

## Defeat & Destroy

### Tormenting Spirits

With everything going on in the world today and listening to our news, it is easy to see why so many people live in **FEAR & DEPRESSION!**

- But that **IS NOT** God's plan for your life.

Today specifically I want to preach about **DEFEATING Tormenting Spirits!**

- If you have been dealing with a spirit of **Heaviness** or,
- Listening to **deceiving** spirits that want to **tear** us apart
- THIS message is for you!!!!!!
- God has given us every tool to defeat the plans of the enemy!!!!!!

**I think we need to understand that we are fighting spiritual battles.**

- I'm not a demon chaser
- I don't want to over emphasize the power of Satan

However if we were not careful, the Apostle Paul says:

#### **Ephesians 6:11-12**

<sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be **able to stand** against the wiles of the devil.

<sup>12</sup> For **we wrestle not** against flesh and blood, but against **principalities**, against **powers**, against the **rulers** of the darkness of this world, against **spiritual wickedness** in high places.

Notice he said **we do not wrestle** against flesh and blood!

- I believe most Christians have taken the **com-ma** from where it is
- And have moved it too **we do not wrestle** (and they put a period).....

We even hardly acknowledge that **there is a devil** in the world anymore.

We **don't wrestle** with the enemy

- If you are **not praying**, you are not wrestling!
- If you are **not in the word** of God, You are Not wrestling
- If you are **not praying to your spirit** you are not wrestling
- If you are not a **praiser and a worshiper** you are not wrestling with the powers of darkness
- They **do not fight** Flesh with Flesh

### **2 Corinthians 10:4**

For the **weapons of our warfare** are not carnal, **but mighty** through God to the **pulling down** of strong holds.

#### **1.) There Are Tormenting Spirits**

The Bible calls them **vexing spirits!**

**To be vexed** means to be **harassed, tormented** or **troubled** by an evil spirit!

- This vexing spirit is a biblical name
- They torment people's minds
- They torment through **Depression**, through **worry**
- Through excessive **fear**

\*\*\*\*You'll never make it, you are no good, you are fake, ECT... (**Just tormenting**)

- The bible talks about a woman who was Vexed by a spirit
- The enemy suggests, just give up
- Just Kill yourself
- Just end your life

**Vexing Spirits** have to do with the **tormenting of your mind!**

- They attack through **SHAME**
- Through **Condemnation**
- Through **WORRY** through **FEAR** - Through **Oppression** and **Depression**

**When** you are faced with a **vexing spirit** and it is trying to **keep you down, discouraged, hopeless!**

**When** it tries to **keep you in that dark, negative, cold** and **miserable** place of **WORRY** and **ANXIETY!**

**Isaiah 61:3** it says:

<sup>3</sup>To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, **(PUT ON) the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness;** that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified.

**Put on A Garment Of Praise** – When a Vexing Spirit tries to torment you!

- You are to **PUT ON** a Garment of Praise
- That fights against thoughts of **despair**
- Thoughts of **Hopelessness**
- Thoughts of **FEAR**
- **Resist them** as you begin to PUT ON Praise

**What Does that Mean?????**

- That means that you **PUT ON a CD**
- Instead of listening to the taunting voice of the serpent!
- Telling you that you are going to die
- Something bad is going to happen

**THAT IS NOT the voice of God!!!!!!**

- God's voice is NEVER telling you
- Be dreadful, BE fearful, and Be tormented!!!!
- **Never will the HOLY SPIRIT** give you a thought that tells you to do that!

**\*\*\*When you hear these thoughts, PUT ON THE GARMENT OF PRAISE!!!!**

**SPEAK A PRAISE PHRASE** – Amen, Hallelujah, Thank you Jesus, Praise Jesus, Glory to God, I love you Lord, I know your for me Lord, Praise your Name, Jesus your

good, the favor of God is on me, God I praise you as NO weapon formed against me!!!!

### **THIS IS HOW WE WIN – Put On The Garment Of Praise!!!!!!**

- For the Spirit that tries to weigh you down
- Get a praise Phrase!!!!
- **That's how you defeat tormenting spirits of the mind**

Never speak words that make the enemy think he is winning!

- One of the greatest weapons that God has given you is **your mouth**

### **Psalm 149:6**

<sup>6</sup>Let the **high praises of God** be **in their mouth**, and a two-edged sword in their hand;

- We bind Principalities and powers
- when we take the WORD of God in our hands like a sword
- And the High Praise of God In our mouth

## **2.) DECEIVING SPIRITS**

**Is another form of the Demonic world (Deceiving Spirits)**

Spirits that are deceiving, vexing that are tormenting the mind!

- **Heaviness** comes on people
- Discouragement, hopelessness, down, depressed, **and the remedy is**
- Praise Phrase – read the book of Psalms **Put on The Garment of Praise!!!**

Then there is the Deceiving Spirit and the Bible says in:

### **1 Timothy 4:1**

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;**

## **Anytime you open yourself up to the Doctrine of Demons & False Teachings**

- **You are playing** with the powers of Satan
- Doesn't matter how many Hollywood Hot Shots say that
- Scientology is cool
- Or Islam is cool
- New age or this and that are the way to go. - **LEAVE IT ALONE!!!!**

### **They are Deceiving Spirits**

- You can pick up things when you open the door too Satans Plan
- Through Horoscopes, Fortune tellers, Palm readers, psychics
- **You don't need the devil** to tell you what your future is
- **The devil can't tell you** what your future is going to be for your life
- All he can do is plant his thoughts in your mind
- Then your life will start to move in his direction

### ***Have you ever had someone say to you, do you feel ok?***

You don't look so good. All of a sudden,

- The enemy is the great **Mind manipulator**
- He loves to suggest that this or that is going to happen
- I don't need a Chinese fortune cookie to tell me what my future holds
- **I Know what my future holds**
- Whatever comes I'm in Christ's hand
- I'm safe and secure and all is going to be alright!
- Even when I die, I'm in his hands!

**Deceiving spirits**, Séances, talking with the dead, communicating with the dead.

King Saul lost his kingdom because he went to the Witch of Endor

1 Samuel 28

- Stay away from that stuff, the cults, stay away from the dark side!
- It's just games, we went to a party, First of all why you at a party?

## **I'm really concerned about what I've been hearing lately**

- I'm saved, I'm filled with the spirit,
- But I left my wife and I'm shaking with someone else now.
- But I'm still saved, God loves me and I'm still filled with the spirit
- Do you want me to tell you what **kind of Spirit you're full of?????**
- You're filled with the **spirit of Adultery**
- You're filled with the **spirit of immorality**
- You're filled with an **un-clean spirit**

## **BUT YOU ARE NOT filled with the Holy Spirit**

- You only **get filled with what you yield to**
- You have to **yield to the Holy Spirit** Then he will influence you
- If you yield to LUST – Lust will only get greater
- If you yield to the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit will get greater!
- BUT, you have to choose!!!!!!!!!!

## **YOU CAN NOT HAVE THE HOLY SPIRIT AND LIVE THAT KIND OF LIFE!**

- **He will vacate the premises**

### **3.) Territorial Spirits**

#### **Higher level territorial principalities**

- Las Vegas – Gambling
- Los Angeles – Entertainment
- New York – Finance
- Washington D.C. – Politics & Corruption

The remedy to these strong hold principalities is - **THE LOCAL CHURCH!!**

- The only thing that can prevent or **stop these principalities** is
- Praying and fasting **as a body of believers.**
- Churches that God is raising up to pray and fast together

- People begin to push on the powers and principalities of darkness
- We have got to get back to prayer
- **Prayer is the opportunity incubator**
- If you're not getting opportunities in life
- You will need to begin to pray
- Prayer in the opportunity incubator

### **The Enemy does not want us to pray**

- As a church he wants us to come and go and **leave out prayer** and the Word out of our life.

### **Ephesians 3:10**

<sup>10</sup>To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known **(TAUGHT) by the church** the manifold wisdom of God,

Churches like this are territorial Church's

- We are to pray, Fast, be in the Word, Fellowship and evangelize.
- We are to **teach and live** the Word of God
- We are to **BIND** we are to **LOOSE**
- We are to **STAND**
- We are to **fight** for our **communities**
- We are to fight for our **schools**
- We are to fight for our **families**
- We are to fight for our **children, our marriages**

As we stand together 1 can chase 1000 2 – 2000

**That's why hell hates churches like this**, especially when I'm preaching and teaching like I am right now!!!!

It's not just me praising God but it is **all of us together**. Praising god!

- Piercing the darkness
- Driving back the power of the enemy

- If we really get a revelation of who we are
- We teach the powers and principalities
- **The manifold wisdom of God according to Ephesians 3**
- **By the Church He said this would happen**

### **Let's talk Demon Possession**

- What do you need to know about demon possession (OH MY GOD)
- You believe in demon possession? Hollywood does
- I just wish the church would. Hollywood is making Money off of it!

### **Yes I do believe in demon possession!**

We should use extreme caution when dealing with this situation

- Because there is people who are **sensational**
- Do **stupid** things
- **And it doesn't** bring glory to Jesus Christ.

I have had to deal with real demon possession in my ministry and had to expel demon powers from people's lives.

### **What are the signs that someone is actually demon possessed?**

#### **1.) The demons are able to energize people with incredible strength!**

In the case of Mark 5:3 - The Bible says they;

3 Who had his dwelling among the tombs; and **no man could bind him, no, not with chains:**

- The chains could not hold him
- No one could subdue him
- They are given super natural strength – From that demonic power

### **Another Sign that someone is demonic possessed**

#### **2.) Un-controlled cursing**

- Every time I've met someone who is demon possessed
- They will **blaspheme the name of God** Over and over
- When **you begin to pray** for them they will often curse about God
- **I'm not saying** cursing is a demon
- **That's your temper**
- Almost always **an uncontrollable passion** to blast God's name

### **Another sign when we're dealing with demonic possession**

#### **3.) Contortions in their facial features**

- Their eyes become **glazed**
- It's like you're looking into the eyes of something other than that person
- I've seen people's **faces contort** and change
- I could tell you stories that some of you would not believe
- But, it is what it is and **it is real**

#### **4.) There is a countenance that comes over them**

- They look different
- Their eyes darken
- The voice will go to a lower pitch sounds come immediately
- The personality of the person changes
- You can see a **total change in their demeanor**

### **Many times if a person is demon possessed**

- Those demons will bring **deep depression**
- **Despondency** and even
- **Suicidal** tendencies

### **It can be a sign of a demonic attack**

These conditions can **go beyond spiritual** torment to

- A person trying desperately to **harm them selves**
- And even **kill themselves**

The Demonic of Gedaria had a **self-destructive** spirit

- He would take stones and **cut himself**
- Like our young people who starve themselves with **anorexia**
- And cut them selves
- And hide those scars all over their bodies
- Because **something is gnawing at them internally**
- It is a sign that there is an evil spirit at the very least **Oppressing** that person
- **It needs to be dealt with spiritually**

There is **no remedy** if it is the power of Satan other than; **THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST!!!!!!** And **THE NAME THAT IS ABOVE ALL NAMES!!!!!!**

**Extreme caution** should be used when discerning if someone is demon possessed or not!

- Get an elder
- Get someone who is **spiritually mature** in spiritual things
- Someone who may have the gift of discernment
- We have all seen **well-meaning** Christians try to help
- But listen, **I do not allow the Devil** to take over my church services!
- I'm not going to **give the devil** prime time
- If that spirit is **going to manifest itself** it isn't going to happen in here
- We will drag them out of service

I love Jesus! **Jesus didn't think very much about the devil!**

**Mark 9:17-27**

Do you remember the time they brought **the boy who was demon possessed** to Jesus

- The disciples tried to cast him out and they couldn't
- Jesus is standing there and they bring this guy before Jesus
- The boy starts foaming at the mouth

- Fell to the ground and begin to whaler on the ground
- The word whaler in Greek is whaler
- Foaming and whallering and rolling on the ground
- **Because they always resist**

### **Jesus said how long has he been like this?????**

- Sense he was a child
- Jesus tells them to shut up.
- Jesus really **didn't respect** the devil much
- Don't say anything else to the demon
- And cast them out! **INSTANTLY**
- **THAT'S our Jesus**

My Brother and I were in revival and we were preaching on the power of God too set the captives free.

I will never forget as people were getting blessed this man approached and his countenance changed.

- There was an dark presence of evil
- What I had only read and heard about in doctrine
- Suddenly I was keenly aware; I was facing someone who was demon possessed.
- We laid hands on him and as we began to pray for him
- Everything I just mentioned
- His eyes, his countenance, his voice all changed
- He began to growl
- Oh Pastor your faith was strong
- I WAS TERRIFIED

### **The demon began to tell us he will not leave**

- He took the man's voice and told us - We will not leave - We hate you
- Then they said, **LEAVE US ALONE!!!!**

I thought to myself, **if you won't leave; I will**

- God bless you Brother Chris, I'm out of here!
- I tried to get up and leave
- I started to get out of there
- I did not want to mess with this thing

**But all of a sudden something came up in me!!!!!!**

- The bible says that **when the enemy comes in** like a flood
- **The spirit of the Lord will raise up in you**
- In a moment like that there is a **RUSH of the HOLY SPIRIT**
- That says **don't you back down** one bit
- Stronger is He that is in me
- **There is a name that is greater** than what you're looking at

**Then something beautiful happened when that was all over!**

- Suddenly the guys **countenance changed**
- You could feel a lightness and a **freedom in the atmosphere**
- He began weeping, sobbing, crying
- We had him pray the prayer of salvation and **we lead him to Jesus**
- He went on to **confess** that he had a generational curse on his life
- He was bound up by pornography
- He was having an affair with a woman in the church

**I'm not saying** that those who are **bound by pornography and adulterous affairs are demon possessed,**

**But I am saying** that certainly they are **demonic powers** that are **working behind those things.**

I will never forget walking out of that meeting that night and knowing **that man had changed.**

- **Knowing that there is power in the name of Jesus**

**CLOSE: I want to close with this:**

Satan is the Prince, the power of the air!

- But there is something that can cancel the devils assignment
- Off of our life's more than anything else
- **AND IT IS the Blood of Jesus Christ!!!!**

**Listen to this: The greatest fear of demons is the blood of Jesus Christ!**

- The application of the shed blood of Jesus Christ

**And the Cross provides protection against the power of Satan and defeat from demon powers!**

**Revelation 12:11**

And they **overcame** him **by the blood of the Lamb** and by **the word of their testimony**; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

**The Devil CAN NOT CROSS the BLOOD LINE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

The heart that has been sprinkled with the blood of Jesus Christ is **holy ground** and the devil dare not try to enter it.

I want us to begin to understand that **the enemy is very real**

- Some of you have **been tormented in your minds**
- Some of you have been **listening to deceiving spirits**
- Some of you may know someone who is so **bound and addicted**
- That there is the possibility of demon **possession or oppression**

Did you know that **you as a believer have the power and the authority**, especially after a message like this, your faith goes up!

- **To address that evil spirit**
- **You will not** have my friend, my spouse my child
- Generational curse **you will not** have my family any longer
- Alcohol, drug addiction, pornography **you will not**

**PRAISE TEAM:**

**I Plead the blood of Jesus, the word of my testimony defeats Satan!**

You defeat Satan **through the Name of Jesus**

Can we stand all over the room, lift holy hands and begin to **praise Jesus!**

**There is power in the name and in his blood**

I want everybody in this room to **be free**; begin to **get your praise phrase on!**

**Free from demonic oppression.**

All the secret stuff that Satan might not be possessing **but sure is oppressing** us with.

Let's just begin to **worship, the power, the blood of Jesus is about to set some captives free.**

**Cleanse us Lord.**

**John 8 – You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.**