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BLESSED OR OPPRESSED?

DELIVERANCE FROM EVIL SPIRITS

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INTRO. Mark 1:34 Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons. Mark 1:39 So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons. Mark 16:17 And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues.

Obviously, a part of Jesus' ministry was setting people free from demons. He has delegated this ministry to the church. It's something He wants us to know about and practice. There are probably more demons in America at this time than there were demons in Israel during the days of Jesus. If He were here—He'd be driving out demons.

1. CAN A CHRISTIAN HAVE A DEMON?

First of all, this is the **WRONG** question. It's misleading from the beginning. A better question would be, "Can a Christian give into temptation and sin?" "Can a Christian believe lies from the devil and be deceived?" "Can Christians have things in their homes that God doesn't like?" Everyone would say, Yes, Yes and Yes to these questions.

**** When I pastored in Omaha, Nebraska there was a period of time when I was under great stress. Our church sanctuary was a gymnasium and I'd go there and shoot baskets late at night. One night at 11:00 PM the doors shook and a man cried, "Brother Wes, help me! I've got a demon!" The man attended my church regularly and was a nice guy, as far as I knew. I calmed him down and explained that because he was a Christian he **COULD NOT** "have" a demon. I prayed a little blessing prayer and sent him home.

**** The next day he ate his own feces and boiled his hands in water—because a spirit told him to do so and he obeyed it. He lost his marriage, and was put in a hospital for the insane. My answer was wholly inadequate, overly simplistic and my assumptions were just wrong. I failed that man miserably. This led me to pray earnestly that God would teach me how to help people who were oppressed by evil spirits and even give me special anointing in this area. In July of 1991 this anointing came—a tangible fire in my hands, arms and feet. This anointing was multi-purpose. People were filled with the Holy Spirit, healed and delivered when I prayed for them. But over the next two years I got out of balance and made some grave errors in the area of deliverance. Now I can help people get free without drawing undo attention to the devil. I would like to share with you some of the key truths I have learned and I believe you'll find this message balanced and Christ honoring.

A. Christians can follow deceiving spirits.

1Tim. 4:1 The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons.

B. Christians can yield parts of their bodies as instruments of wickedness.

Rom. 6:13 Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness.

C. A Christian can give the devil a foothold.

Eph. 4:26-27 "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold.

D. Christians can turn aside to follow Satan.

1Tim. 5:14 So I counsel younger widows to marry, to have children, to manage their homes and to give the enemy no opportunity for slander.

1Tim. 5:15 Some have in fact already turned away to follow Satan.

E. They can even blaspheme the Holy Spirit and sin the unpardonable sin.

Heb. 6:4-6 It is impossible for those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, who have shared in the Holy Spirit, who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the coming age, if they fall away, to be brought back to repentance, because to their loss they are crucifying the Son of God all over again and subjecting him to public disgrace.

Enlightened means God shows a person their need for salvation. Tasted the heavenly gift means they got saved. Shared in the Holy Spirit means they were baptized in the Holy Spirit. Tasted the goodness of the Word of God means they were mature in the understanding of God's word. Tasted the powers of the coming age means they were used in the gifts of the Spirit. So this can't be done by just any Christian. It is a warning to the most mature Christians.

**** **Kenneth Hagin's vision of the beautiful minister's wife.** This beautiful woman had many adulterous affairs and then divorced her husband who was a pastor. He had remarried. She was so filled with evil that she was coming to disrupt the meeting. God showed Kenneth Hagin the spirit operating through her and he was able to bind it so that she did not come and try to disrupt the meeting. However, she remained in its evil grip. The Lord showed Brother Hagin how this once godly woman became a reprobate.

He saw a vision and in that vision, an evil spirit sat on her shoulder and told her she was beautiful and that she could have been famous. It told her that the ministry was cheating her out of all that she could have and be.

She liked to hear what it said. God said that while it was on her shoulder it was oppressing her. She meditated more and more on what it said and believed the lies. Then it moved into her head—and looked like a black dot the size of a quarter in Hagin's vision. God said, "Now she is OBSESSED."

She began to have many affairs with men and live a very immoral life. Then in the vision, Hagin saw the evil spirit move down into her spirit. God said, "Now she is possessed."

**** Another minister went to her hotel door and begged her to repent. She screamed, "Jesus Christ can go to hell!" The Holy Spirit never dealt with her again. God explained that she could have been forgiven for all the sexual sin and her other sins. But the complete rejection of Christ and the conviction of the Holy Spirit after she had known so much was not forgivable.

She had been a Bible School graduate, mature in the Word, filled with the Spirit, used in the gifts of the Spirit and was in the ministry. But she completely turned from God and blasphemed the Holy Spirit.

"What will happen to her?" Hagin asked God. "She will burn forever in the Lake of Fire," God said.

**** No mater who you are, or how strong you are in Christ you will have to resist the devil and stay on guard. He will try to tempt you and will try to deceive you because he wants to destroy you. You are made in the image of God. He cannot hurt God—so he vents his fury against God by trying to destroy people who are made in God's image.

1Pet. 5:8 KJV Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

2. HOW CHRISTIANS BECOME OPPRESSED

There are four main ways that I know of.

A. By desiring sinful things. The rule is, "WHAT YOU WANT CAN HAVE YOU.

James 1:13-15 When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged

away and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

John 14:30 Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me. (NOTHING TO WORK WITH—NO EVIL DESIRE IN JESUS.)

**** IF YOU WANT A CERTAIN SIN THEN THE SPIRIT THAT SPECIALIZES IN THAT SIN HAS A LEGAL RIGHT TO OPPRESS YOU! Your evil desire is like a big loop on your chest that the devil's tow truck can hook onto—and tow you away. Jesus had no evil desire.

**** If you want righteousness—then the Spirit that specializes in righteousness, the Holy Spirit, has a legal right to bless you! Matt. 5:6 Blessed *are* they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Matthew 4:3 **The tempter came to him.** The devil tried to get even Jesus to desire something evil but failed. Jesus only desired righteous things—always giving the Holy Spirit the right to bless Him.

B. By believing a lie.

John 8:32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

2Th. 2:9-12 *Even him*, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

2John 7 Many deceivers, who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh, have gone out into the world. Any such person is the deceiver and the antichrist.

Rev. 20:10 And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur. (Vision of the future judgment of the devil.)

Gal. 6:7 **Do not be deceived:** God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.

You have a free will. You can choose your desires and choose what you want to believe. Thus, you can choose to be oppressed by the devil or blessed by the Holy Spirit. Desire righteous things and believe the truth. This will give the Holy Spirit the right to bless you and operate through you.

C. By bringing accursed items into their homes.

Josh. 6:18 And ye, in any wise keep *yourselves* from the accursed thing, lest ye make *yourselves* accursed, when ye take of the accursed thing, and make the camp of Israel a curse, and trouble it.

Josh. 7:13 Up, sanctify the people, and say, Sanctify yourselves against to morrow: for thus saith the LORD God of Israel, *There is* an accursed thing in the midst of thee, O Israel: thou canst not stand before thine enemies, until ye take away the accursed thing from among you.

**** When I pastored in Omaha a lady told me that everything broke down in her house.

Chairs were pulled out from under her. There was all kinds of demonic activity in her home. Upon questioning her I found that her house was filled with idols she had collected on world tours—and she thought they were innocent and would not get rid of them. So there was nothing I could do to help her. She was too stubborn. She left the church in a huff—and kept her oppression.

Idols, porn, stolen goods, devilish music (worldly), dirty movies, occult books, Ojai boards, Masonic books, rings and insignia are a few examples of things that act like an EMBASSY for evil spirits who are the EMISSARIES from that embassy. Our American embassies are like a little bit of America in whatever foreign country they are in. Our laws apply there. Evil objects are just like that. They must be removed.

D. By being in unrepentant sin on the day a witchcraft curse is sent.

**** Jimmy Maynor was used by God so greatly in Africa that he became proud. A cancerous tumor formed in his throat and grew to the size of an orange within a week. It was a demon sent through witchcraft to kill him. He repented of his pride and then was delivered and healed.

A Mrs. Wickramaratne in Sri Lanka was constantly being cursed by “charmers” who buried charms under her doorstep—not lucky charms, either. These were death curses. They told her that her

God was so strong the curses didn't work but warned her, "If you displease your God these curses will work." One day she got in a fit of anger and didn't control it. She was smitten with infirmity and nearly died. No one could get her healed until she repented of her angry outbursts. Then the curse was broken and she was healed.

3. HOW TO GET FREE AND BE BLESSED.

If there is demonic activity in your home, or if you sense you are oppressed or in some way controlled by an evil spirit—here is how to get free.

A. CHANGE YOUR DESIRE. REPENT. What you don't want can't keep you. I WILL SAY IT AGAIN, "WHAT YOU DON'T WANT CANNOT KEEP YOU!"

Acts 2:38 KJV 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.

Acts 3:19 Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,

Repent and renounce sins. Tell the Lord you DO NOT WANT THEM! If oppression came because you desired a sin then the legal right to oppress you is removed when you repent. Then people can be set free easily.

B. RENOUNCE THE LIE. REPENT OF BELIEVING THE LIE. BELIEVE AND CONFESS THE TRUTH!

John 8:31-32 To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

Ask the Holy Spirit to lead you into all truth. Fill your mind with Scriptures. Remember, Jesus quoted Scriptures when tempted by the devil. Want the truth and seek it out.

C. GET RID OF THE ACCURSED THINGS

Acts 19:18 Many of those who believed now came and openly confessed their evil deeds.

Acts 19:19 A number who had practiced sorcery brought their scrolls together and burned them publicly. When they calculated the value of the scrolls, the total came to fifty thousand drachmas.

*** If you keep them in your house it's like a SAFE BASE for an evil spirit to sit on and from there exercise influence.

A pastor friend told me how upset his little boy was. Nothing could calm the child down. When he prayed God said, "Get rid of the book." He had been reading a book that talked about wise women (code words for witches). As soon as the book was put outside the child quitted down and was normal.

**** In Omaha I gave a so called Christian book to a family. It majored on revealing how the new age movement and Satanists were planning to wipe out Christians. The youngest boy in that family heard two demons come out of that book and say, "Let's go upstairs and see what is there." He woke up the family and they put the book outside immediately. Because it majored on revealing Satan instead of majoring on revealing Christ it was actually used by the devil—even though sold in a Christian bookstore.

4. HOW TO AVOID BONDAGE AND LIVE IN BLESSING INSTEAD

**** **IMAGINE A STAIRWAY WITH FIVE STEPS UP AND FIVE STEPS DOWN. THEY ARE THE SAME STEPS. GO UP THESE STAIRS, NOT DOWN.**

A. Exposure To the Things of God.

Josh. 1:8 Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

B. Tolerate the things of God.

Prov. 1:23 Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you.

C. Meditate on the things of God.

Phil. 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.

D. Taste the Lord's goodness.

Psa. 34:8 O taste and see that the LORD *is* good: blessed *is* the man *that* trusteth in him.

E. Indulge in the things of God.

Gal. 5:16 *This* I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

HOW PEOPLE FALL DOWN THE STAIRS OF BONDAGE.

A. They get exposed to the things of sin.

Prov. 5:3-14 For the lips of an adulteress drip honey, and her speech is smoother than oil; but in the end she is bitter as gall, sharp as a double-edged sword. Her feet go down to death; her steps lead straight to the grave. She gives no thought to the way of life; her paths are crooked, but she knows it not. Now then, my sons, listen to me; do not turn aside from what I say. **Keep to a path far from her, do not go near the door of her house**, lest you give your best strength to others and your years to one who is cruel, lest strangers feast on your wealth and your toil enrich another man's house. At the end of your life you will groan, when your flesh and body are spent. You will say, "How I hated discipline! How my heart spurned correction! I would not obey my teachers or listen to my instructors. I have come to the brink of utter ruin in the midst of the whole assembly."

B. They tolerate evil things. (Keep watching and don't turn off TV or computer)

1Cor. 5:11 But now I am writing you that you must not associate with anyone who calls himself a brother but is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or a slanderer, a drunkard or a swindler. With such a man do not even eat.

Rev. 2:20 Nevertheless, I have this against you: You tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess. By her teaching she misleads my servants into sexual immorality and the eating of food sacrificed to idols.

C. They meditate on the sin, thinking about doing it, but trying not to.

James 1:15 Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

D. They taste the sin. (It does have pleasure for a little while.)

Heb. 11:25 He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time.

E. They indulge in it and walk in the flesh and spiritual bondage.

Eph. 4:19 Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, with a continual lust for more.

***** **ILLUSTRATION. Thread**—when exposed accidentally to sin and temptation. This thread of oppression demons wrap around you can be broken quickly and easily. Turn off the TV, walk out of the movie, turn off the computer, etc.

String---stronger oppression comes when you TOLERATE it and keep watching, reading, or listening to gossip.

Twine of oppression---meditating on it begins to pull you strongly downward.

ROPE OF SIN...CORD OF INIQUITY. When you will fully taste the sin—you are bound with a spiritual rope of oppression.

Prov. 5:22 The evil deeds of a wicked man ensnare him; the cords of his sin hold him fast.

CHAINS OF BONDAGE. Is. 28:22 Now stop your mocking, or your chains will become heavier; the Lord, the LORD Almighty, has told me of the destruction decreed against the whole land.

**** **ONLY JESUS CAN SET YOU FREE FROM THE CORDS OF SIN AND THE CHAINS OF DEMONIC BONDAGE.**

5. CASE HISTORIES

**** **Tina.** She left her husband and little boy and moved in with another man. When she came back to church the anointing ran up my arm in a rush—from hand to shoulder. In that way God showed me His will was to deliver her that very day.

She kept saying, “This man is of God. My husband slaps me, but he is gentle. My husband puts me in dumpy apartments. This man gives me a big fancy house. I just know he’s of God.” I put my hand on her head and said, “Father, I claim this woman for the kingdom of God in Jesus name!” She was thrown to the floor and a demon spoke out of her in a man’s voice. I told it to be quiet, got her back in her conscious mind, and asked, “If this man is of God, why does a demon have so much control over you that it can speak through you?” She then said, “I am in sin. I am going to hell.” I said, “Do you want to go to hell?” She said, “No.” Then she willingly renounced her relationship with that man and told that spirit of adultery to get out of her. It came out.

Prov. 20:1 Wine is a mocker and beer a brawler; whoever is led astray by them is not wise.

A second spirit spoke and it was a spirit of alcoholism. Once again, I bound it, and then led her into repentance where she expressed to God her desire to be free of alcohol. Then this was cast out. Her repentance stripped it of any legal right to remain.

The third spirit spoke through her saying, “She is so stupid. She is so stupid.” That had come in by believing a lie. Such a spirit would ruin anyone’s life. You could never succeed if you believed that you were just a stupid person. I told her she believed in God and that made her smarter than a lot of famous scientists who denied God’s existence. When she repented from believing that lie she was set free. Then God refilled her with the Holy Spirit, she got counseling with her husband and they had another baby.

***** **ROSE**.....She was a beautiful young woman in her early 20’s. During our song services she would manifest demons. They spoke and said they were many and that they were in a chain and were too strong for us to break. Not really knowing what I was doing, I commanded the spirits to name themselves. I wrote down the list of filled with 35 spirits. I shouted so much that my throat was killing me. About 2am I went to Denny’s and ordered a chocolate milkshake to sooth my throat. The lady making it slurped some of it from a spoon and then stirred it again with that spoon. I didn’t care. I was in so much pain I drank it all. I couldn’t wait another few minutes for a new one.

In a special deliverance appointment it took six hours to cast out “THE DESTROYER OF MEN—THE SON OF LUCIFER. It was very boastful, “I will use this young woman to line up many men for my father, Lucifer.” (Creepy.) Pay attention, men. You don’t want to be lined up for Lucifer.

It took six hours because I didn’t really know what I was doing. I should have led her in repentance for her many immoralities and that would have weakened it. Only after six hours was she so sick of it that she really wanted to quit sinning in immorality.

**** Thirty-four remained. In the next appointment I picked what sounded like a weaker one and was led to pray into her the opposite virtue. It was a spirit of “passivity.” I asked God to fill her with Zeal for God. I figured, “How could she be passive if she was filled with zeal for God?” To my surprise and without commanding it to do so it came out immediately—without any struggle! This was because she was agreeing with my prayer—and wanted the virtue, not the demon.

**** A lady helping me had a vision of a waterfall washing demons away.

**** From then on, before attempting to cast out a spirit I prayed in the opposite virtue or virtues and cast all 34 out in one afternoon—without a struggle.

Desire to be filled with the virtues of Jesus and ask God to fill you with them!

Phil. 1:9 ¶ And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

Col. 1:9 For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding.

Col. 1:10-12 And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.

VICTOR, THE MAN WHO WANTED TO BE A WOMAN.

He had six demons, with female names that spoke out of him and caused his body to mutate and grow breasts when he put on women's clothes. The mutation took 24 hours, according to him. I never saw this, but he valued it so greatly he did NOT want to lose that ability to mutate.

We carpet burned him, holding him down. He could not be delivered. He wanted to be a woman. He wanted that perversion. These spirits knew they had a legal right to be there. I would never mess with someone like that now. Long deliverances are typically because we haven't got the person to really WANT to be free.

Rev. 22:10 Then he told me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, because the time is near.

Rev. 22:11 Let him who does wrong continue to do wrong; let him who is vile continue to be vile; let him who does right continue to do right; and let him who is holy continue to be holy."

If someone wants the sin or wants the lie—let them go. You cannot help them.

**** **IF GOD HAS GIVEN A DEMON PERMISSION TO BE THERE, THEY KNOW IT AND WILL NOT LEAVE.**

Rom. 1:22 Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles.

Rom. 1:24 Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.

Rom. 1:26 Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion.

Rom. 1:28 Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, he gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done. They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; they are senseless, faithless, heartless, ruthless. Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.

**** **James 5:16 Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.**

The confession of sin removes the legal right for a demon to control a person—and it can be dealt with quickly.

***** **ELDERLY LADY WITH HISTORY OF GODLINESS.**

A caregiver was working in the home of a godly lady who was elderly. The caregiver's eyes were opened and in the Spirit she saw a demon spirit in the house. It looked like a man and was walking proudly, arrogantly as if he owned the place. Immediately the elderly lady began to cry and lament her failings to quickly obey the Lord and witness. She was sure one lady just died 3 months ago and she failed to witness to her. The lady actually died in 1986, 26 years ago!

When she heard there was a demon in the house she started praying in tongues.

But the demon still had a right to oppress her. Notice—she wasn't possessed or obsessed. But the spirit had confidence it could rob her of peace by bringing up sins that were forgiven. Neither lady knew what to do. When I heard about this I told the caregiver what to do.

**** It's a spirit of false guilt. It probably has been oppressing this godly lady for some time. She needs to repent for listening to it's condemnation and start praising God for forgiveness and praising God for the covering blood of Jesus which covers our imperfect obedience and washes away our confessed sins! She needs to stand on Col. 1:21 and proclaim she is holy in God's sight because of the blood of Jesus. Once we confess a failing or a sin—God forgets it. Only the devil would bring it up again. So the guilty feeling is FALSE. There really is NO GUILT because of former repentance.

Once she starts praising God for the blood of Jesus and for the complete forgiveness of her failings then the legal right for that demon to frequent her house will be removed and she or the caregiver can command it to leave and not come back. Then it will leave and stay gone.

**** **MAN IN FLORIDA.**

He had been a violent man, in prison for many years. As I preached on forgiveness he felt a black golf ball size spirit come up from his stomach and leave through his mouth. It was a spirit of unforgiveness—and had motivated many of his dark deeds. But when he wanted to forgive and embraced what I was preaching—it just left him!

**** **UNFORGIVENESS IS A DOOR THROUGH WHICH THE ENEMY CAN COME IN LIKE A FLOOD.**

In Omaha---I goofed--I erred in two ways: I majored on revealing the devil and minored of revealing Christ. I also majored on warfare and minored on worship. The day I confessed these sins and publicly repented a prophet in our church had a vision. He heard chains rattling as I started to speak. He saw a big door in the Spirit above our double entry doors. As I confessed the first sin that door shrank and a smaller door was revealed. As I confessed the second sin that door shrank and only a small door was left—one that looked more like a window. Just then a dragon stuck its head through that door and was enraged that it could no longer get into the church. My errors had opened two doors to the enemy to invade our church.

God told the man who saw this in the Spirit that the little door represented the unforgiveness of the people toward me. For two years I repented individually to people—trying desperately to get that little door closed. One day the man who had the vision in the Church and the Holy Sprit took him through that little door. It was connected to a tunnel that led to a city of angry red demons. In the tunnel the demons were preparing for war—forging swords, knives, spears and arrows. He told me, “The Holy Spirit said that every weapon being formed is for you, Wes. An attack will come against you.”

Two years later I fired a staff member and all hell broke out. Half of the Christians in that church came under the influence of those demons of anger and all kinds of slander, lies, hatred and vile words were hurled at me. (Those were the swords and weapons that were being formed.) Later most came to their senses. But for a season they were under the influence of evil spirits. By not forgiving me for errors I had made they opened themselves up to oppression and did foolish things themselves.

*** Value a sweet spirit. If you are angry and bitter you may be coming under the control of something evil!

THE CONCLUSION: We can be blessed or oppressed. This is determined by what we desire and believe. In my meetings I help people desire the things of God, repent of sin, and I pray good things into the people. Many are set free—but with hardly any attention to the devil. I major on worship. I major on revealing Christ. In my private life I remain on guard. So should you. You will be tempted and you will be lied to. But you can choose to desire righteousness instead of sin and chose to embrace truth instead of lies. This will always give the Holy Spirit a legal right to bless you! You will be blessed, not oppressed. And just to make sure, if anyone worries that they may have sinned the unpardonable sin—relax. You haven't. Those who sin like that do not care and aren't worried and don't want a relationship with God. If you want God—then you haven't sinned too much to be forgiven.

I pray that what I've learned through many trials will be a blessing to you. I love you. God bless you.