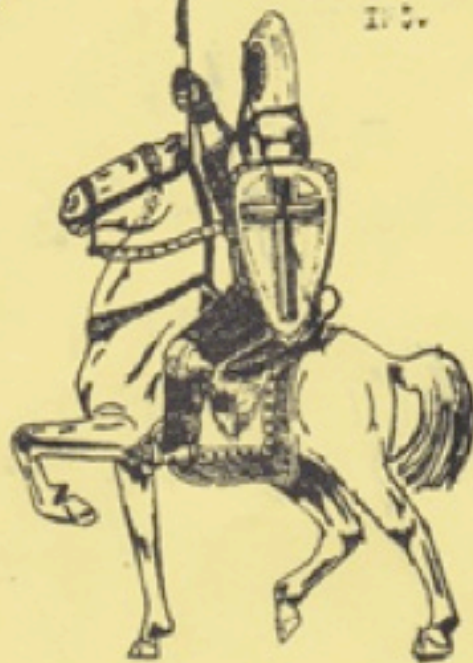


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Book 5: Demonology
Lesson 1: Preparation for the Believer
Ephesians 6:12-18
By Dr. Albert Grimes

In this study we are giving a short compact study on the subject of Demonology and Deliverance, and the method of discerning and counseling.

Too much has been written upon the subject of Demonology. And many believers have an unhealthy curiosity, and read too many books, and have an unhealthy demon consciousness.

We have trained many believers and we know that it is not a subject that can be fully understood, but we will give the first principles, and these will help us to enter into the area of deliverance.

We must understand that we are studying this subject with the express purpose of training practitioners in exorcism. But before we go into the study, we want to lay down some principles that will prepare us to enter into this part of our ministry.

We must understand that when we enter into this experience, we will become actively in conflict with the Kingdom of Satan. It will be a spiritual warfare. And in order to successfully fight this warfare, it is necessary that we put on the whole armour of God as stated in Ephesians 6:13-18, "Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand."

1. Ephesians 6:14, "Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth..." We must be girt about with truth. We must be supported by the truth, firmly established in the truth.

It is easy to understand how Satan and Demons can take advantage over us if we are not supported or strengthened by the truth. This truth can only come by having a knowledge of God's Word.

2. "...and having on the breastplate of righteousness;" This righteousness spoken of here, is not referring to the righteousness which is put down to our account because of what Christ has done for me, that brings me into God's presence, but this is referring to a righteousness that is a protection from Satan. It is a protection that I have when I am walking in the light, and in the Spirit. It's a holy life without which Satan or spirits can enter the life.

I have to put it on as a breast plate, a protection against Satan.

3. Ephesians 6:16, "Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked." Satan and spirits will attack us in regards to our experience, what we believe, how we walk, what we do, what we say. Through circumstances and conditions, he will use others, and every other possible means.

But if we have faith in what God has done for us, if we know his will for us, if we have faith in His keeping power, if we have faith in His ability to bring us through every trial, if we have faith that nothing can separate us from God, then we will have the shield of faith to protect us against all the fiery darts of the wicked.

4. Ephesians 6:15, "And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;" This refers to our readiness to scatter the seed of the gospel, the preparation to minister.

Whether we reap or sow, we must be prepared to do what God has ordained us for.

5. Ephesians 6:17, "And take the helmet of salvation..." Salvation, or regeneration, translates us out of the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of His dear Son.

It gives us a renewed mind, a renewed heart, a renewed life, and as a helmet, protects our head. So salvation is protection against Satan and spirits.

6. "...and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:" It is not enough that we know the truth. We must also learn to use it. And when Satan comes against us, we reply as Jesus did in his temptation, "it is written..."

All these things speak of the believer's armour, what he needs upon the field of battle in active Christian warfare.

Not only do we fight in open conflict with Satan, but we also fight his forces by prayer, supplication, and intercession.

7. Ephesians 6:18, "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit..." We will never be able to have the victory in open conflict with Satan until we have learned to get alone, and wrestle with the powers of darkness in prayer and supplication, and in the Spirit.

Prayer may be worship of God, supplication, the making of requests before God. But praying in the Spirit could mean praying in the will of God, praying in tongues before God, intercession in the Spirit.

8. "...and watching thereunto with all perseverance..." In this battle with Satan, we are to be attentive, vigilant. We are to give constant attention to this conflict. This method of coming into the presence of God must become a daily experience, because it is a part of the battle we fight against Satan.

If we fail here, we will never make it in open conflict. This must become a habit, a part of our lives as Christians.

9. "...and supplication for all saints;" We are not only to pray for ourselves, but we must pray, supplicate, intercede for others, that they too may overcome in this conflict with Satan.

STRICT SELF-CONTROL TO BE MAINTAINED

This self-control must be in regards to where we go, what we do, what we say, in regards to our lives and habits. We must not give place to the devil. Ephesians 4:27, "Neither give place to the devil."

Never give him an opportunity to get a bridgehead in our lives. There must be a putting off of the old man, the Adamic nature, as suggested in Ephesians 4:22-26, "And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; 24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. 25 Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another. 26 Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath."

In other words, do not harbor it. Get rid of it. This is how people lay themselves open for the spirit of bitterness.

Ephesians 4:28-32, "Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth."

"29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers."

"30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption."

"31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:"

“32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.”

Any one of these things, if not dealt with, and put away will allow Satan or spirits a bridgehead into our lives.

UNCEASING VIGILANCE TO BE EXERCISED

We have an enemy that never sleeps, and never gives up. He is constantly planning ways and means to destroy us. He is a murderer, a liar, and he comes to steal, and kill, and destroy.

He has millions of demons at his command. We are not to live in mental fear, but we are to be vigilant, as stated in 1 Peter 5:8,9, “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: 9 Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.”

We are to submit ourselves to God, and resist the devil, as stated in James 4:7, “Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”

We must not be ignorant of Satan's devices as in 2 Corinthians 2:11, “Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.”

When we do as we are taught, Satan nor his demons will not be able to touch us. 1 John 5:18, “We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.”

DEMONOLOGY
BOOK 5
QUESTIONS ON LESSON 1

1. Explain what is meant by a twofold ministry.
2. Why was Jesus anointed? Are we anointed in this same way?
3. Do all believers have the gifts to cast out spirits?
4. What are we training believers for in this study?
5. Explain what is meant by the statement, “We wrestle not against flesh and blood”.
6. What do we have to put on to be able to fight against Satan?
7. Apart from putting on the armor of God, what must we also do?
8. What will happen if we walk in the flesh while we are in conflict with Satan?
9. What other things must we do in order to overcome Satan?

Book 5: Demonology
Lesson 2: The Four Principles That Every Believer
Who Is Gifted in Exorcism Should Know
By Dr. Albert Grimes

These principles must be fully understood by everyone who will enter into exorcism, and they are:

1. Where did the devil get his power from?
2. Who gave it to him?
3. When did he lost it?
4. Who has it now?

In order to understand where the devil received his power and authority, we must first understand that Satan, before his fall, was created by God, as stated in Ezekiel 28:15, “Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.”

His name before he fell is given in Isaiah 14:12, “How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning...” which means “light bringer”.

His place of dwelling is described as then Garden of God in Ezekiel 28:13,14, “Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold...” This covering is possibly referring to his garments and his priestly position.

His place in the worship of God is described in Ezekiel 28:13,14, “...the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. 14 Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth...” Then in Ezekiel 28:16, “...O covering cherub...”

His sin is described in Ezekiel 28:17, “Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty...” He was perfect in beauty.

Then his actual rebellion is described in Isaiah 14:12-14, “How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! 13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.”

His judgment is described in Ezekiel 28:16, “...I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub...”

An everlasting prisonhouse is prepared for him and his hosts, as stated in Matthew 25:41, “...Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:”

Jesus described his being cast out of heaven in Luke 10:18, “And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.”

ADAM GOD’S UNDERRULER

It was possible, because of the statement that Satan made, that before he started his rebellion, he ruled over this earth.

These statements are in Isaiah 14:12-14, “...13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven... 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds...”

His rebellion caused the judgment that is described in Genesis 1:2, “And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.”

After the reconditioning of the earth in Genesis 1:2-25, God created man, and made him His underruler in Satan’s place. Genesis 1:26, “And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them

have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.”

Man was given dominion in five realms as God’s underruler.

As God’s underruler, Adam had an intelligent relationship with all that God had created. There was a perfect harmony with all that God had created.

How long Adam lived in this position, we do not know. But one thing we do know. Satan had no power or authority over Adam whatsoever.

And as long as Adam followed, and obeyed God, Satan could not have any power or authority in Adam’s dominion. Adam had all the authority.

WHO GAVE THE DEVIL HIS POWER

Satan knew that Adam had the dominion and that he could not forcibly take it from him. The only way in which he could obtain entrance into Adam’s realm or kingdom was by the means of deception.

This he did, and caused Adam to sin, and in doing that, Adam gave over to Satan his dominion, and authority, and sold himself, and the human race as slaves to the devil.

Adam gave Satan his dominion and power, and Satan became the ruler, or god of this world.

Satan himself mentions this in the temptation of Jesus in Luke 4:6, “And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it.”

It was given to him by Adam and now he can also give it to others.

WHEN DID SATAN LOSE HIS POWER?

The Bible speaks of two Adams in 1 Corinthians 15:45, “And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.”

The first Adam sold himself, and all the human race into slavery, losing all his dominion.

The last Adam, Christ, came to redeem back what his kinsman Adam had lost. This is the whole plan of redemption.

Christ became related to the human race through the incarnation as stated in Hebrews 2:14, “Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil.”

Because Christ became related to the human race he could become a kinsman redeemer as pointed out in Leviticus 25:25, “If thy brother be waxen poor, and hath sold away some of his possession, and if any of his kin come to redeem it, then shall he redeem that which his brother sold.”

The second Adam Christ redeemed all that Adam lost, and redeemed back to the believer the authority.

This restored authority is referred to in Luke 10:19, “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.”

Satan lost his dominion over the believer, according to the scripture, Colossians 1:13, “Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son.”

So Satan lost his power when Christ died on the cross and rose again.

WHO HAS THE POWER NOW?

Christ as the Redeemer of mankind was in the same position as the Kinsmen Redeemer. He redeemed back Adam’s dominion and property, not for himself, but for us.

So Christ, the second Adam, regained back what Adam lost, and we became heirs of that restored property.

Satan has lost his dominion as far as the believer is concerned.

He has been judged, as in John 16:11, “Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.”

He is destroyed as stated in Hebrews 2:14, “Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the

power of death, that is, the devil.”

The word “destroy” means to “render useless”, “to neutralize”.

The Satanic kingdom has been disorganized, as stated in Colossians 2:15, “And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.”

His works are destroyed as in 1 John 3:8, “He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.”

We have been delivered from the powers of darkness, as in Colossians 1:13, “Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son.”

As children of the kingdom, we have the power now.

SATAN’S POSITION NOW

Satan is in the same position as he was before Adam’s fall. He had no power over Adam. He has no power over us.

The only way he can come into our lives, is when we do not put on the armor of God, Ephesians 6:13, when we walk in the flesh, when we do not make a habit of confession in regards to our sins, the lack of prayer and the study of God’s word.

These things must be maintained in our lives. If not, Satan or evil spirits can, by deception, enter into our lives. At this point, it’s we ourselves who have given them power over us.

Therefore there is nothing to fear in regards to Satan, for James 4:7 states, “Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”

Submit to God in all areas of your life, and resist Satan with the truth you have learned and he will flee from you.

DEMONOLOGY
BOOK 5
QUESTIONS ON LESSON 2

1. What are the four principles we should understand?
2. What caused Satan's fall?
3. Who became God's under ruler after Lucifer's fall?
4. Who gave Satan his power over the human race?
5. When did Satan lose his power?
6. Explain Leviticus 25:25 in its relationship to our being redeemed.
7. Who has the power that Satan lost?
8. Explain Satan's position now, in regards to the believer.

Book 5: Demonology
Lesson 3: Mark 5:1-15
By Dr. Albert Grimes

Satan, because of his rebellion, was cast out of the Kingdom of God. The Lord himself spoke of this in Luke 10:18, "And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven."

As he was cast out of heaven, it is taught that he was able to turn one-third of the angels of God with him in his rebellion. Revelations 12:4, "And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth..."

So after his fall, Lucifer became Satan, or the Devil. Revelation 12:9, "...that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan..."

Wherever the serpent is worshipped, that worship is Satanic. The word Satan, means "slanderer", "accuser". The word devil means "accuser".

After his fall he descended into the lower atmosphere, or the air, the first heaven, and became the prince of the power of the air, as stated in Ephesians 2:2, "Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air..."

And it was in our atmosphere that he set up his kingdom, Ephesians 6:12.

THE ORGANIZED KINGDOM OF SATAN
EPHESIANS 6:12

It is to be noticed as we study Ephesians 6:12, that the Kingdom of Satan is divided into different orders, and each order performs a different work.

1. Principalities:

This word relates to the territories over which princes rule. These territories are nations over which these princes rule. This is suggested to us in scripture. Daniel 10:13, refers to the Prince of Persia. Then in Daniel 10:20 it refers to the Prince of Grecia.

They are called by the names of the nations which they rule over. They control all the Satanic activity in the nation in which they rule. They are directly under the Satanic throne.

2. Powers:

The word refers to governments, law, and order. Under the control of these Satanic princes, these fallen angels and spirits break down all law and order in a nation, and bring in lawlessness. All systems of law and order are broken down, and a spirit of lawlessness controls the nation, down to the home, schools, colleges, Law Courts, and government. The whole principle of law and order is broken down.

3. The Rulers of the Darkness of this World:

After these powers have broken down all law and order in a nation, and lawless, immoral conditions prevail, the nation is now ready to receive the operation of the powers of darkness.

This third order brings the nation under occult power in the following:

1. Satan Worship
2. Witchcraft
3. Spiritism
4. Cults
5. Spirits of Error

This will bring unregenerated mankind under occult power, and opposition against the true church in the nation.

All these three groups are directed under the control of fallen angels, and a host of evil spirits.

This then is the evil spiritual host of wickedness, that invades the nations of this world, and the Church upon the earth.

WHAT ARE EVIL SPIRITS?

These evil spirits, are called devils, demons, spirits. The words devil and demon relate to the type of beings. As an angel is a being, so a demon or devil is a being. But both the angel and the demons are spirits, or spirit beings.

They are classified as such in scripture. Matthew 12:43-45, "When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man...45 Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits..."

We must understand that these spirits are not the spirits of the departed human dead. The whole doctrine of Spiritualism is based upon this belief.

The spirits of the human dead are not free to wander, as the evil spirits are. They are confined, if not saved, in the lower underworld, in hell, as stated in scripture.

Luke 16:22,23, "...the rich man also died, and was buried; 23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom."

Then in Psalm 9:17, "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God..." Hell is the prisonhouse for wicked human spirits.

The righteous dead are those who accept Christ as their savior and after death they go to be with Christ in heaven, as in 2 Corinthians 5:8, "We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord."

Now the demon spirits also have a prison, in which they are bound, but, under God's command they are loosed from their prisonhouse into the earth to torment human beings, as stated in Revelation 9:1-6, "...I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit." The angel opened the pit, and locust, spirits, came out of the pit. They were given power to torment man for five months. "..."...and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man."

Some of them then are free to torment men in the earth, as in Matthew 12:43-45, "When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. 44 Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. 45 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..."

So their activity is on this earth. The scripture states that they are of this earth, as in 1 John 4:1-5, "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world...3 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...5 They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them."

There are multitudes of them in the earth, as stated in Mark 5:9, "And he asked him, What is thy name? And he answered, saying, My name is Legion: for we are many."

According to this scripture, there were three thousand spirits.

Then in Revelation 9:1-21, when the demons are let out of the bottomless pit into the earth, their number is given. Revelation 9:16, "And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them." 200,000,000 (two-hundred million).

The Jews made a difference between angels, and demon spirits, as stated in Acts 23:8,9, "For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, neither angel, nor spirit: but the Pharisees confess both. 9...but if a spirit or an angel hath spoken to him..."

There are angel spirits, and demon spirits. Then angels have bodies and can appear in them, as is revealed in Genesis 18:2, "...three men stood by him..."

One of these was the Lord, as stated in Genesis 18:1, "And the Lord appeared unto him..."

Two of these men were angels, as revealed in Genesis 19:1, "And there came two angels to Sodom at even..."

It is to be noticed that both the Lord and the angels ate and drank with Abraham and Lot, as stated in Genesis 18:8, "And he took butter, and milk, and the calf which he had dressed, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree, and they did eat."

These bodies then, which angels have, have much the same in appearance as our bodies, but they are what scripture calls celestial bodies, as in 1 Corinthians 15:40, "There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial..."

The celestial body is a body that can live upon this earth, and also live in the heavens. A terrestrial body is a body that can live upon this earth. It has to have a specially prepared apparatus before it can live in the heavens.

Demon spirits are much like our own human spirits. Our spirits, at death, leave our bodies, 2 Corinthians 5:8, "...absent from the body..."

They become naked spirits, or spirits without bodies, 2 Corinthians 5:3, "If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked."

The demon spirit, is a spirit that has no body of its own. That is why it is always seeking to inhabit a human body, in order that it may be able to express itself, through that human body, as stated in Matthew 12:43, "When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none."

The demon spirit is much like our human spirit, in the sense, that it has its own faculties of sight, hearing, tasting, smelling and touch.

The ability of the human spirit apart from its body is described in Luke 16:22-25, "...23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off...24 And he cried and said Father Abraham, have mercy on me...25 But Abraham said, Son, remember..."

It is very evident that the human spirit, outside of its body, is actively conscious, and has all its faculties as it had upon this earth, in its body. In its naked state, its faculties would only relate to the spirit world.

The demon spirit is the same then, as the human spirit, an intellectual person. This should always be remembered by the believer who is dealing with them.

They are unclean, violent, malicious, and seducing. Matthew 8:28, "... there met him two possessed with devils, coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce..." Matthew 10:1, "...he gave them power against unclean spirits..." Matthew 12:45, "Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself..."

They know Jesus as the Most High God, and they recognize His supreme power and authority, and the fact of their own judgment. Matthew 8:29, "And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time?"

Mark 1:23,24, "And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, 24 Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God."

WHERE DO EVIL SPIRITS COME FROM?

We have both scriptural evidence, and experience, to prove their existence. But we do not have any evidence as to where they came from.

There are theories that we can put forth, and the most likely one is, that they are the spirits of the dead, of the Pre-Adamic race.

It is interesting to note, that this is not absolutely without foundation, for in the scripture we have two statements.

One when God spoke to Adam in Genesis 1:28, "Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth."

Then again to Noah after the flood in Genesis 9:1, "Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth."

The word "replenish", means to "restock". The principle meaning is given after God spoke to Noah. All the human race had been destroyed in the flood.

As we study the doctrine of Satan, we find that his rebellion had something to do with the judgment that came upon the earth of Genesis 1:2, thus destroying the Pre-Adamic race, as the human race was destroyed by the flood.

So this Pre-Adamic race of beings may have had something to do with Satan's rebellion. This is the reason why they are under his authority, and belong to his kingdom.

THE ACTIVITY OF EVIL SPIRITS

We have stated that their activity is upon this earth for they belong to this earth. But all of their activity is directed by Satan's angels. These are spoken of in Revelation 12:7-9, "...9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."

The activity of Satan's angels is mostly in heaven, as they fight against the angels of God, as pointed out in Daniel 10:13-20, "But the prince (Satanic angel) of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me...20 Then said he, Knowest thou wherefore I come unto thee? and now will I return to fight with the prince of Persia..."

These statements came from the angel Gabriel, who could not get through the Satanic angel forces until Michael, God's archangel, came to help him. Then he was able to come down to Daniel.

THE DIFFERENT KINDS OF SPIRITS AND HOW THEY WORK

There are certain terms used in scripture, that describe how these demons work their work of destruction upon the human race.

Matthew 4:24, "And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them."

The word "torments" relates to the work of demons. They torment by afflicting pain, physical, or mental suffering.

The word "vexed", Matthew 17:15, "Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatick, and sore vexed: for oftentimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water."

Acts 5:16, "...and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one."

Then the word "possessed" as in Acts 8:7, "For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them..."

It would relate to the fact that the demon had gained a strong influence, or control over the person he dwelt in, and controlled him.

We could conclude from these terms, that to be tormented could relate to a demon inflicting pain upon a human body, or tormenting the mind of a person.

The term "vexed" could relate to sudden, vicious, attacks upon a person, as in the epileptics.

The term "possession" could relate to a complete controlling, and indwelling of the evil demon.

Then the term "seducing spirits". 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."

The term "seducing" means to persuade to do something wrong, to lead astray, tempt, to do evil. These types of spirits would work upon the mind of the person.

These terms then, give us insight as to the ways in which evil demons work in the lives of people.

The believer must guard himself or herself against the seducing and tormenting type of spirits. Both of these demons work in the minds of believers who have no control over their minds.

Through regeneration we have received a new mind, will, and heart and conscience, as stated in Ezekiel 36:26, "...and I will give you an heart of flesh." The word "heart", relates to "a new will, mind and heart".

This new mind can be controlled, as in 2 Timothy 1:7, "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." The word "sound" means "disciplined".

How we discipline our minds is brought out in 2 Corinthians 10:5, "Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ."

And how we do that is further brought out in Philippians 4:8, “Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.”

Then the believer could also exercise himself in another way, as described in Ephesians 5:19, “Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.”

Demons will not be able to invade the mind of the believer who learns to discipline his mind.

SPIRIT OF JEALOUSY

Numbers 5:14, “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.”

It is to be noticed the words “came upon him”. The evil spirit came upon him in the same sense that the Holy Spirit came upon men in 1 Samuel 10:6, “And the Spirit of the Lord will come upon thee...”

This spirit came upon him, working in his mind, bringing suggestions that produce jealousy in the man against his wife.

This word “jealousy” suggests the fact of being suspicious of one another, not trusting one another, jealous of one another’s gifts or possessions. It will make us accuse people, make us act in a jealous rage, do and say things to people. As this spirit works on the mind of the person, they can produce all kinds of physical reactions through people who become tormented by them.

FAMILIAR SPIRIT

1 Samuel 28:7, “Then said Saul unto his servants, Seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit...”

A Familiar spirit is an evil spirit that takes control over a spiritualist medium, taking control of the body, and will then be constantly in attendance on the medium, and is the first spirit to take control of the body or mind. In this sense he becomes a familiar spirit, giving guidance and advice to the medium.

When other spirits wish to use the medium to pass on messages, the familiar either introduces the new spirits to the assembled company or else merely describes them and passes on their message.

THE LYING SPIRIT

1 Kings 22:22, “And the Lord said unto him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets...”

In this case this lying spirit produced false prophecy, but it also works in the minds of people by bringing lying statements to their minds or to mislead them.

How many are led to misbelieve their experience about tongues? How many have been made to believe they have committed sin for which there is no forgiveness? In so many ways, believers are led astray by this spirit.

THE PERVERSE SPIRIT

Isaiah 19:14, “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.”

This spirit, when it gains control, will cause a person to turn from what is considered right, or acceptable. Then they will become persistent in error, or fault. They will become stubbornly contrary, and obstinately disobedient or difficult.

THE SPIRIT OF DEEP SLEEP

Isaiah 29:10,11, “For the Lord hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your

eyes: the prophets and your rulers, the seers hath he covered. 11 And the vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed, which men deliver to one that is learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I cannot; for it is sealed.”

The word “sleep” means to “stupefy with sleep”, to stun in regards to the truth. This spirit will so stupefy people that they will not be able to receive, or understand the truth.

Through actual experience, we have found that this same spirit will cause people to go to sleep in meetings, or as they begin to read, or study God’s Word, although they are not physically tired.

THE SPIRIT OF HEAVINESS

Isaiah 61:3, “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; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified.”

This is the spirit that we call depression which so many people are vexed by. This spirit first controls the mind, bringing thoughts of discouragement to depress us. It makes everything appear dark and hopeless, or impossible.

But, it also affects us physically. It makes us weak and feeble in our body, and very depressed in our minds. Missionaries come under this kind of control in many countries.

THE SPIRIT OF WHOREDOMS

Hosea 4:12, “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.”

This word “whoredoms” is used in the scripture to describe those who are false to God, who, like Israel, went into idolatry and worshipped other gods, or devils.

This relates then to the spirit that led Israel into idolatry, and even today it leads people into the occult worship.

THE DUMB SPIRIT

Matthew 9:32-37, “As they went out, behold, they brought to him a dumb man possessed with a devil. 33 And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake: and the multitudes marvelled, saying, It was never so seen in Israel...”

It must be understood that there is nothing wrong with the organs of speech. They are made dumb by the spirit that controls the organs. When this spirit is cast out, the organs will be freed to function.

So it is very evident, from scripture, that spirits control certain parts of the body, and they hinder the proper function of an organ, or a limb in the body. They sometimes put pressure upon organs, such as the heart, and hinder its proper function.

THE DUMB AND DEAF SPIRIT

Mark 9:25, “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.”

Verses 26,27, “And the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, He is dead. 27 But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and he arose.”

It is also evident that the casting out of these kinds of spirits, that fasting and prayer is necessary as is stated in Mark 9:28,29, “And when he was come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, Why could not we cast him out? 29 And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.” Plus the fact that the believer is gifted by the Holy Spirit to minister.

This spirit works upon the organs in the same way as the dumb spirits.

THE BLIND AND DUMB SPIRIT

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."

The same principles relate to this spirit, and its work in the human body.

THE UNCLEAN SPIRITS

Matthew 10:1, "And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out..."

The scriptures indicate that all spirits are unclean. But there is a class of unclean spirits that work in the area of sexual uncleanness, bringing those they control to unbelievable conditions.

These conditions are described in Leviticus 20:15,16, "And if a man lie with a beast, he shall surely be put to death: and ye shall slay the beast. And if a woman approach unto any beast, and lie down thereto, thou shalt kill the woman, and the beast: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them."

It might be a shock to some, to know that there are books on the bookstands relating to this kind of activity.

Then in Leviticus 20:10-12, "And the man that committeth adultery with another man's wife, even he that committeth adultery with his neighbour's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death. 11 And the man that lieth with his father's...both of them shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them. 12 And if a man lie with his daughter in law, both of them shall surely be put to death..."

Then in Leviticus 20:13, "If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death..."

Romans 1:27, "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."

When one violates the laws of nature, one must pay the price. In this condition of homosexuality, one man will take on the behavior of the type of spirit he has, female tendencies or strong male tendencies.

This same principle relates to the lesbians in Romans 1:26, "...for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature."

One woman will take on the male tendencies and the two women will have relations with one another.

THE I AM SPIRIT

Matthew 24:5, "For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many."

This spirit is the counterfeit of Christ. It is the Master spirit for all occult activity. The cult has contact with what it calls "The cosmic consciousness".

All meditation religions have this "I am" spirit, and those who heal, through the so-called healing light have the "I am" spirit.

It is a counterfeit spirit of worship. Also, those who have this "I am", always have a super religious attitude that deceives many, for they think that these people are very religious. A lot of people in cults have this false religious front.

Wherever you find this "I am" spirit, divination spirits will also be in operation.

A lot of people who meditate receive this spirit in much the same way as a believer receives the Baptism of the Spirit. But, in each case they see lights or even balls of light, after which a power comes into them. These people often believe they have received some spiritual experience.

While it will produce a religious attitude, it will keep the person who has receive it blind to the truth of the scriptures.

THE SPIRIT OF INFIRMITY

Luke 13:11-13, “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. 12 And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity. 13 And he laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.”

This is another spirit that hinders the functions of the organs of the body and limbs. They sometimes put pressure upon these organs, or paralyze limbs. This spirit is very active in many people, even bringing sicknesses and weaknesses upon the body.

THE SPIRIT OF BITTERNESS

Acts 8:23, “For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity.”

This type of bitterness, or hate is active in many people. It is further called, a root of bitterness which defiles, in Hebrews 12:15, “Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled.”

When bitterness begins to work in a person, it will poison the whole body, as stated in Romans 3:13-14, “Their throat is an open sepulcher; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: 14 Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness.”

These internal bitteresses produce toxic reactions within a person's body. Poison is actually produced that will cause all kinds of conditions of sickness in the body.

THE SPIRIT OF DIVINATION

Acts 16:16, “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.”

This spirit is operative in all occult practices. Its operation relates to foretelling future events, and wherever the “I am” spirit is in control, the spirit of divination is there also.

In the lives of believers who have practiced meditation, this spirit is in operation. One of the best examples of this kind of operation is to be found in the woman, Jeane Dixon.

She has been taught the science of astrology by a Priest. She was taught how to use a crystal ball by a gypsy. She interprets the lives of people by their vibrations, by touching them.

She receives signals through contact by the Lord in regards to future events, as she believes. Her experience, related in chapter nineteen of her book, “A Gift of Prophecy”, reveals the fact of her becoming controlled by the serpent, or the divination spirit.

The Greek relates divination as a python demon. She is a very religious woman, but, nevertheless deceived. And there are thousands of believers in certain types of healing movements, who are supposed to heal through the healing light, and God consciousness. In this kind of healing there is a strong operation of divination.

Believers who have an excessive amount of dreams and visions, and constantly are seeing colorful light formations in their visions, and who are constantly predicting things relating to believers and the church, and events in the world, need to be dealt with for they are dangerous.

There are forty-seven methods of divination through which the spirit works. It is sometimes operative in the midst of believers through so-called prophecy, and it is constantly leading untaught saints in so-called spiritual attainments, leading them off into error and false doctrine.

It is to be noticed how it can operate in the midst of churches by the statements of so-called truth which it can utter in Acts 16:17, “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.”

It is to be also noticed, that as it predicts events, that the events may come to pass. But, they do not in any degree relate to saving souls, or bringing people into any kind of relationship with God.

People become taken up with the person, and the events they predict, the visions which they see and so forth. This type of person becomes the last word on everything. Let's be aware of this spirit.

THE SPIRIT OF BONDAGE

Romans 8:15, “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.”

The spirit of bondage is in contrast to the Holy Spirit. It is a spirit that causes believers to lose the assurance of their salvation, causing them to be afraid of God, as they were when they were sinners. It robs believers of the assurance of Sonship. It is against the Holy Spirit who witnesses to our Sonship.

Romans 8:16, “The Spirit Himself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God.”

Those who find Christ as Saviour, and are not taught the first principles, suffer much from the operation of this kind of demon.

THE BLASPHEMOUS SPIRIT

1 Corinthians 12:2,3, “Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led...”

Idol worship and sacrifice always relates to spirit control. 1 Corinthians 10:20, “But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils.”

These idol worshipers would come into the gatherings of the believers and blaspheme the Lord, as stated in 1 Corinthians 12:3, “Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.”

There are different forms of blasphemy which this spirit causes men to perform. This is related to in Matthew 12:31, “Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men.”

This type of blaspheming is again described in Matthew 12:32, “And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come.”

The sin consists of speaking against the Holy Spirit which men do under the control of a blaspheming spirit.

The act of blaspheming the Holy Spirit is pointed out in Matthew 12:24, “But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils.”

The act is performed when people see or hear a witness of the Holy Spirit’s operation and attribute it to an operation of devils.

Who is capable of such an act? The Pharisees were the religious professors of that day. These are the type of people who do these things under demon power.

The teaching of certain kinds of error is blaspheming as according to 1 Timothy 1:20, “Of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander; whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme.”

Their error was 2 Timothy 2:17,18, teaching “18...that the resurrection is past...” and “...overthrow the faith of some.”

It’s the operation of this spirit also to cause people to curse and swear, as in Romans 3:14, “Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness.” These two spirits are often found together.

THE SEDUCING SPIRIT

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.”

These spirits cause some to depart from the faith, false religious systems, that once had the faith, or the truth.

It is to be noticed the two principles of doctrine that are introduced by these spirits. 1 Timothy 4:3, “Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats...”

There are many religious systems in the world even today that maintain these two principle doctrines

and practices.

The term, “latter times”, does not relate to the latter times relating to the period just before Christ’s coming, but to a time future from Paul’s time. These spirits are in teachers who have departed from the faith.

THE SPIRIT OF FEAR

2 Timothy 1:7, “For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.”

This spirit of fear is the spirit that hinders believers from operating spiritual gifts, as is stated in 2 Timothy 1:6, “Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.”

Also this spirit of fear can cause all kinds of sicknesses in the human body, as it torments the minds of people. Notice the statement in Luke 21:26, “Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.”

It is quite evident that fear brings on heart failure.

THE SPIRIT OF ANTICHRIST

1 John 4:3, “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.”

This spirit works through false prophets, cults that deny that Jesus came in the flesh.

The purpose of this spirit is to prepare the world for the coming of the antichrist. This is the reason why it denies Christ came in the flesh.

THE SPIRIT OF ERROR

1 John 4:6, “We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.”

This spirit is constantly operating among those who are filled with the Holy Spirit, leading them away from sound Bible doctrine, always producing new revelations, so-called, to saints who are always looking for some new kind of doctrine.

Those who are under the control of this spirit become unteachable and are constantly being led into one error after another.

THE SPIRIT OF SORCERY

Revelation 9:21, “Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.”

The word “sorceries” relates to spell giving potions, drugs. Anyone who takes drugs comes under the control of this spirit.

Drugs have been used for centuries by many nations in their religions. Always connected with sorceries, is the “I am”, and divination spirits. And those who take drugs always have an “I am” and “divination” spirit.

This is true whether the person who takes drugs, does it for a religious experience or not. They still will have these spirits, including unclean spirits.

The taking of drugs opens the door into the life for all these kinds of evil spirits.

Some spirits are more wicked than others, as stated in Matthew 12:45, “Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself...”

More than one can enter the human body. This is pointed out in the scripture relating to the man who lived among the tombs in Mark 5:9-11, “...My name is Legion: for we are many...” This statement was made by the Master spirit, Legion. He had under his control many spirits, all possessing the one person.

The Roman Legion was from 3,000 to 6,000 men. The fact that two thousand swine were drowned is stated in Mark 5:13, "And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand;) and were choked in the sea."

Mary Magdalene was delivered of seven demons. Mark 16:9, "...he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils."

It is to be noticed that spirits have masters over them, even when people are controlled by spirits, as in the case of Legion in Mark 5:9, "...My name is Legion..." He was the master controller. Each controller is a master over so many spirits.

In our discerning of spirits in most cases, it is the master spirit we discern. Casting out the master will also release all those spirits that are under his control.

WHO CAN CAST OUT SPIRITS?

We must understand that Jesus set the example in regards to this ministry in Matthew 4:24, "And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them."

This same authority was given to the twelve in Matthew 10:1, "And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease."

This same authority was given to the seventy disciples according to Luke 10:17, "And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name."

Then the statement is made by Jesus that all believers can cast out spirits, or that one of the signs that were to follow them was this authority to cast out spirits in Mark 16:17, "And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils..."

It was very evident, that Jesus included the casting out of devils when He made the statement in John 14:12, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father."

The words "and greater works than these" means "a far more extended work", relating to the many believers who would in their ministry, do the works.

Then we have, in the church, gifted believers who are gifted by the Holy Spirit, with the power to deal with spirits as in 1 Corinthians 12:8,10, "...to another the working of miracles; to another discerning of spirits."

The believer who is gifted with discerning of spirits always has the working of miracles in order to cast them out.

CAN BELIEVERS BE CONTROLLED BY EVIL SPIRITS?

This is a very controversial subject which is now being debated in the Church. But, in all the years that we have prayed for deliverance in most cases, those who have come for deliverance, have been believers, and in most cases Spirit-filled ones.

There are many believers who believe that since they have received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, that they cannot possibly have evil spirits controlling them.

We must first understand that the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is not given on the basis of personal holiness, but that it is a gift, received by faith, as stated in Acts 2:38, "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

Then in Acts 11:17, "Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God?"

Then another principle, that Spirit-filled believers must understand, and that is that the Spirit of God

dwells in the inner spirit of the believer, as stated in Ephesians 3:16, "That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man."

And in most believers they are not completely controlled by, or are they walking in or under the control of the Holy Spirit as is described in Galatians 5:17, "For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would."

If the Holy Spirit is not allowed to control the believer's flesh, it is possible for evil spirits to control the soul area of the believer, and the believer can as stated in Ephesians 4:30, "And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption." Or he can also as stated in 1 Thessalonians 5:19, quench the Holy Spirit. And according to Galatians 5:19-21, perform the works of the flesh. And one of the works of the flesh is "witchcraft", and when anyone comes under the control of witchcraft, they come under the control of evil spirits.

These are some of the reasons why Spirit-filled believers are commanded to put on the whole armour of God, as stated in Ephesians 6:13, "Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand."

If the experience of having the Baptism of the Holy Spirit was such a protection as some claim, we would not be exhorted to put on the armour of God.

The reason is quite clear in the scripture in Ephesians 6:12, "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."

We should ask the question, and have asked it of many, what happens to believers who do not put on the whole armour of God? It is evident that they will not be able to stand in the evil day, and these Satanic forces will enter into their lives.

THERE ARE FIVE STAGES OF POSSESSION

A careful counseling will reveal, in most cases, just what stage a person is in.

THE FIRST STATE IS THAT OF TEMPTATION

It's quite evident, as we have stated, that temptation takes place, because, in the life there is a desire, or a habit, or a sin, that belongs to the old nature, and it is through this that we are tempted.

This is suggested in James 1:13,14, "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: 14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed."

"Lust" means to set your heart upon "a craving, or an overwhelming desire to do, or be something".

When we have these things constantly in our lives, we should become alarmed, or warned in ourselves. For what we cannot control will sooner or later control us. We should yield these things to the power of the blood by confession.

1 John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Instead of getting rid of it, we harbor it in our lives. These temptations then will come in the form of suggestions to do, or be the desired thing. This mysterious influence from the unseen world is the voice of an evil spirit, to which believers and unbelievers are being constantly exposed.

THE SECOND STAGE, THAT OF CONTROLLING THE PERSON'S MIND

This controlling of the mind, will follow after a voluntary and habitual yielding to sin, or temptation.

In this state, although the spirit controls the mind, the person is now voluntarily yielding to sin every time the demon suggests it, yet, the person is still perfectly free to follow the directions of his own will, and retain his own personality. And it's because of this existing conditions that he is not aware of the real danger that he is in, because the person does not realize that the demon is gradually gaining more and more control.

Yet there are times when the person is free to follow a normal life, but this struggle in the mind will go on for awhile, but it will gradually become more and more frequent, and intense, until the third stage will develop.

THE THIRD STAGE, THAT OF CRISIS OR TRANSITION

These spirits are never satisfied with just controlling the mind. They are seeking to fully control the person. So in the third stage there is a struggle for possession which becomes very intense. It's at this point in some cases that the unwilling subject, realizing the danger he is in, and understanding the advances of the demon, and what it is intending to do with him, successfully resists the demon.

But, in most cases he gives way to the demon's pressure, and fully yields to the control of the demon. Then the fourth stage develops.

THE FOURTH STAGE, POSSESSION

In this stage the resistance has been broken down, the mind overcome, and the demon takes up his abode in the person, and because he is a spirit being, he will have his own spirit and soul. So he will dominate the personality, and control the person's body or organs as he wills.

In this condition the one possessed, most of the time, seems healthy and normal except he has sudden outbursts, fits of temper, or any number of conditions may be produced, making him become abnormal in many ways, even to convulsions.

These things occur as he passes from the normal stage to the abnormal stage. He may be quite normal, then suddenly become abnormal in many different ways depending upon the type of demon he has.

He will be absolutely under the control of the demon. The human personality has been put to one side, and the demon controls the will, mind, and body for his own purposes.

This condition can be experienced by both believers and unbelievers. The only difference perhaps is that in the believer, the soul and body are being controlled, not the spirit. Whereas, in the unregenerated, the whole being, body, soul, and spirit are controlled.

COUNSELING THOSE WHO NEED DELIVERANCE

Because of the complex nature of demon control, it is necessary to counsel with those who need deliverance.

Men must deal with men. Women must deal with women, unless a husband and wife work together. They can pray for both men and women.

The scriptural method of dealing with people for deliverance is by the operation of spiritual gifts, the Discerning of Spirits, and the Word of Knowledge. Through these gifts it is possible to find the underlying causes and discern the spirits without much counseling taking place.

However, while believers are in the beginning stages of counseling and they have not developed the operations of the gifts, they can use a method of counseling that we recommend, which will enable the counselor to be able to come to some conclusion as to what kind of demons may be controlling the person they are trying to deliver.

This method of counseling is set forth relating to areas through which believers can allow spirits into their lives.

We suggest that the counselor study these areas, and use them in the form of questions to those they are counseling, dealing with each area until the area is found relating to the one needing deliverance. Then the problem can be dealt with, and the kind of spirits relating to that problem can also be dealt with.

THE THIRTEEN AREAS USED FOR COUNSELING

1. THE TRAUMATIC EXPERIENCE:

This may relate to some shock, or unpleasant event stored in the unconscious mind, causing the person to act of live in a certain manner.

These conditions existing in the unconscious mind are called complexes, or neurosis. These allow a spirit into the life.

They can happen in childhood, teenage, or adulthood, and may relate to:

The sudden death of a loved one.

Post operative shock.

Shock due to an accident.

Physical attack.

Being faced with seeminly impossible conditions.

Many others...

2. EMOTIONAL PROBLEMS, CONFLICTS, AND CONDITIONS

Family relationship;

Relationship with other people;

Extreme or abnormal habit conditions, such as:

Anger	Envy
Hostility	Jealousy
Mood fluctuation	Pride
Depression	Self-pity
Mental torments	Thoughts of suicide
Rebellion	Unpredictability
Suspicion	Doubt
Resentment	Unbelief
Hatred	Self-punishment, physical or mental
Fear	Other conditions
Bitterness	

3. ENSLAVING HABITS:

Lying	Temper
Blasphemy	Stealing
Smoking	Gluttony
Drinking	Others

4. IMMORAL CONDITIONS:

Sexual perversions of all kinds
Homosexual
Masturbation
Lesbian
Indecent exposure
Adultery
Fornication
Having desires of above nature
Have pictures or books relating to these things

5. OCCULT ACTIVITY, PAST OR PRESENT:

Have you ever visited a fortune teller, who told your fortune?
 By what method? Cards, tea leaves, palm reading, others.
 Do you read, or follow the horoscope?
 Has anyone ever hypnotized you?
 Have you ever practiced Yoga, or self-hypnosis?
 Have you ever attended a séance, or a spiritualist meeting?
 Have you ever had a life or reincarnative reading?
 Have you consulted a Ouija board, cards, tea leaves, crystal ball, or others, either in fun, or out of curiosity, or in earnest?
 Have you ever played with games of occult nature, such as E.S.P., telepathy, or others?
 Have you ever sought, or been subject to as a child, or any other time in your life, healing through magic, or conjuration and charming, such as removal of warts, or burns and diseases, through a Spiritualist, or Christian Scientist, or Spirit Healer?
 What method of diagnosis: pendulum, trance, or any other occult means?
 Have you ever sought to locate missing persons, or things, by consulting someone with psychic, clairvoyant, or psychometric powers?
 Have you ever practiced table tipping, levitation, or automatic writing?
 Have you ever been given, or worn an amulet, talisman, or charm for luck, or protection? These are often inscribed with a symbol, or incantation or symbol relating to occult.
 Do you read or possess occult, or spiritualist literature, such as books of astrology, interpretation of dreams, or on Metaphysics, Religious Cults, self realization, fortune telling, magic, E.S.P., clairvoyance, psychic phenomena, and especially occult magical books, such as “Secrets of the Psalms”, or the so-called “Sixth and Seventh Books of Moses”?

6. CULTS WITH WHICH CONNECTED:

Rosicrucians	Swedenborgianism
Mormans	Anglo Israelism (British Israel)
Christian Scientists	Inner Peace Movement
Baha’I	Spiritual Frontiers Fellowship
Theosophy	Religious Research Foundation of America
Unity	Unitarian
Spiritism	Others
Jehovah’s Witness	

7. DISOBEDIENCE TO THE KNOWN WILL OF GOD:

Rebellion against the will of God.
 Marriage to an unbeliever, while being a child of God.
 Failure to answer God’s call.
 Other reasons.

8. DRUGS:

Are you, or have you been on drugs, or are you a pusher?
 What kind? L.S.D., S.T.P., Heroin, or others?
 Explain what kind of drug you have used, for every drug has its own kind of spirit.

9. CONDEMNATIONS AND GUILTS:

Past sins: Because of legalistic doctrine, you are under condemnation because you cannot make the standards set by the doctrine.

You are under condemnation because you feel you have lost your salvation, because of some sin. You are afraid you have committed the unpardonable sin.

The one being counseled should be made to understand that this sin is only committed by those who, in full view of a miracle being performed by the Spirit of God, attribute it to the devil, as stated in Matthew 12:22-32. It is a sin only committed by religious professors, and not believers.

Those who have been divorced in their unregenerated state are sometimes brought under condemnation by wrong teaching. People should never be charged with what they have committed in their unregenerated state, as in divorce. God forgives and forgets. So should we.

There are also believers who have had a legal divorce, because their partner has committed adultery, and according to Matthew 19:9, this allows them to marry without condemnation. Then if an unbelieving husband, or wife leaves a believer, the believer is not in bondage to that marriage. They can remarry again, 1 Corinthians 7:15.

10. OTHER HELPS THAN GOD FOR MENTAL OR EMOTIONAL PROBLEMS:

Sometimes the methods used in certain kinds of medical treatments can be harmful, and allow spirits into the life. Psycho-analysis, Hypnosis, Shock-Treatment, or Drug Treatments.

11. MENTAL ILLNESS:

Insanity, or mental illness is not an inherited illness

Fear of insanity

Mental torment

Emotional breakdown and others

12. FELLOWSHIP:

With unbelievers

With the world

With the immoral

With the occult

With those who teach or preach doctrines of devils, as opposed to the doctrine of God

13. SPIRITISM, OR ANY OCCULT PRACTICE:

Have you been trained in any area of the occult as in a development circle, or witchcraft?

Have you a spirit guide?

Are you a practicing medium, or witch, or a warlock?

It is possible that more areas could be added by the counselor.

As we have already stated, we only suggest this method of counseling in order to begin the ministration of dealing with those who need deliverance.

We would suggest also that the gift of Discerning of Spirits be developed. This is an inner revelation to the mind, of the spirits existence in people and what they are doing in the person's life.

This is stirred up through contact, by the laying on of hands, by the counselor. In most cases, one spirit at a time is revealed. After being cast out, another revelation would be revealed until all have been dealt with.

Sometimes while counseling, the Holy Spirit may give a Word of Knowledge to the counselor, which may reveal to him, or her the underlying conditions and the type of spirits controlling the person seeking deliverance. This will enable the counselor to become more effective in deliverance.

Spirits who talk through those they control, can be commanded to identify themselves. Sometimes when praying for those who have spirits, these spirits remain hidden in the bodies of their victims, inactive. And in this state, it is not possible to bring about this method of identification.

So a method of stirring up control, is necessary. Singing in the Spirit, or in tongues, or laying hands on the person, will activate the spirits.

When a spirit rises up in a person, the body of the person will sometimes become tense, or the facial features will change. When this takes place, the spirit can be addressed in the Name of Jesus to give its name.

Jesus used this method, Mark 5:9, "And he answered saying, My name is Legion for we are many."

In most cases this method is possibly the best method of identification, if the Discerning of Spirits is not too active in the person bringing deliverance. Once a spirit is identified, it can be cast out.

We must understand that if we have to wrestle with spirits for long periods of time, it may prove that the person has not completely confessed sincerely. And the spirit feels because of this, that it has a right to stay in the person.

In casting out spirits, call them by the name that they have been identified by, as stated in Mark 9:25, "...Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him."

The words "cast out", means "to eject", "drive out", and to "send away". The command in the Name of Jesus, sets in motion the coming out of the spirit.

These commands continue until the spirits are gone. The person being prayed for can help the release of these spirits if they do not hinder the physical reactions that, in most cases, come forth as these spirits leave the body.

These spirits may have different kinds of reactions, coughing, vomiting, screaming, crying, or exhaling, and sometimes there is no reaction.

The person who comes for any deliverance must be honest and frank concerning the underlying problems in their lives. Nothing must be left uncovered. And also the person must be willing to come before the Lord according to the six conditions laid down:

1. Must be humble.
2. Must be honest.
3. All unconfessed sin must be confessed.
4. There must be an honest forgiveness of others.
5. There must be a renouncing of all contact with the occult, and an open confession relating to the problems involved.
6. Call upon the Lord for deliverance.

We must understand that the six mentioned principles are the principles that actually bring about a person's deliverance. Spirits must leave when these principles are correctly performed.

ADVICE TO THOSE DELIVERED

Those who have been long under spirit control, must as soon as possible, be filled with the Holy Spirit, and led into their own personal ministry. They must continue to walk in the Spirit, and in the study of the Word of God. And they are never to allow themselves to be drawn back into the same things that they have been delivered from. For in doing this, they will again open the way for these evil spirit to enter again into their lives.

This is pointed out in Matthew 12:43-45, "When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. 44 Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. 45 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. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation."

Every time the spirits re-control a person, that person's condition becomes worse. Now, it is possible to be controlled more than once or twice, especially if the person is mentally and physically weak. They will need a lot of ministering. But, they can be delivered, and through teaching can learn to keep himself delivered.

INDIVIDUAL DELIVERANCE

There are people who need a deliverance, but they are not able to go where they can be prayed for.

It is possible for these people, with the correct kind of teaching, to be able to bring about their own deliverance.

It will be necessary for them to determine the area of their own problem, or enslaving habit, or immoral conduct, or occult activity, or cult, or some disobedience, doubt, guilt, condemnation, spiritism or anything relating to the areas we have studied.

The person must be willing to come before the Lord according to the six conditions laid down. After which the prayer for deliverance can be prayed.

“Lord Jesus Christ, I believe you are the Son of God, the Messiah of Israel manifest in the flesh, to destroy the works of the devil.

You died on the cross for my sins. You rose again from the dead. You redeemed me by your blood. I belong to you, spirit, soul, and body. I am sorry for all my sins. I confess them all. I renounce them all. I forgive all others who have been involved in my problems, all those who have harmed me or wronged me. I forgive them now, as I want you to forgive me. Forgive me, and cleanse me in your precious blood.

I thank you for the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, which cleanses me now from all my sins.

I come to you as my deliverer. I claim your promise. Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be delivered. You know my special needs, the area of my problems, of defeats, of torments, uncleanness. I lay it bare before you. I renounce it. I renounce the devil, and all his works in me. I command him to leave me, and all his unclean spirits. And I call upon you Jesus in your name deliver me now in Jesus' Name.”

Then continue to command in Jesus' name, all spirits that the Holy Spirit reveals, to come out by name. One can expect the same kind of reactions. Further things may be revealed later. Do the same thing in regards to them.

Be sure to move in the will of God for your life, and maintain a walk in the Spirit, and in the Word and prayer.

This procedure of self-deliverance could be put on tape or cassette and sent to those who need deliverance, and are not able to come for prayer.

DEMONOLOGY
BOOK 5
QUESTIONS ON LESSON 3

1. Explain in a short paragraph the origin of Satan.
2. Explain “Principalities” and how it works.
3. In what way and to what extent do “power” work?
4. In what five ways do the rulers of darkness bring the nation under occult power?
5. What are evil spirits? Give scripture.
6. Are they the spirits of the human dead? Explain your answer and give scripture.
7. Explain what kind of body angels have and what they are capable of?
8. Explain demon spirits and how they work and what they are like.
9. Give scripture and explain why evil spirits could be the spirits of the dead of the Pre-Adamic race.
10. How do evil spirits torment and seduce the human race?
11. Explain how and why it is necessary to discipline our minds. Give scripture.
12. Describe a familiar spirit and how it works.
13. How does a lying spirit work and what does it produce? How does perverse spirit work?
14. What is the result of a spirit of whoredom?
15. How do deaf and dumb spirits work on the body?
16. Briefly list how unclean spirits affect the human race.
17. Explain the “I Am” spirit, what it is, how it works, and its effect.
18. Give a Bible example of the spirit of divination and explain how it works.
19. How does bitterness affect the human body?
20. Give a Bible example of the spirit of Infirmary and explain how it works.
21. Briefly tell how the blasphemous spirit works.
22. Seducing spirits work in what area mainly?
23. How does the spirit of fear affect people?

24. What is the purpose of the spirit of antichrist.
25. How and with whom does the spirit of error work and what results does it produce?
26. What do sorceries relate to?
27. Can a person have more than one evil spirit?
28. Explain who can cast out spirits and what it means by “greater works than these”?
29. Explain how believers can have evil spirits.
30. Explain the five states of possession.

Book 5: Demonology
Lesson 4: Angels
Revelation 5:11
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PREPARATION FOR THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE SPIRIT WORLD

For centuries a question has occupied some of the greatest minds, and that question is, "Is man the only creature of God in this vast space amid these millions and millions of planets?"

The Bible is not a book of science, but on what subject it speaks, it speaks with authority. And the Bible reveals the fact that this vast universe is people with beings, some of a higher order than man, and some of a lower order.

GOD CREATED ALL THINGS

Everything in this universe was created by God. This is the statement of scripture, Colossians 1:16, "For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him."

We know that God created everything good, and whatever is evil now has become so, afterwards.

THE SPIRIT WORLD

The Scriptures are full of the supernatural. The only cure for the materialism of this present day is to discover what the scripture reveals as to the spirit world. There is but a step from the natural world to the spirit world. The dividing veil is our bodies. This vast space we have discussed in a former study of Heaven is peopled with spirit beings. There are two classes, good and evil.

They are classified as Seraphims, Cherubims, Angels, Principalities, Powers, Rulers of the Darkness, Wicked Spirits, Thrones, Dominions, Fallen Angels, Spirits in Prison. All these together include what is known as the Spirit world. We live in the midst of it, for it is on earth, as well as it is in space. In fact, part of it is under our earth in its heart, in the underworld.

So you and I as human beings are in some way affected by this unseen spirit world, for we are not separated, but part of this great host of universal beings.

Our study in this lesson is related to angels, but in order to classify them, we must mention the fact that there are other beings of perhaps a higher order than the angels which first we must deal with. Then we are only dealing with the beings in God's Kingdom. We will deal with them in order of position.

THE SERAPHIMS

It is possible that these beings are the highest type of being in the Kingdom of God. In their exalted position before the throne of God, they wait upon the one who sits upon the throne. They acclaim the Holiness of God, and are forever in the presence of God. They will not allow sin to come into the presence of the throne, protectors of the Holiness of God. This is suggested by the scripture in Isaiah 6:1-7, "In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. 2 Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. 3 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. 4 And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. 5 Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts. 6 Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off

the altar: 7 And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.”

It is quite possible that these creatures never leave the throne but protect it with their presence.

THE CHERUBIMS, OR LIVING CREATURES

These beings are much the same as the Seraphims, but in their high position, they seem to represent before the throne of God, all God’s created creatures. They are first revealed in the Word of God as keeping the way of the tree of life from sinful man, Genesis 3:24, “So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.” This points out the fact that these creatures leave the throne of God, and do come down to this earth. Then they are again described to us as descending from thye throne to earth in Ezekiel 1:4-28. The description is given, Verse 5, “...they had the likeness of a man.” Verse 6, “And every one had four faces, and every one had four wings.” Verse 7, “...the sole of their feet was like the sole of a calf’s foot...” Verse 8, “...they had the hands of a man under their wings...”

It is to be noticed that the Seraphims had six wings. These creatures have four. The name “Cherubims” given these creatures comes from the statement which is describing these same creatures in Ezekiel 10:1, “Then I looked, and, behold, in the firmament that was above the head of the cherubims...” Verse 3, “Now the cherubims stood on the right side of the house...” The fact that they represent, or are responsible for all God’s created creatures is pointed out by their appearance, Ezekiel 1:10, “As for the likeness of their faces, they four had the face of a man, and the face of a lion, on the right side: and they four had the face of an ox on the left side; they four also had the face of an eagle.”

The fact that they come to earth, speaks of the fact that they have something to do with the working out of God’s plans and purposes in the earth.

ARCHANGELS

These beings are manlike, celestial beings and not in any way like the other creatures we have studied. In the scriptures there are two classes of angels. This is pointed out in Job 38:7, “When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?” These stars of God are also spoken of in Isaiah 14:13, “...I will exalt my throne above the stars of God...”, referring to Satan’s desire to rule over the host of God. Then again in Revelation 9:1, “...and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit.”

It is quite evident that these star angels are beings which are a higher order than the sons of God or angels. It is possible that these star angels are the Princes spoken of in the Bible.

THE CHIEF OF THE PRINCES IN GOD’S KINGDOM

This person is spoken of much in the Bible. He is spoken of as the one who standeth for Israel. He also has to do with the resurrection, and he also is the Head of the armies of the heavens. Michael is his name. He fights against the Satanic princes who hinder the other angels of God from carrying out their commands, as in Daniel 10:12,13, “Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words. But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.” Gabriel the angel, sent to Daniel, was held in the heavens by the Satanic Prince until Michael came and delivered him.

Michael will also bring deliverance to Israel just before the great tribulation begins, Daniel 12:1, “And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.” That he has something to do with resurrection is also pointed out in his dispute with Satan over Moses’ body, Jude 9, “Yet Michael the archangel,

when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses...” Then he shall be there to give the command when the rapture takes place, 1 Thessalonians 4:16, “For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel...”

It is Michael and his angels that will cast Satan and his angels out of heaven, Revelation 12:7-9, “And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, 8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. 9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.”

And it is quite possible that he is the angel that will bind Satan in the bottomless pit, Revelation 20:1-3, “And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. 2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, 3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him...”

GABRIEL, THE ANGEL OF REVELATION

This angel Gabriel is mentioned much in the Word of God. He seems to bring to men, and those chosen of God, the revelation of God. The statement that he himself makes is this, Luke 1:19, “...I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God...” We first hear of him bringing revelation to Daniel concerning his people in Daniel 8:16, “...Gabriel, make this man to understand the vision.” And also he brought knowledge of gifts that God gave to Daniel in Daniel 9:21-23, “Yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation. 22 And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding...”

And 800 years afterward, to Zacharias the priest, the Father of John the Baptist, to bring him news of his birth, Luke 1:11,19, “And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense... 19 And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to shew thee these glad tidings.” Because the priest would not believe him, he was struck dumb by the angel of the Lord, and was unable to speak until after his son’s birth. This reveals the power that these angels have.

He was also sent from God to Mary to further reveal the plan of God to the one whom God had chosen, Luke 1:26, “And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph...” The whole revelation of the virgin birth was revealed by this angel in Luke 1:26-36. It is not true, as some teach, that the angels do not understand the plan of God in Redemption. This angel revealed it.

ANGELS OF LESSER RANK

It has been suggested that only two-thirds of all the angels still follow and obey God. There is only one scripture upon which this teaching is based, Revelation 12:4, “And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth...” This verse is describing Satan, the dragon, and could refer to his rebellion against God, and the fact that he did have one-third of the angels that joined in his rebellion. In Revelation 12:7, “...and the dragon fought and his angels,” it points out the fact that he does have angels who are under his command.

THE NUMBER OF ANGELS

God must have created a vast host of angels, for it is stated in Revelation 5:11, “And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands.” They are described in the Bible as being mighty angels, 2 Thessalonians 1:7, “... when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels.” This can be understood, when we see their might in the fact that one angel was able to kill 185,000 men

in one night, as pointed out in 2 Kings 19:35, “And it came to pass that night, that the angel of the Lord went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians an hundred fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses.”

THEY ARE SPIRIT BEINGS

When it is stated that angels are spirit beings, we do not mean that they are spirit beings in the sense that spirits or demons are. A devil, or spirit, is a being without a body. An angel is a spirit being, but he does have, and can appear in a celestial body. Hebrews 1:14, “Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?” So as spirit beings they are invisible to human eyes. Only those with Discerning of Spirits can discern them. But they can, and do appear in human form as the scripture points out. They appeared to Abraham in his day, Genesis 18:1-8, “...2...three men stood by him...8 And he took butter, and milk, and the calf which he had dressed, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree, and they did eat.” The two angels, and the Lord Himself, partook of Abraham’s food, and the same two angels stayed with Lot and ate with him also in Genesis 19:1-13, “And there came two angels to Sodom at even... wash your feet...” He made them a meal, “3...and did bake unleavened bread, and they did eat.” Their purpose in coming to Sodom is clearly understood in their words, Genesis 19:13, “For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the Lord; and the Lord hath sent us to destroy it.”

The fact that they come to earth in the appearance of men, and mingle with us, is the reason for this warning in Hebrews 13:3, “Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.”

THERE IS NO MARRIAGE AMONG ANGELS

This is to be understood in this sense, not that they are unable to perform the functions that would enable them to marry, but because all angels are males. There are no female angels. If they can eat, and drink, and perform all the functions of males, they can, and some of them have, married, as a close study of the Word of God reveals, Matthew 22:30, “For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.” This verse is speaking of our condition after the resurrection. We will be like angels. We will not marry.

THEY ARE DEATHLESS BEINGS

This perhaps is one of the reasons why marriage is not needed, for they never die. Marriage is needed in the human race because of the fact of death, Luke 20:35-36, “But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage: 36 Neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels...”

ANGELS AND THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO THIS EARTH

We have already seen that angels do come down to this earth. They walk to and fro through the earth, because they are sent upon different missions by God, Zechariah 1:10,11, “And the man that stood among the myrtle trees answered and said, These are they whom the Lord hath sent to walk to and fro through the earth. 11 And they answered the angel of the Lord that stood among the myrtle trees, and said, We have walked to and fro through the earth, and, behold, all the earth sitteth still, and is at rest.” After these missions upon the earth, they return to God’s throne in heaven to report to Him of their activity. This fact is revealed in Job 1:6, “Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them.”

THEY ARE AT CONSTANT WAR WITH THE KINGDOM OF SATAN

This warfare is carried on, not only in the heavens, but also upon this earth. Gabriel, the angel of the Lord, was sent to Daniel, but was held in the heavens by Satanic Princes, until Michael came and liberated him, Daniel 10:13, "But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia." Then Gabriel suggests that on his return to heaven he would have to again fight with them, Daniel 10:20, "Then said he, Knowest thou wherefore I come unto thee? and now will I return to fight with the prince of Persia: and when I am gone forth, lo, the prince of Grecia shall come." These Satanic Princes represent the different nations in the earth. That is the reason why the Prince is called after the nation he represents. This battle has gone on since Satan's rebellion against God. Sometimes we enter into this warfare, as we move in the Spirit, and pull down Satan's kingdom. In this we also have angelic help.

Just as Satan deceives the nations of the earth, driving them to war upon one another, so the angels of God help nations in time of war. War changes conditions, in nations, and behind, in the unseen world. These wars are Satanic, and are inspired by Satan. But God controls the nations, and all these conditions which are brought about by wars, are for the bringing forth of the plan and purposes of God. The angelic forces are the main factor in bringing these things to pass. Israel's victories were brought about by these angelic forces. Joshua 5:13,14, "And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand: and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, Art thou for us, or for our adversaries? 14 And he said, Nay; but as captain of the host of the Lord am I now come..." To see, and understand, that we are protected in this sense, can become a great comfort in the time of trouble. 2 Kings 6:15-17, "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? 16 And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. 17 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." If it was not for the protecting hand of these unseen forces, we would be destroyed from off the earth.

THEY GUIDE AND GUARD BELIEVERS

The Bible does teach that these angels are here to protect, and even sometimes guide us in our activity for God. Hebrews 1:14, "...minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?" They give attendance to give aid, relief, and service to the children of God, and it is an accepted fact that every believer has his own personal angel, Psalm 91:11, "For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways." Acts 12:15, "...Then said they, It is his angel." How they guide believers is suggested in the Word of God, Acts 8:26, "And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert."

HOW THEY SOMETIMES MINISTER TO GOD'S PEOPLE

Elijah, fleeing from Jezebel, becomes tired and falls asleep, and awakened by an angel of the Lord, 1 Kings 19:5-8, "And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat. 6 And he looked, and, behold, there was a cake baken on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again. 7 And the angel of the Lord came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for thee. 8 And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of God."

Jesus is ministered to by angels after the temptation by the devil, perhaps in a similar way, Matthew 4:11, "Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him." Then after he prayed in the garden, and came so near to death in his struggle against the forces of darkness, Luke 22:43, "And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him." Jesus Himself speaks of this protection, which he could have had, but did not call, Matthew 26:53, "Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he

shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?"

DEFEND AND DELIVER GOD'S SERVANTS

Lot was saved from Sodom by angels. Genesis 19:15, "And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which are here; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city." Daniel and his friends are saved from the furnace by the angel, Daniel 3:28, "...who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have changed the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God." Daniel himself was protected from the lions by an angel, Daniel 6:22, "My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me..."

In the New Testament church, believers were loosed from prison by angels, Acts 5:19, "But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth..." Peter himself was released from prison by an angel, Acts 12:7,8, "And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands..."

Angels bring to Paul God's will, Acts 27:23,24, "For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve, 24 Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee."

THEY GUARD THE ELECT DEAD

The angel that we have ministering to us in our life, will be the first being we will see in death, Luke 16:22, "And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom..." The angel of God rolled the stone from the empty tomb in order that people might see, Matthew 28:2, "And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it."

THEY WILL BRING DOWN JUDGMENTS UPON THE EARTH

This fact is evident by their own words in Genesis 19:13, "For we will destroy this place..." Our judgments that sometimes come upon cities, and so forth, brought about by angels of God and even plague as suggested in 2 Samuel 24:15,16, "So the Lord sent a pestilence upon Israel from the morning even to the time appointed: and there died of the people from Dan even to Beersheba seventy thousand men. 16 And when the angel stretched out his hand upon Jerusalem to destroy it, the Lord repented him of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyed the people, It is enough: stay now thine hand..."

During the first and second part of the Great Tribulation Period angels will be active in bringing judgments upon the earth, Revelation 8:2, "And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets." Each one of these angels as they blow their trumpets will bring a judgment of some kind upon the earth. Revelation 15:1, "And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God."

They also will warn the inhabitants of the earth during the tribulation period. Revelation 8:13, "And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!"

During the last half of the tribulation, an angel will warn those who are on the earth, even preaching the gospel to them as they fly in the midst of heaven, Revelation 14:6,7, "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, 7 Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters." Another angel will follow, warning those who take the mark of the beast, Revelation 14:10,11.

THEY HAVE AUTHORITY OVER THE BOTTOMLESS PIT

It is possible that it is the angels of God that take the devils back to the pit at the command of believers, as they release those tormented by spirits. One angel will open up this bottomless pit in order to let devils loose upon the earth, during the tribulation, Revelation 9:1-3, “And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit. 2 And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit. 3 And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth...” These locust devils torment men.

One angel will bind Satan and cast him into this same pit, Revelation 20:1-3, “And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. 2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, 3 And cast him into the bottomless pit...”

WILL AID IN THE SEPARATION OF THE RIGHTEOUS FROM THE WICKED

It is quite possible that this refers to the Throne of His Glory in Matthew 25:31,32, “When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: 32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats.”

The other reference to this is made in Matthew 13:49, “So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just.”

THEY WILL FORM THE ARMIES THAT WILL COME TO EARTH WITH CHRIST IN THE REVELATION

This will take place at the end of the tribulation, 2 Thessalonians 1:7,8, “And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, 8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

THEY DWELL NOW IN HEAVEN

Their abode is in heaven, as stated in Hebrews 12:22, “But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels.”

The fact that angels attend our services, is pointed out in 1 Corinthians 11:10, “For this cause ought the woman to have power on her head because of the angels.” (a veil, that is, a token of control.) Then in 1 Timothy 5:21, “I charge thee before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality.” They observe what we do.

THE COURT OF THE WATCHERS

A close study of the Bible reveals the fact that in heaven there is a court that sits, and according to what is revealed by angel messengers as they travel to and fro throughout this earth, this court makes decrees regarding nations and men. Daniel 4:17, “This matter is by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones: to the intent that the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will...” Thus our whole life is carefully watched and weighed by these celestial beings from heaven.

We are not separate, but only a part of this unseen spirit world.

To believe it would bring us more in contact with it.

The reason why we do not experience what the Bible teaches us is because we do not believe it, Hebrews 1:14, “Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?”