

The Spirit Of Obsession, Oppression, Possession

2 Sam.13:1-16 – Read - nkjv

The devil's devices include oppression, obsession & possession.

Judas exemplified all 3: obsessed with money, possessed by satan, & oppressed to commit suicide.

*****Obsess:** to occupy *somebody's thoughts* constantly and exclusively; *to think or worry* about something constantly and compulsively; *preoccupy, grip, consume, fixate*; an idea or feeling that completely occupies the mind; uncontrolled idea or emotion;

Obsession is running rampant in our society today.

- Many different things are *vexing (causing distress)* the souls of people.
- **Feelings** of being *Annoyed, frustrated, or worried...*
- **A vexation** that controls us to obey in doing, saying & thinking things is obsession. ('I can't live without it').

2 Corinthians 10:4-5 - NKJV

⁴ For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds,

⁵ casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,

A strong hold, gripping control over us, forcing us to obey.

Example:

2 Sam.13:1-16

1) Amnon says *he loves her (Tamar)*

2) **Pretends** to be sick to be alone with her (proving it is not love)

3) Asks her to lie with him

4) **She refuses** but agrees to marry him if he gets the king's permission

5) He is **so obsessed** with her that he forces her – **rape**

6) **Then we learn the truth** – in his **embarrassment** he realizes ***it was lust***
And now he hates her more than he 'thought' he loved her.

Example: The Love of money is the root of all evil. Notice the effects on **people who covet it** -

1 Timothy 6:10 - CEV

¹⁰ The love of money causes all kinds of trouble. Some people want money so much that they have given up their faith and caused themselves a lot of pain.

Summary:

- **Obsession** is a real & great problem today & it leads to deeper & worse spiritual problems in oppression & possession.

*****The spirit of Oppression**

Oppression causes depression, low self esteem, giving up, - controls people to keep out hope & desire to fight on – therefore **affecting faith**.

Psalm 106:41-44 - NIV

⁴¹ He gave them into the hands of the nations, and their foes ruled over them.

⁴² Their enemies **oppressed them** and subjected them to their power.

⁴³ Many times he delivered them, but they were bent on rebellion and **they wasted away in their sin**.

⁴⁴ Yet **he took note of their distress when he heard their cry**;

Oppression causes pain, fear, tears & crying, control by the cruelty of others, hatred, no comfort, a bondage needing deliverance – **you can't set yourself free from oppression – you need help!!!!!!**

Oppressive:

1. Imposing a harsh or cruel form of domination an oppressive regime;
2. Highly stressful: exerting a worrying, troubling, or burdensome pressure on somebody...
(cruel, domineering, tyrannical, repressive, unfair, overbearing, unjust, harsh).

1 Peter 5:8 - NKJV

⁸ Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

We have an enemy who hates God & us & wants to steal, kill, & destroy mankind. (John 10:10)

The enemy wants us oppressed to:

- 1) Keep us from **being** the person **God wants us to be**
- 2) Keep us from **doing** what **God wants us to do**
- 3) Keep us from **being** used like **God wants to use us**

Oppression is a powerful control because it debilitates (weakens) us, handicaps us, & distracts us.

Our response – we will not pray, won't study, start small sins, we'll skip church (***starving the spiritual man***), or we'll just hide in the pews acting like all is well; we will feel like dying, end the suffering when a greater suffering awaits us.

Feelings are not your friend:

Jeremiah 17:9 - NKJV

⁹“The heart *is* **deceitful above all things**, And desperately **wicked**; Who can know it?

- The **devil** knows how weak we are to follow feelings & attacks our mind.

2 Corinthians 10:3 - NKJV

³For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh.

⁴For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, ⁵ casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,

How many people know these scriptures but do not put them to use?

- We have promises to be victorious.
- Oppression hides them from us telling us ***‘what’s the use fighting? I can never win!!!***

YES you can & today is the day!

- It is time to end oppression, take the initiative, **attack the enemy!!!**
- Sick of **being oppressed** or **having a loved one oppressed?**
- Quit hiding in the pew & get to the altar. **Deliverance is in the house!**

Psalm 9:9 – NKJV - ⁹The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed, A refuge in times of trouble.

The spirit of Possession

Possess means to own or be in control (direct influences) of something/one; claim something as your own personal property.

- To be devil possessed is to be **totally controlled** housing a devil.
- Since **the devil hates** God & His people
- **Signs of possession** are **obvious** by out of control, ungodly behavior
- Meaning both physical actions & verbal assault.
- Discerning devils (Or Evil Spirits) is not always easy.

Matthew 12:43-45 – NKJV - An Unclean Spirit Returns

⁴³ “When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest, and finds none.

⁴⁴ Then he says, ‘**I will return to my house** from which I came.’ And when he comes, he finds *it* empty, swept, and put in order.

⁴⁵ Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last *state* of that man **is worse than the first**. So shall it also be with this wicked generation.”

- It calls our body '**his house**' ☹
- Their goal is to possess people for this reason -
- **They have** twisted thinking & corrupted wisdom
- **We need God's help** to deal with them.

Lessons in the Temptation -

Matthew 4:1-11 – NKJV - ***Satan Tempts Jesus***

4 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness ***to be tempted by the devil***. ² And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. ³ Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, “**If** You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.”

⁴ But He answered and said, “**It is written**, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.’”

⁵ Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written:

‘He shall give His angels charge over you,’ and, ‘In *their* hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.’”

⁷ Jesus said to him, “**It is written again**, ‘You shall not tempt the LORD your God.’”

⁸ Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ And he said to Him, “All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.”

¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, “**Away with you, Satan! For it is written**, ‘You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.’”

¹¹ Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

- **Spirits communicate thru** voice, dreams, visions –
- We must determine the source.
- **God does not** terrorize us & push us to thoughts of suicide.

Romans 7:23 - NKJV

²³ But I see another law in my members, **warring against the law of my mind**, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

- ***The enemy Attacks the mind***

Health effects:

Mark 9:17-27 - NIV

¹⁷ A man in the crowd answered, “Teacher, I brought you my son, **who is possessed by a spirit that has robbed him of speech**. ¹⁸ Whenever it seizes him, it throws him to the ground. He foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to drive out the spirit, but they could not.”

¹⁹ “***You unbelieving generation,***” ***Jesus replied,*** “how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy to me.”

²⁰ So they brought him. When the spirit saw Jesus, it immediately threw the boy into a convulsion. He fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth.

²¹ Jesus asked the boy’s father, “How long has he been like this?”

“From childhood,” he answered. ²² “It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. **But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us.**”

²³ **“If you can’?”** said Jesus. **“Everything is possible for one who believes.”**

²⁴ Immediately the boy’s father exclaimed, “I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!”

²⁵ When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, **he rebuked the impure spirit.** “You deaf and mute spirit,” he said, **“*I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.*”**

²⁶ The spirit shrieked, convulsed him violently and came out. The boy looked so much like a corpse that many said, “He’s dead.” ²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him to his feet, and he stood up.

- **The people knew** it was a spirit **not health problem**
- Acts like a lunatic
- It took **FAITH to overcome** the evil spirit
- The fowl spirit had suicide actions
- **All things possible to true believers** –
- **Jesus uses a specific direct commandment** casting it out vs 25

We Have the Greater Power:

1Cor.12:10 gift of discerning spirits

Mark 16:17 cast out devils in Jesus name

Conclusion:

Ephesians 4:27 – NIV - ²⁷ and **do not give the devil a foothold.**

- Neither give place to the devil.
- Don’t use fear, lies, & force against free will anywhere –
- This is a place for the devil – an open door for entrance.
- ***Yielding to any sin opens a door of control*** & possible ***future possession.***

God demands that we are **possessed & controlled by the Holy Spirit** which **makes us active.**

We are protected from devil possession by keeping full of God's Holy Spirit – no room for anything else. Use your faith.

2 Cor. 2:11 - lest Satan should take advantage of us; for **we are not ignorant of his devices.**

2 Samuel 13:1-16 - NKJV - Amnon and Tamar

13 After this Absalom the son of David had a lovely sister, whose name *was* Tamar; and Amnon the son of David loved her. ² Amnon was so distressed over his sister Tamar that he became sick; for she *was* a virgin. And it was improper for Amnon to do anything to her. ³ But Amnon had a friend whose name *was* Jonadab the son of Shimeah, David's brother. Now Jonadab *was* a very crafty man. ⁴ And he said to him, "Why *are* you, the king's son, becoming thinner day after day? Will you not tell me?"

Amnon said to him, "I love Tamar, my brother Absalom's sister."

⁵ So Jonadab said to him, "Lie down on your bed and pretend to be ill. And when your father comes to see you, say to him, 'Please let my sister Tamar come and give me food, and prepare the food in my sight, that I may see *it* and eat it from her hand.'" ⁶ Then Amnon lay down and pretended to be ill; and when the king came to see him, Amnon said to the king, "Please let Tamar my sister come and make a couple of cakes for me in my sight, that I may eat from her hand."

⁷ And David sent home to Tamar, saying, "Now go to your brother Amnon's house, and prepare food for him." ⁸ So Tamar went to her brother Amnon's house; and he was lying down. Then she took flour and kneaded *it*, made cakes in his sight, and baked the cakes. ⁹ And she took the pan and placed *them* out before him, but he refused to eat. Then Amnon said, "Have everyone go out from me." And they all went out from him. ¹⁰ Then Amnon said to Tamar, "Bring the food into the bedroom, that I may eat from your hand." And Tamar took the cakes which she had made, and brought *them* to Amnon her brother in the bedroom. ¹¹ Now when she had brought *them* to him to eat, he took hold of her and said to her, "Come, lie with me, my sister."

¹² But she answered him, "No, my brother, do not force me, for no such thing should be done in Israel. Do not do this disgraceful thing! ¹³ And I, where could I take my shame? And as for you, you would be like one of the fools in Israel. Now therefore, please speak to the king; for he will not withhold me from you." ¹⁴ However, he would not heed her voice; and being stronger than she, he forced her and lay with her.

¹⁵ Then Amnon hated her exceedingly, so that the hatred with which he hated her *was* greater than the love with which he had loved her. And Amnon said to her, "Arise, be gone!"

¹⁶ So she said to him, "No, indeed! This evil of sending me away *is* worse than the other that you did to me."

But he would not listen to her.

