

MZRF BIBLE STUDY

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Deliverance and Spiritual Warfare

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised...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 (Luke 4:18 & Eph. 6:12).

Purpose/Objective

From the above scriptures, it is evident that deliverance is much needed in the body of Christ today just as in the bible days. However, since deliverance is to undo ugly and nasty demonic influences or activities in our lives, many Christians are sometimes too embarrassed and fearful to confront the issue. Therefore, the main purpose of this study is to carefully investigate and understand what the Holy Bible teaches about this most neglected and needlessly controversial aspect of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1. What is Deliverance

2. Scriptural Authority on Deliverance

3. Why Neglected and Controversial

- a. Lack of knowledge in spiritual warfare (Ignorance, Blindness, No Revelation or Spiritual dead)
- b. Western pride (denial and suppression)
- c. Fear (of man and of the unknown)
- d. Blaming everything on the devil (Character issues)
- e. Theo-Philosophical war against the power of the gospel
- f. Novice (untrained and lack of experience)
- g. Merchandizing of deliverance (unscrupulous characters)
- h. Indifference/Unbelief towards the Word (casual approach to the Word of God)
- i. Price to pay/thankless job (ingratitude of the people)

4a. Who needs Deliverance (Ungodly Socio-Psychological conditions)

Deliverance should be considered if you spot any of the following partial list of protracted symptoms in your life or in your love ones. (List adopted from Leadership Seminar – Paul Jinadu)

- a. Violent/uncontrollable anger – murderous rage
- b. Moodiness
- c. Depression
- d. Ungodly Fear (fear of death, water, darkness, people, flying or driving)
- e. Unbelief (of God, miracles and scriptures)
- f. Poverty/Lack (always broke though making money)
- g. Love of money (greed, doing anything for money and fear of the future)
- h. Sexual Promiscuity
- i. Insomnia/Nightmares
- j. Suicidal tendencies
- k. Limitations (never gets it right the first time, many failures)
- l. Rejection/Low self-esteem
- m. Peculiar Dreams (chased by unknown/known people, eating in the dream, sexual dreams, flying, swimming, animal attacks, images of dead folks, climbing never to the top, visiting old places, walking in filth, wearing old clothes, walking naked, taking exams, gun shot, memory loss of dreams, death dreams)
- n. Foul language
- o. Addictions/Compulsive behaviors (drugs, sex, alcohol, porn, gambling, food, shopping, fitness, work, cleanliness, talkative, argumentative, always a victim)
- p. Pride
- q. Inability to submit to husband (domineering wife)
- r. Inability to show love to wife and children (passive husband/father, lack of affection)
- s. Difficulty keeping friends (no lasting friends)
- t. Often feels out of place (difficulty fitting in, misunderstood)
- u. Difficulty showing emotions (ingratitude, difficulty rejoicing or mourning with others)
- v. Broken Marriages (string of divorces)
- w. Dislike of the opposite sex (gender role reversal, effeminate male and masculine female)

4b. Who needs Deliverance (Physical Conditions)

Deliverance should be considered if you spot any of the following partial list of reoccurring conditions in our lives or in your love ones. (List adopted from Leadership Seminar – Paul Jinadu)

- a. Female problems (painful menstrual cycle, infertility, difficult pregnancies, miscarriages and still births, frigidity)
- b. Accident prone (driving, on the job, at home)
- c. Un-diagnosable disease (assorted symptoms)
- d. Allergies/Skin condition
- e. Reoccurring seasonal sickness
- f. Blood-line diseases (cancer, hypertension, diabetes and blindness)
- g. Strange and untimely deaths (family, institution or neighborhood)
- h. Mental illness in the family
- i. Dysfunctional family (abusive parents, wayward children)
- j. Abortion/Multiple Abortions
- k. Ungodly grieving or mourning

5. Doorways (Legal ground)

The bible says “neither give place to the devil... For he that diggeth a pit shall fall into it; and whoso breaketh an hedge, a serpent shall bite him. Whoso removeth stones shall be hurt therewith; and he that cleaveth wood shall be endangered thereby.

- a. Misguided Beliefs and Occultism (Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Catholicism, Bahai Faith, Freemasonry, Rastafarianism, New Age Movement, Psychic-Palm reader, White Garment churches, Church of Satan, Church of Scientology, J.W., Mormonism, Seven Days Adventist, Church of Christ, Spectator at an ungodly festival/parade/ceremony, Attending or visiting a demonic church, shrine/temple).
- b. Foundation – What parents do before the birth of their children can seriously affect the lives of their children (occultism/idolatry, incest, rape, rejection, abortion, adultery, drugs/alcohol use, violent trauma, pregnancy wedding, out of wedlock birth/sex, unclean laying on hands).
- c. Jewelries/Body markings (Crucifix, Buddha, Zodiac signs, Cultic signs, Human hair wigs, nose rings, men’s earrings, peace sign, tiger claws, shark tooth, tiger heads, mermaids, scorpions, serpents, Ankh – aka “cross with a handle/key of the Nile/breath of life”, tattoos, branding, piercing, figurines of naked women, star of David).
- d. Sexual Sins (Incest, bestiality, voyeurism, anal sex, masturbation, oral sex, spirit wife/husband – from dreams, romance novels, movies/TV shows, sports world, ministry. Orgies, promiscuity, Sadism, Abortion – women who commit them and men who consent, necrophilia).
- e. Curses (Biblical curses – from disobeying God’s words, parental curses, pastoral curses, husbands’/wives curses, curses of the innocent, self-imposed curses – broken vows and contrary speaking, curses of the wicked, curses of jilted girlfriend/boyfriend).

- f. Occultic Practices (astral projection, acupuncture, crystal ball gazing, emptying of the mind (yoga), tarot cards, Ouija board, horoscopes, hypnosis, levitation, incantations, mantra chanting, palm reading, mind reading, fortune telling, martial arts, trance- meditation, necromancy, white magic, witchcraft).

6. Possible Manifestations during Deliverance

- a. Falling down (crash or rough landing – backward, forward or sideways)
- b. Bending completely backward without falling
- c. Swaying forward and backward/Shaking/wriggling/shivering
- d. Heaving breathing/coughing/belching/sneezing/yawning/hissing
- e. Wild, loud and long or short screaming
- f. Vomiting/Foaming (Yellowish, greenish or clear substance), dripping nostrils/uncontrollable spitting)
- g. Rapid eye-lid movement
- h. Deep slumber
- i. Speaking with a male voice (women), feminine voice (male); lying
- j. Feeling light/exhausted
- k. Animal characteristics (sounds – barking, growling; movements – crawling, slithering, clawing)
- l. Body and facial contortions
- m. Poses (pole dancing, gang/fraternity/sorority signs, boxing, martial art poses)
- n. Sexual movements (gyrations, twerking and moaning)
- o. Occasionally no manifestations

7. What You Should Know about Demons

- a. They are living beings (they hear, talk, reason, feel pain, mock, hide, cry)
- b. They are uncountable. They are everywhere in the whole world (homes, churches, schools, offices, hospitals, neighborhoods)
- c. Without Christ they are way more powerful and smarter than humans
- d. They are Satan’s primary agents (wicked, murderous and unforgiving)
- e. They inhabit everyone that has sinned or is sinning – no exceptions (They love filth/mess)
- f. They are capable of taking over and controls a person’s mind and emotion
- g. They can become violent when being cast out
- h. They are responsible for vast majority of sickness and diseases

8. The Battle to Stay Demon Free

The bible says, “when the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. 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. 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”

Here at MZRF, it is our experience that thorough deliverance is a protracted process. I don't think that we can attest or certify a single victim that was set completely free during one deliverance session, rather we know of cases where it took many months for the victim's life to return to normal. The following reasons can be attributed as to why deliverance is protracted:

- a. There is no guessing game in deliverance. It is by done by revelation through the Holy Spirit. If the HS does not reveal the evil spirits present in the victim, the minister has no chance whatsoever to cast them out. Hence, the victim's complete deliverance depends entirely on the work of Holy Spirit.
- b. Deeply rooted evil spirits (years of incubation/habitation) take time to come out
- c. Layering or nesting of evil spirits takes time to untangle
- d. Satanic willful covenants or pact with the devil
- e. Sincerity and determination of the victim to surrender all to the Lord maybe on trial
- f. Secret unconfessed and un-repent sin or active sin in victim's life (unclosed door)
- g. Deliverance Ministers/Church spiritual standing with God/Experience
- h. Pride of the victim during deliverance (does want to fall, manifest and lack of respect for the Minister)
- i. Lack of time (overly busy minister and victim)
- j. Fear of People: *“Fear of what people may say can inhibit a minister. One must die to self and the opinion of people to be a deliverance minister”* – Pastor Paul Jinadu.

From the above scripture (Matthew 12:43:45), we can see that the Evil Spirit (Satan) will always make several attempts to return back to the life of the victim. Therefore, it is up to the person to resist and reject the Evil Spirit at all cost by at least putting to practice the following Christian principles:

- a. Make up your mind to serve Jesus Christ wholeheartedly
- b. Put away ALL un-Christ-like habits, acts, activities, desires, plans and thoughts
- c. Be always filled with the Spirit (every moment)
- d. Stay preoccupied with the Scriptures (everyday)
- e. Be quick to forgive and be at peace with all men
- f. Shore up or buttress your faith. Tremendous exercise of faith in God's work is a must after deliverance
- g. Fast often; pray without ceasing
- h. Keep all sinful doorways eternally shut