Insanity

Manic depressive psychosis—inert, inactive, sluggish; dread to face life; idleness Melancholia

Depression is when one is oppressed by outside influence. A SPIRIT OF FEAR is an oppressor. Believers are commanded to "Let the oppressed go free" (Isa. 58:6). We are to make the evil spirits loose the oppressed!

## The Spirit of Fear and Voodoo

People who are ridden with fear can die from it. It can be shown in test animals that destructive fear and apprehension can destroy the body. To kill a person by Voodoo, all that is needed is to implant the dreaded idea into the victim's mind. As he feeds that emotion with terrifying thoughts, the pressure mounts to the place where damage occurs very fast. The person practicing Voodoo uses a SPIRIT OF FEAR, and other demon power, to kill. The victim of Voodooism, being oppressed by the evil spirits, manifests fear, worry, terror, fear of death, etc. These spirits must be resisted by Jesus' Blood, in the Holy Spirit, by the name of Jesus, and by the Word of God.

## Fearlessness Is the Mark of a True Disciple

The Bible teaches that we shall not fear other gods, such as demon gods, or strongmen—2 Kings 17:37, 38.

We are to fear no evil—Psa. 23:4

We are to fear not the reproach of men—Isa.51:7.

We are to fear not man—Heb. 13:6; Mt.10:26,28.

We are to fear not suffering, prison, or tribulation—Rev. 2:10.

The fearful are listed among those who will be cast into the lake of fire and brimstone—Rev. 21:8.

God weeded out those who were fearful and afraid from the army He had prepared to conquer the Midianites—Jud. 7:3.

If you seek the Lord until He hears you. He will deliver you from all your fears—Psa. 34:4.

According to the Bible, the only fear that man should have is the fear of the Lord. Fear of any other kind is evil. Fear is an enemy of God and man. The heart that is fully indwelt by Jesus should have no room for fear. Fear cannot exist where God's love is, because **"perfect love casteth out fear"** (1 Jn. 4:18). Fear is a destroyer of hope and faith. Jesus, speaking to the disciples, said, **"Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith?"** Mt. 8:26.

When we have fully realized that our hope is in Christ, we will have no reason to fear, because Christ will not fail. We know that our faith will grow as we study God's Word, so that our spirit can be fed, and seeds of faith and hope can be planted. As these seeds grow and produce a bountiful crop of God's love, and of hope in Jesus Christ, fear will have to leave.

A person who is constantly tormented by a SPIRIT OF FEAR should make a study of love from the Bible, because it says that perfect love

casteth out fear. This means that the love of God has not been made perfect in him.

Every believer should fight against fear just as he would a plague. Refuse to let it be a part of your life. Turn it out of your life and your home. Fight it singly—fight it together!

# 5

## Dumb and Deaf Spirit

**"When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou DUMB AND DEAF SPIRIT, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him. And the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and come out of him ..." Mark 9:25, 26.**

### Manifestations of the Dumb and Deaf Spirit

Dumbness—Mk. 9:25

Inner ear disease

Lunatic—Mt. 17:15

Epilepsy—Mk. 9:20

Wallowing

Convulsions

Tearing—Mk. 9:18, 26

Seizures—Mk. 9:18, 20, 26

Foaming at the mouth—Lu. 9:39; Mk. 9:20

Pineth away—(Motionless stupor) Mk. 9:18 Amp. Ver.

Gnashing (Gritting) of teeth—Mk. 9:18

Suicidal tendencies—Mk. 9:22

Crying—Mk. 9:26

Burn—Mk. 9:22

Drown—Mk. 9:22

Prostration—Mk. 9:26

Bruising—Lu. 9:39

Compels

Drives

Insanity—Mk. 9:17-29    Madness    Hydrophobia    Schizophrenia

Blindness—Mt. 12:22

Eye diseases—(Not caused from natural aging process)

DUMB AND DEAF is the name of one spirit. When Jesus rebuked this foul spirit in Mark 9:25, He identified it as one spirit by saying, "thou DUMB AND DEAF SPIRIT (speaking in the singular), I charge you, come out of him and enter no more into him." It is one spirit causing many problems.

In Mark 9:17-29, RSV, we read the account of one who brought his son to Jesus and said, "He has a DUMB SPIRIT." He then describes to Jesus the manifestations of this spirit in his child; in other words, how he affects his child. The demon seizes him, takes him by force, and compels him to go certain places. Then he dashes him down, and he foams at the mouth, and grinds his teeth, and pineth away (falls into a motionless stupor, becomes rigid).

Epilepsy symptoms are now in the picture as one of the manifestations of the DUMB AND DEAF SPIRIT. Therefore, in ministering to an epileptic, you should cast out a DUMB AND DEAF SPIRIT. Webster's Dictionary defines the symptoms thus: *seizures, fits, convulsive motions of*

*the muscles, and loss of consciousness.* See how well this definition fits the actions of the child with the spirit?

Suicide is also classified under a DUMB AND DEAF SPIRIT. **"And it has often cast him into the fire (attempting to burn him to death), and into the water (to drown him to death), to destroy him ..."** Mark 9:22. How often do we hear of a suicide victim cutting his wrist! How often do they throw themselves off high places! Therefore, when ministering to a person who has tried to commit suicide, we should cast out a DUMB AND DEAF SPIRIT.

In Mark 9:23 Jesus stresses the importance of believing while casting out this strongest of all spirits. He said, **".. All things are possible to him that believeth."** That is why he said in verse 29, **"... This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting."**

Fasting and prayer are a remedy for unbelief and doubt in the minister.

Mark 7:32-35: **"And they bring unto Him one that was deaf, and had a impediment in his speech; and they beseech him to put his hand upon him."** Being tongue-tied is a definite manifestation of a DUMB AND DEAF SPIRIT. Verse 35: **"And straightway his ears were opened, and the string of his tongue was loosed, and he spake plain."** So we should minister to people who are tongue-tied by casting out a DUMB AND DEAF SPIRIT.

Matthew 17:14-18 gives us another account of the same child who was delivered of the DUMB AND DEAF SPIRIT by Jesus in Mark 9:17-29. Matthew 17:15, however, lists another manifestation—lunatic. **"Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatick, and sore vexed...."** The Greek word

for this is *Seleliazomai*, meaning "moonstruck." The condition was really caused by a demon, which attacked at the time of a full moon, so as to make others think that the moon was the cause. Verse 18 gives the real cause—**"And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour."** The dictionary calls lunacy "insanity and madness."

Turning now to Luke 9:38,39, we see that the father of this same boy recognized the problem to be a spirit: **"And, lo, a spirit taketh him... "** In verse 40, the father recognized it also as something that could be cast out: **"And I besought thy disciples to cast him out..."** When the proper work was done, the proper results were obtained. If you apply New Testament principles you will get New Testament results.

A Case of Blindness—Matthew 12:22; **"Then was brought unto Him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and He healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw."** Jesus did a complete deliverance and healing here: note the word *insomuch*. There should be no doubt, then, as to how to deal with, or minister to, blindness. Bind the spirit and cast him out! The person still may not be able to see, because the eye has been damaged. We must then pray for healing.

Binding and casting out the demon doesn't necessarily insure that the person will be healed. The damage he did to the body may still be there—as when the demon cast the son into the fire; the flesh would still be burned, until healed. So many become discouraged and doubt after deliverance from an evil spirit, because they are expecting an instant healing also.

If you threw some unclean tenants out of your house, you would still have the damages to repair. After the unwelcome tenants were gone, the house would need to be swept and garnished. We should then invite the Holy Spirit to come in and dwell. So ... it isn't enough to deal with only the demons. We should extend our ministry to binding up the wounds also. We know that Jesus doesn't always do an instantaneous healing. Sometimes the healing is gradual.

The parable of the Good Samaritan is a good example. Jesus said, **"Go, and do thou likewise."** It isn't enough to chase off the thieves, or to have compassion; but, we need to see that he is cared for until healed (Lu. 10:30-37).

I have experienced many such cases where a person was delivered of an evil spirit; a little later on they realized that they were still suffering. They would think that the deliverance did not really take place, because of the remaining symptoms. Instead of resisting the demon, they would become discouraged, and submit to him again. The last state of that man would become seven times worse, as the Bible teaches.

In Matthew 12:24, even the Pharisees recognized that demons had been cast out. **"But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of devils."** Even though they attributed Christ's power to Satan, they still recognized blindness and dumbness as a demon fruit! Perhaps they were wiser back then than our modern day ministers are. They knew how to call a "spade a spade." We now call it everything from problem to illness. But they, praise

God, spoke truth and said, "So and so hath a devil!" It is too bad that we do not learn to rightly divide the truth. Why shouldn't we call a devil a devil!

# 6

## Spirit of Heaviness

**"To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the SPIRIT OF HEAVINESS... " Isaiah 61:3.**

### Manifestations of the Spirit of Heaviness

Mourning—Isa. 61:3

Grief—Web. Dict. def. of mourning

Sorrow or sadness—Rom. 9:2; Neh. 2:2, 8:10; Pro. 15:13

Troubled

Despair

Bruised—Luke 4:18

Hopelessness

Loneliness

Discouragement

Rejection

Self-pity—Psa. 69:20

Gluttony

Gloominess

In compiling all the Scriptures on the SPIRIT OF HEAVINESS, I discovered that the characteristics of the spirit were also described. I then had the manifestations and also the correct way of ministering to the person.

Some of the manifestations revealed to me in these Scriptures I had formerly thought of as spirits, and had dealt with them as such. The Lord checked me in this, however, and taught me the names of the spirits and the accompanying manifestations from the Word.

The manifestations of the SPIRIT OF HEAVINESS do not glorify the Lord. If the condition we are in could be described as ashes, mourning, or heaviness, we are not bringing glory to God. It is keeping our integrity; our faith in His Word; and overcoming Satan in this situation; that will glorify the Lord.

**"... that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He might be glorified" Isa. 61:3**

**"For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's" 1 Cor. 6:20**

So the mission of this evil spirit is to first rob you of your joy, then to produce his evil fruit (manifestations), eventually bringing in a SPIRIT OF INFIRMITY.

The Scriptural weapons against him are as follows:

Oil of Joy—Isa. 61:3

Rejoicing in the Lord—Isa. 61:3

Garment of Praise—Isa. 61:3

Singing praises to the Lord—Psa. 9:2; 104:33

Dancing and gladness—2 Sam. 6:14, Psa. 150:4

Peace—Psa. 4:18, 29:11; 55:18

This spirit cannot stay in the presence of the joy of the Lord, of praise to Jesus, or of rejoicing and thanksgiving to God. Instead, gladness and that

inner peace which passes understanding will fill the mind and spirit of the person set free. He will then be able to glorify God in his body and in his spirit.

The SPIRIT OF HEAVINESS works very closely with the SPIRIT OF INFIRMITY to come in and take over with his manifestations. This fact was made very real to me about the time that the Holy Spirit was teaching me how these two evil spirits worked together in a person to bring about the end results of both spirits.

I had been very busy with the camp ministry, with many visitors coming in for ministry—some from far-away places. Some were sick and had to be cared for. Most of this work had to be done by me. My physical strength was greatly overtaxed. I believe that this spirit created circumstances to cause this; then at this weakened condition, it ministered to me. This is not the way of the Holy Spirit. He does not overload, nor does He drive one; but He leads very gently.

I became first exhausted, then depressed, and finally sick. Then I began to hemorrhage. I had made up my mind years ago that I would trust the Lord, in as much as I was able, to care for my health. This condition became worse and very serious. It went on into the second week. On Sunday, during the morning services, I called for the elders to anoint me with oil with the laying on of hands. The Bible instructs any who are sick to do this, that they may recover.

After the services were over, some of the women lingered beside me, just quietly praying for some time. They seemed to be unwilling to leave me in such a condition. After a while, something really began to stir in the

room. It was as if a blanket of pure joy fell upon us. One after the other of us began to rejoice until we were all laughing with a great liberty in the Holy Spirit.

There was something welling up from the inside of me, and washing out gloominess. Then I was feeling a great urge by the Holy Spirit to sing praises to the Lord, rejoice—and dance! Well ... anyone can tell you this is not a thing one should do while hemorrhaging. It would defy all human logic. (I am not recommending it for others, except when led by the Lord). But the joy of the Lord was upon us, and crazy as it would seem, dance I did.

There I was, practically on my deathbed, with my life's blood flowing out of me at an alarming rate. The devil had been warning me for days that I should be in the hospital getting a transfusion. And here was the Lord Jesus telling me to dance! So as David of old, dance I would, and dance I did. I danced before the Lord with all my might.

After everyone left I went back to bed ... apparently not one bit improved. But something had happened, for there was an inner feeling of peace, and real submission to God for whatever the outcome might be for me. On the way to bed, I glanced in the mirror and noticed a yellowish look upon my face. So before going off to sleep that night, I had a long talk with the Lord. I felt that I was truly beyond all human help; I had trusted God with my life, and so far He had not chosen to heal me. I had told Him, "Lord, this is it' If you do not heal me, I will just die. I am now committing my spirit into your capable hands." Then I dropped off to sleep.

I was awakened during the night by the Holy Spirit. He was resisting death. I also began to resist these two evil spirits— HEAVINESS AND INFIRMITY—by binding them and casting them out. When the battle ceased, the victory was won, and I was completely healed!

The next day Jesus led me to write down all the Scriptures that He had given me on the things that the Bible teaches us to rejoice over. I have used them many times since then to minister to people who were being oppressed by these two powerful spirits. So, I praise the Lord for that lesson.

**REJOICE:**

**"... because your names are written in heaven"**

**Luke 10:20.**

**"... rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God"**

**Psa. 20:5**

**"The Lord reigneth; let the earth rejoice;"**

**Psa. 97:1**

**"... when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake"**

**Mt. 5:11.**

**"... when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake"**

**Luke 6:22.**

**"... rejoice forever in that which I create; for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy"**

**Isa. 65:18.**

P.T.L.

(Praise the Lord)

# 7

## Spirit of Infirmary

"And, behold, there was a woman which had a SPIRIT OF INFIRMITY eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself"

Luke 13:11.

### Manifestations of the Spirit of Infirmary

Hunchback—Luke 13:11 Frailty—impotent, weak, feeble

Malady—a lingering, deep-seated disorder (Jn. 5:5) for 38 years!

Colds

Fever—rebuke a fever—Luke 4:39

Virus infections

Bloody flux—Acts 28:8

Fungus

Asthma

Sinus

Hay fever

Arthritis

Until now, the most encouraging efforts to combat virus infections have been directed toward building up immunity in the body. Immunity is the ability of living tissue to resist and overcome infection. It is interesting to note that the Bible also gives this advice in James 4:7, "... **Resist the**

**devil, and he will flee from you."** Added information is given in 1 Peter 5:8, 9 saying, **"Be sober, be vigilant keeping a constant watch; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist steadfast in the faith ... "** Resist means that we are to withstand a SPIRIT OF INFIRMITY with force. We are to make a planned resistance against the germs, or evil attack. Do we surrender without a struggle? We need not surrender at all. Believers, we have power over

**"Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you."**

**Luke 10:19**



We must learn how to resist, instead of submitting to the adversary, the devil. The people of God may overcome the evil spirits and diseases that afflict them, because the Spirit of God in them is greater and more powerful than the evil spirits.

## How to Overcome

Webster's definition of the word overcome throws a better light on "how to overcome":

Overcome—to get the better of

Surmount—to rise above: get on top of; to remove obstacles (such as mountains perhaps? to put under our feet; to trample on?) Conquer—to gain or acquire by force; to subdue all opposition; to render helpless.

Vanquish—to defeat by overpowering their power (To cast out?)

Triumph—an overwhelming victory over an opponent or antagonist.

To win—fight the battle and win!

The above instruction is not to be passive and submissive. It does not mean we are to turn the other cheek to Satan; but that we are to be victorious! We are to take the Kingdom by force. The adversary is not to take us by force.

Occupying forces of a conquered country enforce the CONQUEROR'S orders upon the enemy. It just so happens that we are to occupy until He comes. Jesus is the Victor! Satan is the defeated foe. The problem is that Satan has convinced many to the contrary, and is having dominion over them.

We are more than conquerors through Jesus Christ, our Lord (Rom. 8:37). Shall we get up and about the Father's business, and begin to

overcome instead of being overcome? Shall we begin to fight a good fight?

## Rewards Promised by Jesus to Those Who Overcome

**"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that OVERCOMETH will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God."**

**Revelation 2:7**

**"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the SPIRIT saith unto the churches; He that OVERCOMETH shall not be hurt of the second death."**

**Revelation 2:11**

**"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that OVERCOMETH will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it."**

**Revelation 2:17**

**"And he that OVERCOMETH, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:**

**And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father."**

**Revelation 2:26,27**

**"And I will give him the morning star." "He that OVERCOMETH, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels."**

**Revelation 2:28**

**"Him that OVERCOMETH will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name."**

**Revelation 3:12**

**"To him that OVERCOMETH will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also OVERCAME, and am set down with my Father in his throne."**

**Revelation 3:21**

**"He that OVERCOMETH shall inherit ALL THINGS: and I will be his God, and he shall be my son."**

**Revelation 21:7**

**WOW!**

# 8

## Spirit of Jealousy

**"And the SPIRIT OF JEALOUSY come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be defiled: or if the SPIRIT OF JEALOUSY come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be not defiled"**

**Numbers 5:14. Manifestations of the Spirit of Jealousy**

Jealousy

Murder—Gen. 4:8 Anger—Gen. 4:5,6 Rage—Pro. 6:34 Wrath—Gen. 4:5 Revenge—Pro. 6:34

Spite—Pro. 6:34 (Web. synonym of "revenge")

Hate—Gen. 37:3, 4, 8

Cruelty, crushing, maliciousness—Song of Solomon 8:6 Suspicious—(Web. def. of "jealousy")

Coveting

Competition—Gen. 4:4, 5 Emulation—(Web. def. of competition)

Selfishness—(Web. def. of competition and envy)

Variance—divides, separates homes and churches

**"... If any man's wife go aside, and commit a trespass against him, and a man lie with her carnally, and it be hid from the eyes of her husband, and be kept close, and she be defiled, and there be no witness against her, neither she be taken with the manner"**

### **Numbers 4:12,13.**

We read here of a woman who has been defiled by lying with another man. The act was not known to her husband; in fact, it was "hid from the eyes of her husband" and there was no witness against her. However, verse 14 says, "**And the SPIRIT OF JEALOUSY come upon him, and he be jealous...** " **This** man had no personal knowledge of his wife's sin. It was kept a secret from him, and she was not pregnant. The SPIRIT OF JEALOUSY came upon him and caused him to suspect his wife. Did the spirit tell him?

The marriage bonds ordained by God offer perfect security if we are careful to stay within them. The SPIRIT OF JEALOUSY seeks to destroy these unions.

This strong spirit provokes to jealousy by deceiving a person with insinuating circumstances. It sets the snare with circumstantial evidence. This spirit is a strongman sent from Satan; he is a principal power, with perhaps many common demons working for him. We must recognize him and his manifestations, else we may fall right into his snare and cooperate with him.

What is commonly called a "dividing spirit" is really a manifestation of the SPIRIT OF JEALOUSY. It is a main destroyer of Christian unity. Its main objective is to divide Christian homes, churches, friendships, etc.

A SPIRIT OF JEALOUSY destroys Christian friendships by planting suspicious thoughts about another person in the mind, thus causing one to take offense where none is really intended. Then he will use an available mouth—it could be yours—to relay an innocent remark made by one of the

parties. The other party is offended, and in turn reciprocates with a few remarks of his own. They have fallen into the "snare of the fowler", and before they know it, they have lost a beloved friend. I have observed many Christians who enjoyed good fellowship fall into this trap.

The best plan of resistance to this trick of the enemy is as follows: As soon as you discern that this SPIRIT OF JEALOUSY is at work, go to the party and be honest about how you feel. Confess what you may have said about them and what you heard that they said. Tell them you were hurt...that you value their friendship and love. This will set at nought the works of the evil spirit!

Those having the SPIRIT OF JEALOUSY usually feel insecure. They are not sure of being loved genuinely, and for themselves. They usually feel that the object of their love will eventually leave them anyway. They feel insecure, inferior, and unworthy, often feeling that they are less favored and less blessed by God than others. They are distrustful.

This spirit will try to destroy by the tactics listed previously, as well as by many others. We must apply the love of God to bring defeat to the spirit—and victory to the saint. If you will notice in the Scripture, Jesus taught us a principle which is opposite to the workings of the SPIRIT OF JEALOUSY. He taught: do good to those who spitefully use you; overcome evil with good; bless those who curse you; love those who hate you. Here we are talking about how to overcome this spirit—we show love to the person. But, to that spirit, we show the edge of the sword...the Word of God... which will cut him asunder—out of your midst! You are not fighting flesh and blood.

You are wrestling a prince of the power of the air! A wrestling match never has a knock-out, but round after round, until a victory has been won!

This spirit must be tried, resisted, and cast out in the name of Jesus. Then the victim must continually walk in that deliverance—claiming it, believing it, living it, refusing to be trapped by it again. Remember, the SPIRIT OF JEALOUSY manifests itself in resentment, hatred and bad feelings toward your family, your neighbor, or your brother in Christ. The Word of God says, **"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another"** John 13:35.

**"Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love covereth all sins"**

**Proverbs 10:12.**

**"And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us..."**

**Ephesians 5:2.**

Read the entire 13 th chapter of 1 Corinthians, meditate on it, and ask the Lord Jesus to help you live it.

# 9

## Perverse Spirit

**"The Lord hath mingled a PERVERSE SPIRIT in the midst thereof: and they have caused Egypt to err in every work thereof, as a drunken man staggereth in his vomit"**

**Isaiah 19:14.**

### Manifestations of the Perverse Spirit

Wounded Spirit—causes a breach in one's spirit—Prov. 15:4 Snare—causes one to fall into mischief—Prov. 17:20, 23 Error—causes one to err—Isa. 19:14 Hate—causes one to hate God—Prov. 14:2 Fool—one who speaks perverse words—Prov. 19:1 Despised—causes one to be despised by others—Prov. 12:8 Lust—causes one to look upon the opposite sex, and think perverse things—Prov. 23:33 Fret—causes one to fret against the Lord—Prov. 19:3 Pervert the Gospel—to twist the Word to Satan's advantage; misinterpret—2 Pet. 3:16, 17 Child of the Devil—one who perverts the right ways of the Lord—Acts 13:10

Rebellion—all rebellion is against God, and the way He created things  
Sexual perversion—homosexuality, prostitution, all sexual deviation Self-lovers—2 Tim. 3:2

False-teacher—(2 Peter, entire second chapter, LIVING BIBLE)

The teaching in Romans 1:17 through 32 has the following description of people who have submitted to a PERVERSE SPIRIT:

**"For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.**

**For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;**

**Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.**

**For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:**

**Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.**

**Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools.**

**And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.**

**Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:**

**Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.**

**For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against**

**nature:**

**And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.**

**And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;**

**Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers.**

**Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,**

**Without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:**

**Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them."**

Help lies in a true conversion and decision to make a total commitment to Christ—binding the PERVERSE SPIRIT and casting him out. The person should be filled with the Holy Spirit. He must submit to God, constantly resist evil thoughts, daily study the Word and pray. This is the only help for those involved. God will forgive those who have honestly confessed these sins to Him in true repentance.

1 Cor. 6:9-11 gives this assurance to those who are forgiven:

**"Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God."**

# 10

## Spirit of Divination and Familiar Spirit

"Then said Saul unto his servants, Seek me a woman that hath a FAMILIAR SPIRIT, that I may go to her, and enquire of her. And his servants said to him, Behold, there is a woman that hath a FAMILIAR SPIRIT at Endor. And Saul disguised himself, and put on other raiment, and he went, and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night: and he said, I pray thee, divine unto me by the FAMILIAR SPIRIT, and bring me him up, whom I shall name unto thee"

1 Samuel 28:7,8.

### Manifestations of the Spirit of Divination and the Familiar Spirit

Diviner—witch or wizard

Soothsayer—observer of times, Almanac, horoscopes, etc.

Enchanter—magician

Witch or Wizard—one who practices witchcraft and sorcery

Hypnotist—a charmer

Medium—consulter with FAMILIAR SPIRITS

Clairvoyant—witch or wizard

Necromancer—one who consults the dead

Conjurer—one who commands or summons a demon to appear

**"...Thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations. There shall not be found among you anyone...that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, or a charmer, or a consulter with FAMILIAR SPIRITS, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For all that do these things are an abomination unto the Lord!..."**

**Deut. 18:9-12**

Star Gazer—one who studies the stars and worships them—Isa. 47:13

Astrologers—those used in an effort to foretell the future, and advise the King

Belomancy—divination by arrows—Ezek. 21:21 Water witching—divination by rod—Hos. 4:12 Splanchnomancy—divination by inspection of entrails—Ezek. 21:21 Teraphim—images consulted for advice—Jud. 17:5 Mutterer—one who communicates with the FAMILIAR SPIRIT as if talking to himself—Isa. 8:19 Ventriloquist—a person who throws his voice—Isa. 29:4; 8:19; those speaking from the earth, from the belly; ghosts that cheep, gibber, whisper, chatter, and coo, in low murmurs; making a noise by barely opening the mouth.

Peeping Tom—a person who gets pleasure, especially sexual pleasure, from watching others from a place of concealment—Web. New World Dict.

Mimicry and Pantomiming can also be a manifestation of the FAMILIAR SPIRIT.

DIVINATION—the art of obtaining secret knowledge, especially of the future; a pagan counterpart of prophecy. Careful comparison of Scripture will reveal that inspirational divination is by demon power; whereas, genuine prophecy is by the Spirit of God. The Biblical attitude toward divination is distinctly hostile. Deut. 18:10, 12—Unger's Bible Dict. p. 271, p. 682.

These two evil spirits are so closely related in their manifestations that I thought it best to combine the teaching on the two. The SPIRIT OF DIVINATION appears to be aided and energized by the FAMILIAR SPIRIT.

Those who possess a FAMILIAR SPIRIT call it a personal spirit guide, who is friendly and on intimate terms with the person possessing him. He is a servant to be summoned at will. He is often passed on in a family, down through generations.

Many objects are used in fortunetelling. Some common ones are: crystal ball, horoscope, tea leaves, pendulum, Ouija board, cards, dreams, signs, palm reading, mind reading, and handwriting analysis; anything used to procure an answer. Something worn to avert an ill; such as good luck charms, a rabbit's foot, an idol, a cross, etc.

Some other methods used in sorcery are: to recite a magic verse, to cast a spell, to put one in a trance, soul travel, or any evil power supplied by Satan. Those who practice such witchcraft, and worship of Satan, are in a confederacy with Satan, the adversary of God and man!

## An Old Trick Still at Work

**"And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a SPIRIT OF DIVINATION met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying: The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation."**

**"And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour."**

### **Acts 16:16-18**

Paul saw that although she was stating the truth, the purpose of Satan was to make people think she was in league with them, and that they also were working miracles by evil spirits. Notice, she followed them as if she were connected with their party.

I have seen the same situation today. It seems to be a trick still used by Satan. For instance, a well-known minister of the Gospel will hold a meeting in a town. Then a person with a SPIRIT OF DIVINATION follows him. This person will speak very well of the minister, and insinuate that he is working closely with him, under his approval. The purpose is to use the reputation of the preceding minister. This gives him an opening to minister by an evil spirit, in order to deceive the people and to discredit the true work of God.

So...this is a good example of why we should be able to TRY THE SPIRITS, whether they be of God!

# 11

## Spirit of Whoredoms

**"My people ask counsel at their stocks, and their staff declareth unto them: for the SPIRIT OF WHOREDOMS hath caused them to err, and they have gone a whoring from under their God."**

**Hosea 4:12**

### Manifestations of the Spirit of Whoredoms

Whoredom—consorting with the devil; unfaithful to Christ; gives love to another; unchaste; and act of leaving God's covering; a backsliding Christian—Ezek. 16:15 Harlotry—a prostitute; to offer yourself to a lewd use; to devote oneself to base or unworthy purposes; to sell love for a price—Ezek. 16:28 Idolatry—an image; object of worship; a false god; heathen deity; an object of strong affection or devotion; excessive veneration for anything. Your heart is where your treasure is (Mt. 6:21).

Some of the things a SPIRIT OF WHOREDOMS would cause one to prostitute himself for are:

Love of the World—2 Tim.4:10

Love of position and social standing—Mt. 23:6—also read verses 2 through 15. Jesus called them children of hell.

Love of Money—"The love of money is the root of all evil"—1 Tim. 6:10—read 7 through 14. This love of money brings temptations, snares,

and lusts, and causes one to err from the faith. This love has a sorrow and brings destruction upon such persons.

Love of Food—those who prostitute themselves for food. Those who serve their own belly—(Rom. 16:18; 1 Cor. 6:13-16). Whose belly is their God—(Phil. 3:19).

Love of the Body—fornication and adultery; sexual sin of every type; exhibition of the body of all types—exalting the body, such as lewd pictures of the body, nudity, pornography, etc.

Webster's Dictionary definition of adulterate is to *corrupt, debase, or make impure by a mixture of a foreign, or a lesser substance*. The blood of Jesus cleanses us from all unrighteousness, and makes us pure. Then if we mix in a lesser, foreign substance, we defile ourselves.

**"But who so committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding; he that doeth it destroyed his own soul."**

**Proverbs 6:32**

**"For I am jealous over you with Godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ."**

**2 Corinthians 11:2**

The sixteenth chapter of Ezekiel gives us an understanding of how the husband (Jesus) feels about this adultery.

Notice the plurality of the word "whoredoms." I found definite connections in Scripture, such as Hos. 4:12, that link other spirits to the SPIRIT OF WHOREDOMS. I believe a group of evil spirits work together with this principal demon—or are in league with him:

**"My people ask counsel at their stocks, and their staff declareth unto them: for the SPIRIT OF WHOREDOMS hath caused them to err, and they have gone a whoring from under their God."**

**Hos. 4:12**

The word stocks means "idols made of wood," and staff means "divination by rods" (see teaching on SPIRIT OF DIVINATION). The word "err" implicates the SPIRIT OF ERROR, and says the SPIRIT OF WHOREDOMS caused them to come into it. There is much indication in my research on this subject that two or more evil spirits work together to accomplish a certain mission. In this particular subject on the SPIRIT OF WHOREDOMS, I find links connecting these spirits: DIVINATION, FAMILIAR, ERROR, PERVERSE, and WHOREDOM.

## **Allow Me**

My theory is that one demon, if allowed to remain, will invite other demons in. Use of alcohol is one example. For a while a person may only drink socially. Then one day they find themselves all bound up by the SPIRIT OF BONDAGE. They no longer are in control, but find that they are in bondage to the demands and appetites of the spirit they serve. After this one spirit has accomplished his mission, he turns this person over to another demon...one stronger than himself...one who will begin where he left off and bring the victim into a worse state. Now the person has two demons ministering to him instead of one. In this case the second demon would be a SPIRIT OF FEAR. Each spirit is a specialist in his own field. Each spirit has distinct manifestations by which we can know him. Just as a

physician would diagnose polio by the symptoms, we may just as surely identify an unseen spirit by its produced fruit.

The manifestations given in this book, under the particular demon, are the goals that that demon is striving to attain. The amount of fruit he has been able to produce in a certain life depends upon the length of time he is permitted to work in that person's life uninterrupted. He knows that he could easily be resisted, overcome, and thrown out, should a true believer command it. The person he was working in would have to be willing to resist him when he came back, wanting in. He would have to submit himself constantly to God as directed in James 4:7.

1. Submit yourself to God.
2. Resist the Devil.
3. He will flee from you.

If the evil spirit has no intervention from a believer, he would eventually complete his work. Then he, in turn, would take in one stronger than himself, one more wicked than he. In our example here, the SPIRIT OF FEAR would call in the DUMB AND DEAF SPIRIT. The DUMB AND DEAF SPIRIT would take over where the SPIRIT OF FEAR left off, and eventually take the victim's mind, and possess his body, to be occupied by large satanic forces, or, to lead the victim to take his life, depending on the will of the demon's master, Satan. This would be the worse state of the states.

Another example of this is that you would not expect a common cold to develop into hernia. But, it could very well develop into pneumonia, which is a worse state than the first. Then pneumonia could result in another

condition which is death. If proper care were taken in the common cold stage, you could possibly avoid the two stronger states.

It is much easier to convert an alcoholic in the "social drinking" stage—or cast out the SPIRIT OF BONDAGE rather than deal with the DUMB AND DEAF SPIRIT later. This view is borne out by Jesus' teaching on this subject:

**"Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first... "**

#### **Matthew 12:45**

If the believer begins a ministry to the victim in the first work of the DUMB AND DEAF SPIRIT it will be easier. The last state of this particular demon's work would call for much fasting on the minister's part, as this kind is the strongest of all spirits. You will not be handling many of these kinds of snakes in ignorance. But...unwavering faith will send him slithering!

I think it is very important that ministers learn how to try these spirits by their fruit, and deal with them the Bible way. Then the people will find the proper help when they come to the servant of the Lord. Many say they don't wish to "make waves", but endeavor to keep the peace, and preach love. There would be more peace and love after the demon is gone than if we pretend he isn't there.

When pastors avoid this ministry, it is comparable to a physician ignoring all the symptoms of a certain disease until that disease has developed into something worse. Many will not do the works of Jesus, after

having preached. Jesus commanded us to keep His works until the end (Rev. 2:26). We are to return to the first works of Jesus and his believers. Take a good long look at the "works": Mt. 10:8; Mk. 16:17; Lu. 10:9, 17; Acts 8:7.

# 12

## Spirit of Haughtiness

"Pride goeth before destruction, and an HAUGHTY SPIRIT before a fall. Better it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud."

Proverbs 16:18,19

### Manifestations of the Spirit of Haughtiness

Proud—Pro. 6:16-17a; Isa. 16:6 Scornful—Pro. 3:34 Mockery

Lofty looks—Isa. 2:11; 5:15; Jer. 48:29 Bragging—boastful—1 Pet. 5:5—Amp. Ver.

Stiff-necked—stubborn and obstinate—Pro. 29:1

Wrathful—Pro. 21:24; Isa. 16:6

Gossip—Pro 21:23, 24

Contention—Pro. 13:10

Egotistic

Self-righteousness Holier-than-thou Exalted feelings Vanity

Arrogant—1 Pet. 5:3, 5 Amp.

Dictatorial—controlling, overbearing, domineering 1 Pet. 5:3, 5  
Insolent—Pet. 5:5 Amp.

Self-assertion—superiority, froward—Pro. 3:32

### Haughty Spirit

God has promised to bring low all men who give place to a HAUGHTY SPIRIT, and cause them to bow down. (Isa. 2:11, 17) This word "bow", as used here, means stoop, bend, surrender, or anything curved or bent, such as the head or body.

I have known those who have refused to humble themselves to suddenly have a slipped disk in the back, or some other back ailment, so that they were bent or stooped, and were unable to straighten their backs or heads. After praying and seeking God, He told them it had happened because they had a HAUGHTY SPIRIT. When they humbled themselves and were delivered, they were able to stand up straight.

God will not tolerate any of the fruits of the SPIRIT OF HAUGHTINESS in His children. Paul told us that lest he should be exalted above measure through the tremendous experiences he had with God, he was given a demon to prick his pride, so that he would not be puffed up (2 Cor. 12:7).

God hates a HAUGHTY SPIRIT.

A HAUGHTY SPIRIT goes before a fall—Pro. 16:18.

God will punish the proud—Pro. 6:16,17.

God will scorn the scornful—Pro. 3:34.

God's eye is upon the haughty, that He may bring them down—2 Sam. 22:28.

A HAUGHTY SPIRIT brings you into battle with God; God will destroy, as the HAUGHTY SPIRIT is an abomination unto Him!

God's Word offers the only solution to being set free from the SPIRIT OF HAUGHTINESS. Since this spirit asserts itself against God, you must

submit yourself to God. The person should first bind the strongman and cast him out in the name of Jesus. Then he must follow the Scriptural prescription for remaining free:

**"Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He shall lift you up."**

**James 4:10**

**"Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time."**

**1 Peter 5:6**

Proverbs 22:4; 18:12; 29:23—God will give you honor, if you humble yourself.

**"For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted."**

Mark 10:44—Humble yourself by serving others.

John 13:4-16—Footwashing is an act of humility. Jesus set the example.

**"Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God."**

**Ephesians 5:21**

**"...I humbled my soul with fasting."**

**Psalms 35:13**

Fasting is an excellent way to humble yourself.

The Scripture teaches that God sets Himself against the proud, but gives grace to the humble (1 Pet. 5:5 Amp.). Notice, now, the instruction in verse 6, **"Therefore humble yourselves (demote; lower yourselves in your own estimation) under the mighty hand of God, that in due time He may**

**exalt you."** It is your own responsibility to humble yourself. When you do your part of humbling yourself, He will exalt you.

**"Better it is to be of an HUMBLE SPIRIT with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud."**

**Proverbs 16:19**

**"A man's pride shall bring him low: but honor shall uphold the HUMBLE in spirit."**

**Proverbs 29:23**

**"For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and HUMBLE SPIRIT."**

**Isaiah 57:15**

Jesus humbled himself; King David humbled himself and we are commanded, also, to humble ourselves. We must seek to be humble, simple, and child-like, trusting in the Word of God. If we succeed in humbling ourselves, God will exalt us; if not, God will humble us.

# 13

## Lying Spirit

"Now therefore, behold, the LORD hath put a LYING SPIRIT in the mouth of these thy prophets, and the LORD hath spoken evil against thee."

2 Chronicles 18:22

### Manifestations of the Lying Spirit Lies

Strong delusion—a false, harmful impression—a deceived condition — belief of a lie—a substitution of the truth with a counterfeit—2 Thes. 2:11

Insinuation—implies, or assumes, a false appearance or pretense of what is not—an indirect hint—a suggestion

Exaggeration—the truth plus—enlarging on the truth

Flattery—false or insincere praise—"... a flattering mouth worketh ruin" Flattery works divination and vain vision in the household of faith. The antichrist will obtain the kingdom by flatteries. Satan persuades many Christians to resort to flattery, even in Christian efforts (Ezek. 12:24).

Vain Babbling—excessive talking, gossip and idle words; say what you mean and no more—an insinuation is of a lying tongue—a talebearer, etc. Mt. 12:35-37

Profanity—1 Tim. 4:7; 6:20; 2 Tim 2:16.

Hypocrisy—to play a part, to feign or simulate, pretending goodness.

Religious—What may be referred to as a "religious spirit" is not a spirit at all, but a result of the LYING SPIRIT. You may also hear it referred to as the "Pharisaical spirit," or perhaps the "ecclesiastical spirit". Sometimes I have heard it referred to as a "condemning spirit". All are certainly good descriptions of this manifestation of the LYING SPIRIT.

Frenzied emotional actions—a drummed up work of the flesh-feigning the "power" of God by shaking to show how close to the LORD they are—I am not talking about the shaking sometimes felt by one in the presence of the LORD: but a seeking to draw attention to themselves and approval of men as to how "holy" they are.

A driving zeal—that is not of God—often referred to as a "driving spirit"—drives one to strenuous efforts that exhaust the body.

Old Wive's Fables—(1 Tim. 4:7) Tooth Fairy, Santa Claus, Easter Bunny, Fairy tales, etc.

Superstitions: Concoctions such as asafetida balls worn around the neck to ward off evil diseases. If you look at a bad scene while pregnant, you will mark the baby. Black cat crossing in front of you brings bad luck, walking under a ladder, etc.—these are all lies.

Vain Imagination—a mental image or idea, a creation of the mind, a fanciful or vain notion...we should walk in the truth of facts and not suppositions... to walk in imagination brings one under a curse. Jer 23:15-17 He that speaketh the truth in his heart shall dwell in the Holy Hill.

Vain Notions—Many of us are, or have been, guilty of this, without realizing it. For example: we imagine what the endtime will be like; and we form some sort of notion or opinion, without actually studying all that the

Word reveals about it. We accept that sort of notion, or vain imagination, as the truth. Then when we hear someone state a truth concerning it, it is so foreign to us that we reject it as being far-out. Sometime we actually state our vain notion as a truth. Another example is: we Christians sometimes imagine an idea of how we will serve the Lord. Maybe we imagine ourselves on a mission field in a faraway land, doing exciting things for God. Perhaps this is not His plan for us at all. Or again, we may imagine ourselves in the pulpit preaching the Word to thousands, when God may have a plan for us to tell individuals on the street. We can be led astray by these fanciful notions. The LYING SPIRIT will use them. Do not confuse this with walking by faith in things unseen, because faith is based on the Word of God, which is a fact. God sees us in the chambers of our imagery (Ezek. 8:12).

The "religious spirit" manifestation of the LYING SPIRIT is a very devious plan of that evil one. Working together with a HAUGHTY SPIRIT he has drained many a good Christian of his vitality and strength.

I pray to God that Christians everywhere may learn to detect this evil spirit, and give him no place in their lives. Satan knows that he could not get by with assigning an obviously evil spirit to a determined Christian. But how easily we will accept an impostor.

First the HAUGHTY SPIRIT comes in with pride. After he has accomplished a few objectives, he calls in a buddy of his to help him...his old friend, the LYING SPIRIT. So, the individual—being already puffed up with pride—receives a false anointing—a feeling, and a driving, zealous urge that drives many a good Christian to the graveyard if not detected.

We do not learn these truths in books. We learn this kind of truth in the school of hard knocks. Most seasoned ministers keep it to themselves, thereby allowing the adversary to devour many little ones with the same old tricks. The Lord told me that what he whispers to me in my ear, I should shout from the house tops. If we love each other we will warn others of the pitfalls. No one ever warned me of any of these snares!

This is the way I learned about the "religious spirit." God had begun to use me full-time. After much fasting and prayer, a burden was heavy upon me for the lost—those who were searching for God. I would pray and ask God to lead me to those who had a need. Then I would go out in the mornings, after my husband left for work, and allow the Holy Spirit to guide me to the places I was to go.

The Holy Spirit led me to homes where people were seeking. Some days I would go to a home where several were gathered to pray...Then He would pour out a great anointing on me. People received Christ, healing, deliverance, or whatever they needed.

I saw great things accomplished for God. I saw God do things that I was awed and excited about. I was keeping all this to myself. But I noticed that after a heavy day of ministry, what I thought to be the anointing stayed on, even when I tried to relax. It never left me. I was continually being drained and exhausted.

One day I came in, after a very successful day's work with God, and fell on the sofa to relax awhile before starting supper. After a couple hours of not being able to relax, I cried out to God to lift this "anointing" for a while.

The still voice answered and said, "Are you sure it's mine?" I was shocked! Could a minister of the Lord be deceived? I didn't know a Christian would have to worry about a thing like that! So, while this question the Lord had asked me bounced around a little in my mind, He added something more: "Why don't you rebuke it? And if it leaves, it isn't Mine."

I rebuked it, and commanded that anything that was not of God leave me. I felt a clammy sort of thing withdrawing from me, starting at my head, and finally clinging to my legs, and completely lifting. I felt the peace of God sweep over me.

God then showed me how this impostor came in after the anointing, and lingered to drain and exhaust me. This was a well learned lesson. A worker must try the spirits, whether they be of God or not!

## The "Condemning Spirit" Manifestation

The "condemning spirit" manifestation is the fruit of both a SPIRIT OF ERROR and a LYING SPIRIT. This manifestation is the most deceitful of Christian entrapments by Satan. With it he would deceive the very elect if it were possible. Because this trick is so commonly used, I feel that God would have me write a full description of the fruit produced by those who are deceived:

They always profess Christianity and may actually be Christians who are seduced by these spirits.

They sometimes advertise the fact that they are Christians by conspicuous Scripture verses printed upon their cars, trailers, clothes, etc.

(as many Christians do). But their purpose is the same as a sheep skin thrown over a wolf. It is to gain entrance into the sheep-fold.

They come but to steal, destroy, and to kill.

They seek to suppress, hinder, and destroy effective ministries or missions; to prevent publication or revelation of truth.

They seek especially to devour the females and the little lambs. Usually they will flatter the males, and seek to establish a good relationship with them.

They usually travel into cities where they are unknown, as they leave a trail of devastation behind. I am reminded that Jesus said that there are those who would kill us, and think they were doing God a service.

They isolate themselves from the rest of the Body of Christ, from the assembling together of the saints—from the fellowship—esteeming themselves above others in the sight of God.

They denounce, charge, accuse, blame, indict, threaten, and damn the brethren. They will say they are doing this in love, but they hate the brethren.

They judge, convict, find guilty, pass sentence on, and seal the doom of, the other saints. They cause one to despair—destroying those whom Christ died for—prescribing punishment themselves—not regarding the ONE JUDGE, JESUS CHRIST!

## The "Ecclesiastical Spirit" Manifestation

The "ecclesiastical spirit" manifestation would bind one to strict adherence to the law, after Jesus had rent the veil in two and made a new

covenant with us because we could not keep the old one, causes one to seek vindication or retaliation for themselves...an "eye for an eye" sort of thing.

This spirit may pressure a new convert to mimic the image of the people of whatever Church or group they happen to receive Christ in. If it happens to be a group who dress, act, and talk a certain way they feel that they must pretend a pious, hypocritical conformity to whatever the tradition happens to be, thereby becoming a stumbling block to the new convert—causing one to despair of ever becoming a Christian, because of these burdensome yokes put on them by those who have this manifestation of the LYING SPIRIT.

# 14

## Antichrist Spirit

**"And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that SPIRIT OF ANTICHRIST, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world."**

**1 John 4:3**

### Manifestations of the Antichrist Spirit

Against Christ

Attempts to take the place of Christ Opposes Christ:

- a. His doctrine
- b. His diety
- c. His humanity
- d. His victory

Substitutes other methods of atoning for sin, and for finding acceptance from God

Claims authority and would bind people to exact church laws contrary to Scriptures on freedom from law Attacks the individual personal testimonies as to what the blood of Jesus has done for us Opposes prophetic office by claiming authority to add to, alter or take away from any prophecy, revelation, etc.

Opposes priestly office of Christ and saints

Utters horrid blasphemies against the gifts, attributing them to Satan

Suppresses ministries

Tries to irritate, afflict, harass and disturb fellowships and gatherings

Vexes the righteous souls

Evil intelligent forces that carry out gorilla warfare against saints

Persecutes the saints

Seeks to take over and rule the earth; to steal redeemed man's dominion Thwarts God's plan for the millennial kingdom Tries to seduce into error, as in 1 Tim. 4:1-4:

**"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;**

**Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;**

**Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.**

**For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving."**

## The Mark of an Antichrist Spirit

**"For many impostors—seducers, deceivers and false leaders—have gone out into the world, men who will not acknowledge (confess, admit) the coming of Jesus Christ, the Messiah, in bodily form; such a one is the impostor— the seducer, the deceiver, the false leader, the antagonist of Christ—and the Antichrist.**

**Take care; look to yourselves that you may not lose (throw away or destroy) all that we and you have labored for, but that you may persevere until you win and receive back a perfect reward—in full.**

**Anyone who runs on ahead of God and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ—who is not content with what He taught—does not have God; but he who continues to live in the doctrine (teaching) of Christ—does have God; he has both the Father and the Son.**

**If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine (is disloyal to what Jesus Christ taught), do not receive him—do not accept him, do not welcome or admit him—into your house or bid him Godspeed or give him any encouragement.**

**For he who wishes him success—who encourages him, wishing him Godspeed—is a partaker in his evil doings."**

### **2 John 7-11 (Amplified Ver.)**

This teaching of John is so clear on how to discern and handle this Spirit, that there is little need to elaborate. Notice how SEDUCING and

DECEIVING SPIRITS are linked together with the ANTICHRIST SPIRIT. Because I found the manifestations to be the same, I will consider them to be one of them in this study.

# 15

## **Discerning of Spirits**

### **A Mighty Weapon**

The gifts of the Holy Spirit are given to us that we may not depend upon our own capabilities, but that we may work in the power of the Holy Ghost, as Jesus also did. They were given that we may work in God's ability.

Very little has been taught or written about the gift of DISCERNING OF SPIRITS; that is because very little is known about it. Those who have had this gift working in their ministries, were not able to share much about it, but now God is giving more liberty and knowledge concerning the gifts. We quite often hear messages from those with the gift of HEALING, and there is much good information on that gift. The gifts of TONGUES, INTERPRETATION, WORD OF KNOWLEDGE, etc. are often expounded upon. DISCERNING OF SPIRITS is a very valuable gift for the work of the ministry, for the perfecting of the saints, and God will not withhold any good gift from those who ask. God said He would fully furnish them for every good work.

The gift of DISCERNING OF SPIRITS opens up your spiritual eyes and you are able to discern beyond your natural ability. You will be able to discern between all the various spirits as to whether they be of God or not.

The eyes of the spirit are not like the physical eyes. A spirit does not have flesh and bones (Lu. 24:39). So, we do not see flesh and bones unless, of course, they are revealed by God to the natural eye. But the spirit exists, none the less, and his fruit is very real,

A good example of the spiritual eyes being opened is found in 2 Kings 6:14,17.

**"Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about.**

**And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! How shall we do?**

**And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.**

**And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha."**

The servant had his spiritual eyes opened. I, too, had a dramatic experience when God "opened my eyes" and gave me the gift of DISCERNING OF SPIRITS.

One Thursday morning, a large group of people came to my home for ministry. There were always many people at the meetings whom I did not know. There was a request for prayer from a lady who had just gotten out of the hospital. She had tried to commit suicide by taking tranquilizers. She

confessed to being a medium and dealing in the occult. She told us she had a "spirit guide".

When we gathered around and began to pray for her the FAMILIAR SPIRIT began to manifest itself with threats about killing her. She fell on the floor as if unconscious, but the evil spirit kept on threatening her with a loud voice. He told us he had been there a long time, and that he hated her, and that he planned to kill her right then. With that announcement, she began to have a heart attack. I found out later that she had a bad heart. She was gasping for breath, and her skin turned a deep purple color. It was apparent to everyone in the room that she was dying. Great fear fell over all of us. I cried out to God to help us. Suddenly it was as if the spirit realm was opened up and I could see a drama unfolding. I saw my home there on the Gulf surrounded by police cars. I saw headlines in a newspaper that were unkind, and would scatter the work in that area. I saw a trap of Satan—from the beginning to the end! And dear friends, when I saw that, it became a whole new ball game! Satan was exposed!

As this woman clutched at her throat, I fixed my face toward heaven like a flint. I fastened my faith on God's infallible, immovable Word. The Holy Spirit began to give me the exact Scriptures to quote. I heard myself speaking to that evil spirit in Jesus' own words "stop tearing her and come out". Finally that strong demon began to weep and cry, begging to be allowed to stay. Then, with a great shudder, he gave her up and left.

Then we finished our ministry to that woman with peace. We saw a miracle performed by our wonderful God that day!

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